
Regarding *Kallymenia* J. Agardh, 1842, *Euhymenia* Kützing *nom. illeg.* 1843, and the proposal of *Croisettea* *gen. nov.* (*Kallymeniaceae*, *Rhodophyta*)

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Saunders *et al.* (2017) proposed the reinstatement of *Euhymenia* Kützing (1843) as a genus to accommodate three species that in their molecular phylogenetic analysis were in a distinct clade in their multigene alignment trees. These three species were *E. requienii* (J. Agardh) Kützing, designated as “lectotype”, together with *E. australis* (Womersley & R.E. Norris) G.W. Saunders and *E. tasmanica* (Harvey) G.W. Saunders.

In the *Index Nominum Genericorum* (Farr & Zijlstra, 2018) the entry appears as: “*Euhymenia* Kuetzing, Phycol. Gen. 400. 14-16 Sep 1843. ≡ *Kallymenia* J. G. Agardh 1842” The triple bar symbol “≡” denotes that these two generic names are homotypic synonyms, in other words, names with the same type.

Euhymenia originated with Kützing (1843: 400), and he assigned to this genus three species: *E. requienii* (J. Agardh) Kützing, *E. reniformis* (Turner) Kützing, and *E. lactuca* Kützing *nom. illeg.*, this last species being based on *Sphaerococcus lactuca* C. Agardh, *nom. illeg.* Kützing did not indicate a type for the genus. It is not clear why Kützing (1843) proposed the new name *Euhymenia* when he was aware of J. Agardh’s *Kallymenia* validated in the previous year (J. Agardh 1842) with two of the same species (*K. reniformis* and *K. requienii*) that Kützing assigned to his *Euhymenia*. The explanation for Kützing’s action later became apparent in Kützing’s (1849) *Species algarum* where he has this entry:

“492. EUHYMENIA. Kg. Phyc. Gener. p. 400.
(*Kallymenia* J. Ag. non *Calymenia* Nutt.)”

It is now obvious that Kützing regarded J. Agardh’s *Kallymenia* as too similar to the flowering-plant genus *Calymenia* [introduced by Persoon (1805), not Nuttall] placed by ING in the *Nyctaginaceae*, and thus he proposed a replacement name. This is the only plausible explanation for Kützing’s introduction of *Euhymenia*. Kützing persisted in recognizing *Euhymenia* (Kützing 1845, 1847, 1849), and in Kützing (1867) 12 species of *Euhymenia* are recognised. Kützing’s contemporaries and later workers, however, did not follow him in recognizing *Euhymenia*, although J. Agardh (1876: 222) recognized the name *Euhymenia* as a subgenus or section of *Kallymenia*, with three species but not any of the three species originally assigned to the genus *Euhymenia* by Kützing. Later, J. Agardh (1892: 65) recognized subgenus *Euhymenia* within *Kallymenia* and containing six species, including *K. requienii*. *Euhymenia* has long been regarded as congeneric with *Kallymenia* (e.g., Schmitz, 1889; Schmitz & Hauptfleisch, 1897; De Toni, 1897; Feldmann, 1942; Kylin, 1956; Schneider & Wynne, 2007). The fact is that *Euhymenia*, as it included the same two species as the valid and legitimate genus *Kallymenia* J. Agardh, must be regarded as a superfluous name and is thus illegitimate.

With his statement “*Bei jeder einzelnen Gattung habe ich die typische Species namentlich aufgeführt*”, Schmitz (1889: 436) clearly designated the type or lectotype species of most red algal genera then recognized, and that included *Kallymenia reniformis* (Turner) J. Agardh (Schmitz 1889: 441, ‘*Callymenia*’). Although that lectotypification of *Kallymenia* has traditionally been accepted (e.g., Kylin, 1956; Norris, 1957; Irvine, 1983; Womersley, 1994), a contrary opinion was offered by Athanasiadis (2016: 649), who regarded *K. requienii* (J. Agardh) Kützing as the lectotype. Athanasiadis cited Montagne (1846: 112) as the source for this lectotypification citing Montagne’s words “*Icon Analyt. Nostra. t.10, fig. 4*” which is of *Kallymenia requienii*. This clearly does not

accord with Art. 7.11 of the ICN (Turland *et al.*, 2018), which states that “the term ‘type’ (typus) or an equivalent...” must be used to designate a lectotype.

A new generic name is thus proposed for *Euhymenia sensu* Saunders *et al.* (2017):

Croisettea M.J.Wynne, *gen. nov.*

Thallus a blade, membranous to tough consistency, ranging from broadly foliose to slightly lobed or deeply lobed, with strap-shaped branches (as in *C. australis*); stipitate at base; cortex of 2-3 layers of small cells at surface and one or two layers of elongated cells internal to outer cortex; medulla filamentous and laxly organized, consisting of a plexus of narrow filaments and stellate cells; non-procarpic; carpogonial-branches and subsidiary cells are elongate; carpogonial branch 2- or 3-celled; the supporting cell is variable, carpogonial branch system being monocarpogonial in *C. requienii* and *C. tasmanica*, but polycarpogonial in *C. australis*. Fusion cells, where observed, are conspicuous, deeply lobed, incorporating both the supporting and subsidiary cells and producing long connecting filaments. Auxiliary cell bearing up to 6 subsidiary cells; gonimoblast filament developing from the auxiliary cell or from the connecting filament near the site of fusion with auxiliary cell. Branched chains of carposporangia are formed. Tetrasporangia scattered in outer cortex.

The generic description is derived from information in Saunders *et al.* (2017, for *C. requienii*), Rodríguez-Prieto & Hommersand (2009, for *C. requienii*), and Womersley & Norris (1971, for *C. australis* and *C. tasmanica*).

Etymology: *Croisettea* formed from Cap Croisette, Marseille, France, the type locality for the type (*Rhodymenia* [*Rhodomencia*] *requienii* J. Agardh, 1841).

Type: ***Croisettea requienii*** (J.Agardh) M.J.Wynne, *comb. nov.*

Basionym: *Rhodymenia requienii* J.Agardh *Linnaea* 15: 12, 1841.

Representative DNA barcode: KJ0834090 (COI-5P). Saunders *et al.* (2017).

Homotypic synonyms: *Kallymenia requienii* (J.Agardh) J.Agardh, 1842.

Euhymenia requienii (J.Agardh) Kützing, 1843

The following two species are also representative of the genus:

Croisettea australis (Womersley & R.E.Norris) M.J.Wynne, *comb. nov.*

Basionym: *Cirrucarpus australis* Womersley & R.E.Norris *Australian Journal of Botany* (Suppl. 2): 19, figs 39-43, 90, 1971.

Homotypic synonym: *Euhymenia australis* (Womersley & R.E.Norris) G.W.Saunders in G.W.Saunders *et al.*, 2017.

Croisettea tasmanica (Harvey) M.J.Wynne *comb. nov.*

Basionym: *Kallymenia tasmanica* Harvey *Algae. Part III. Flora tasmaniae*: 325, 1859.

Homotypic synonym: *Euhymenia tasmanica* (Harvey) G.W.Saunders (in Saunders *et al.* 2017).

According to Saunders *et al.* (2017) a total of ten genetic groups are apparent within the clade based on “*Kallymenia requienii*”. A detailed account of the reproduction and anatomy of this species has been provided by Codomier (1972), whereas Rodríguez-Prieto & Vergés (2001) reported on its geographical distribution, habitat and phenology. Saunders *et al.* (2017) provided evidence that *Croisettea* (as *Euhymenia*) *tasmanica* was a “morphospecies” comprised of at least four genetic groups, apparently representing distinct species, but they considered that additional taxonomic work was required to sort these entities into discrete taxonomic units.

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