

New combination in *Herpoceras* C.E.Cramer, 1863 (*Ceramiaceae*, *Florideophyceae*) from JapanMasahiro Suzuki¹ & Taiju Kitayama²¹*United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Kagoshima University, Korimoto, Kagoshima 890–0065, Japan (correspondence: mas.dtk.shark2625@gmail.com)*²*Department of Botany, National Museum of Nature and Science, 4–1–1 Amakubo, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305–0005, Japan*

Recently, Wynne & Schneider (2026) reinstated *Herpoceras* C.E.Cramer to replace *Reinboldiella* De Toni and transferred *R. schmitziana* (Reinbold) De Toni to *Herpoceras*. However, *Carpoblepharis schmitziana* var. *erecta* Yamada (1932: 273), which was almost simultaneously transferred to *Reinboldiella* as *R. schmitziana* var. *erecta* (Yamada) Mas.Suzuki & Kitayama (2026: 143), was not transferred to *Herpoceras*.

Accordingly, we propose the following new combination:

Herpoceras schmitzianum* var. *erectum (Yamada) Mas.Suzuki & Kitayama, *comb. nov.*

Basionym: *Carpoblepharis schmitziana* var. *erecta* Yamada, *Journal of the Faculty of Science, Hokkaido Imperial University, Series 5* 2: 273, pl. 6: fig. c, 1932.

Homotypic synonym: *Reinboldiella schmitziana* var. *erecta* (Yamada) Mas.Suzuki & Kitayama, *National Museum of Nature and Science Monographs* 57: 143, 2026.

Holotype: **SAP** 013068 (Fig. 1), collected by Yukio Yamada, Apr. 1932, Enoshima, Fujisawa City, Kanagawa Pref., Japan, epiphytic on *Chondrus elatus* Holmes (*Gigartinaceae*); Isotype: **SAP** 013069.

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Japanese name: タチチリモミジ (*Tachi-chirimomiji*).

In summary, *Herpoceras schmitzianum* var. *erectum* is distinguished from *H. schmitzianum* var. *schmitzianum* by its erect thalli and mostly epiphytic habit on *Chondrus elatus* (Yamada 1932). By contrast, *H. schmitzianum* var. *schmitzianum* has creeping thalli and a mostly epiphytic habit on species of *Pachymeniopsis* (*Grateloupiaceae*; Yoshida 1998).

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Fig. 1. Holotype of *Carpoblepharis schmitziana* var. *erecta* Yamada. **SAP** 013068, collected by Yukio Yamada, Apr. 1932, Enoshima, Fujisawa City, Kanagawa Pref., Japan, epiphytic upon *Chondrus elatus* Holmes.