A NEW COMBINATION IN NORTH AMERICAN LATHYRUS

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A proposal (#1396) by Reveal (1999) to conserve Lathyrus polymorphus Nutt. was not recommended by the nomenclature review committee (Brummitt 2000; McNeil et al. 2006) leaving L. decaphyllus Pursh to stand as the name for the native Lathyrus of the central Great Plains. Lathyrus decaphyllus ranges from northern Texas north to southwestern South Dakota, west to eastern New Mexico and Colorado and east to eastern Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska. It is found in two forms: glabrous - which is most common in the eastern part of the range - and villous-pubescent, which is more often found in the west-southwest part of the range. Hitchcock (1952) made a nomenclatural distinction between these two populations. I believe this distinction is appropriate and propose the following combination for the pubescent form of the species:

Lathyrus decaphyllus var. incanus (J. G. Smith & P. A. Rydberg) S. L. Broich, comb.nov.


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