Mucuna Scopoli 1777 (‘Macuna’) orth. corr. de Candolle 1825, nom. cons., orth. cons. prop.
T.: Mucuna urens (L.) A. P. de Candolle, Prodr. 2, p. 405 (Nov. 1825) = Dolichos urens L. (typ. cons.)

The Adansonian genus/species did not specifically include Dolichos urens L., but did include “Stizolobium Brown., Zoophthalmum Brown” against which Mucuna has been conserved. These two nomina rejicienda, coined without species names by P. Browne, Hist. Jam., pp. 290 and 295 (1756) are valid generic names. Stizolobium seems to have been first adopted by Medicus, Vorles. Churpf. Phys. Gen. II: 399 (1787) who named S. pruriens (L.) Medikus = Dolichos pruriens L., but Zoophthalmum seems not to have been adopted by any later author. The first author to adopt Mucuna seems to be Scopoli (1777, p. 309) who adopted “Macuna Marcgrav.” citing as included species “Dolichos pruriens, altissimus, urens, lignosus Linn.” The name, with the Adansonian orthography restored by de Candolle is presently in use for a genus of about a hundred and twenty tropical Leguminosae. It seems desirable to stabilise the nomenclature of the genus by conserving the spelling adopted by de Candolle.


(V) Macuna Scopoli, Intr. 309. 1777