

# Short Communication: *Anthurium terminus* da Pena & Croat: a replacement name for *Anthurium variabile* da Pena & Croat.

Ramon da Pena<sup>1</sup> & Thomas B. Croat<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Research Assistant, Aroid Research Group, Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110, USA. ramon.dapena@gmail.com

<sup>2</sup>P.A. Schulze Curator of Botany, Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110, USA.

---

## BACKGROUND

Due to an unfortunate oversight, *Anthurium variabile* da Pena & Croat was published in a recent article describing some new Panamanian *Anthurium* species (da Pena & Croat, 2024). The name is an illegitimate later homonym of *Anthurium variabile* Kunth (1841: 81) [now considered a synonym of *A. pentaphyllum* (Aubl.) G.Don, var. *pentaphyllum*]. A new name for it is validated here.

## ANTHURIUM TERMINUS

*Anthurium terminus* da Pena & Croat, **nom. nov.** — Replaced synonym: *Anthurium variabile* da Pena & Croat ('*variabilis*'), *Aroideana* 47(3) (2024) 59, figs 13–19, *nom. illeg.* [Non *Anthurium variabile* Kunth, Enum. Pl. 3 (1841) 81]. — Type: PANAMA. Darién Province: Distrito de Cemaco, Cerro Tacarcuna, 900–1100 m, 8°08.96'N, 77°20.95'W, 17 February 2023, R. da Pena, R. Fuentes & J. Garcón 108 (holotype, PMA; isotypes, K, MO, US).

**Note** — For the diagnosis, description, illustration and other details on this species, we refer readers to da Pena & Croat (2024).

**Etymology** — The new species epithet, a noun in apposition, is the name of the ancient Roman god of borders and protector of boundary stones, Terminus, in poetic allusion to the close proximity of this species' known occurrence to Panama's border with Colombia.

## REFERENCES

da Pena, R. & T.B. Croat (2024). Five new species of *Anthurium* Schott (Araceae — Pothoideae) from Cerro Tacarcuna, Darién Province, Panama. *Aroideana* 47(3): 59–65.

Kunth, K.S. (1841). *Enumeratio plantarum*. Vol. 3. J.G. Cotta, Stuttgart & Tübingen.