

# ×*Draviera*: Valid Publication of a Nothogeneric Name for Hybrids Between *Dracaena* and *Sansevieria* (Asparagaceae)

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**Abstract**—The nothogeneric name ×*Draviera* is proposed for hybrids between *Dracaena* and *Sansevieria*.

*Dracaena* Vand., as traditionally circumscribed, is paraphyletic in regards to *Sansevieria* Thunb. (Lu *et al.* 2014; Takawira-Nyenya *et al.* 2018) Takawira-Nyenya *et al.* (2018) consequently subsumed *Sansevieria* into *Dracaena*. This change has not yet found its way to the general public, which will likely hold on to the familiar *Sansevieria* for decades to come.

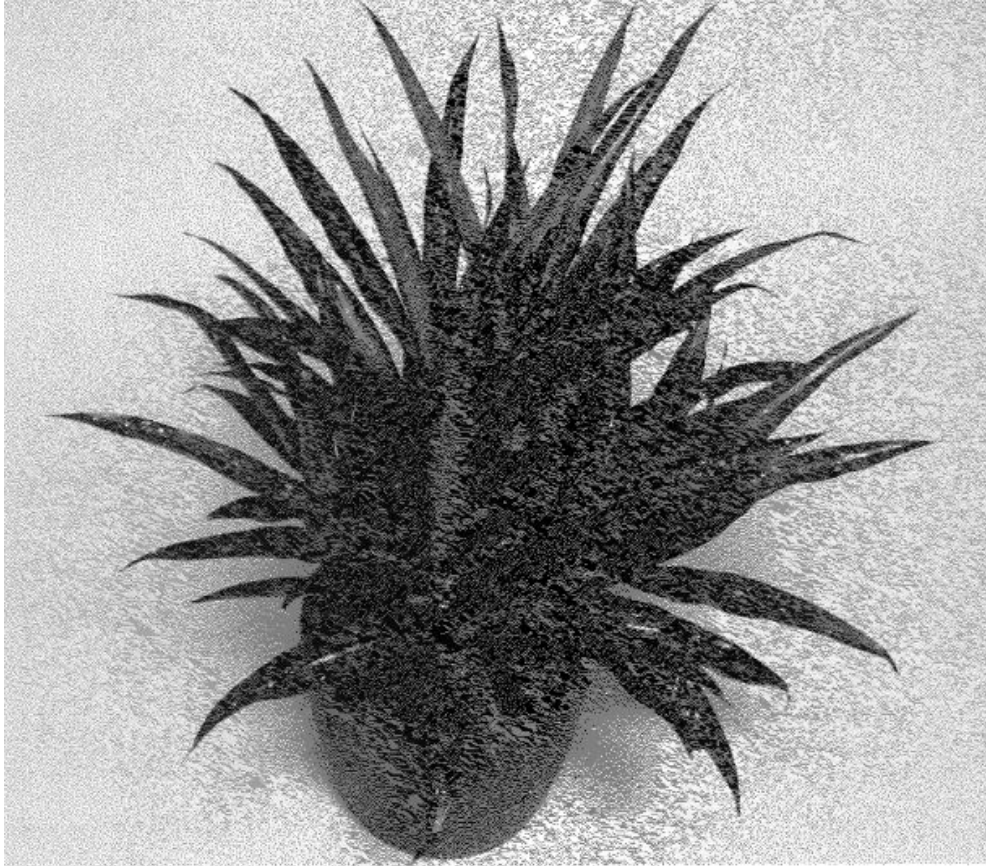
The only intergeneric hybrid between *Dracaena* and *Sansevieria* known to me is a purported cross between *Sansevieria parva* N.E.Br. ( $\equiv$  *Dracaena parva* (N.E.Br.) Byng & Christenh.) and *Dracaena surculosa* Lindl. (as *Dracaena godseffiana* hort.) patented in 2016 under the name ‘SUDRASAN01’ (Suphachadiwong 2016). This cultivar is likely identical to the plant recently brought on the market in the Netherlands as *Draviera* FIREFLIES.

To my knowledge, the nothogeneric name *Draviera* has not been validly published, which is why I propose it here:

×*Draviera* anon. ex M.van der Meer **nothogen. nov.**  
= *Dracaena* Vand. × *Sansevieria* Thunb.

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×*Draviera* 'SUDRASAN01'  
(reproduced from Suphachadiwong 2016)



×*Draviera* FIREFLIES  
at garden center GroenRijk de Wilskracht in The Hague, the Netherlands

## Literature

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