

## Towards a more inclusive concept of *Rhipidoglossum* Schltr.

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Recently-obtained phylogenetic trees have revealed that the Afrotropical angraecoid genus *Rhipidoglossum* was paraphyletic relative to *Cribbia*, *Margelliantha* and *Rhaesteria*. By integrating morphological evidence into the available molecular framework, we propose that *Cribbia*, *Margelliantha* and *Rhaesteria* should better be treated as part of *Rhipidoglossum*. Additionally, *Angraecopsis pusilla*, *Diaphananthe millarii* and *D. caffra* were also found to be embedded in *Rhipidoglossum*. Diagnostic features of this more inclusive monophyletic concept of *Rhipidoglossum* include the presence of pollinaria with two separate disk-shaped viscidia, a trilobed non-papillate rostellum, with its midlobe more prominent than the lateral lobes, and an undivided lip. In agreement with this new taxonomic treatment 11 new combinations are proposed. Following this revised generic concept, *Rhipidoglossum* now ranks among the most species-rich genera of angraecoid orchids, comprising approximately 50 to 60 species. Finally, future directions for further revisionary work of *Rhipidoglossum* and allied taxa are presented.