

Lectotypification of *Beilschmiedia gammieana* (Lauraceae)

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Abstract: The name *Beilschmiedia gammieana* King ex Hook.f. is lectotypified here.

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Introduction

The genus *Beilschmiedia* Nees (Lauraceae) is a pantropical genus, distributed in Africa, Asia, Australia, Pacific Islands, New Zealand, South and Central America with approximately 250 species (van der Werff, 2003). Nine species were recognized from India (Santapau & Henry, 1973). During the revisionary studies of Lauraceae in Northeast India, the need for lectotypification of the name *Beilschmiedia gammieana* King ex Hook.f. was realised. Accordingly, after critical studies of type specimens at K and comparison with the protologue, the lectotypification has been done in accordance with the provisions in Art. 9.11 and 9.12 of ICN (Turland *et al.*, 2018).

Beilschmiedia gammieana is widely distributed in India (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim), Bhutan and Nepal (Hooker, 1886; Giri *et al.*, 2008; Barooah & Ahmed, 2014). The name was first mentioned by King in Herbarium Hortus Calcuttensis and it was described by Hooker based on G. King collection and his own specimens (Hooker, 1886). In the protologue, Hooker

mentioned collection details as “EAST NEPAL, on the north slope of Phulloot, alt. 6000 ft., J.D.H., and Sikkim at the same elevation, King” but he did not specify any specimen as type. After scrutiny of specimens in different Indian herbaria (ASSAM, ARUN, BSHC, CAL and DD) and images (BM, E, HBG, K, LINN, NY and P), three relevant specimens were located at K. Among them, one specimen (K000768652) collected by King from Sikkim and two specimens (K000768653 and K000768654) collected by Hooker from East Nepal were mounted on a single sheet. The specimen K000768652 bearing fruits, a character important for identification of *Beilschmiedia* species, is designated here as the lectotype.

***Beilschmiedia gammieana* King ex Hook.f., Fl. Brit. India 5: 124. 1886. Lectotype** (designated here): INDIA, Sikkim, Phamlet Pot, Himalaya, 05.10.1876, King 3063 (K [K000768652 digital image!]).

Fig. 1

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Fig. 1. Lectotype of *Beilschmiedia gammieana* King ex Hook.f. (K000768652). © The Board of Trustees for the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Reproduced with permission.

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