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ASPHODELACEAE/ALOACEAE

WAS GASTERIA NITIDA VAR. ARMSTRONGII VALIDLY PUBLISHED?

In the recently published synopsis of the genus Gasteria Duval (Van Jaarsveld 1992: 12), the full page reference to the basionym of Gasteria nitida var. armstrongii (Schönland) Van Jaarsv. Basionym: Gasteria armstrongii Schönland in Records of the Albany Museum 2,4: 258 (1912).

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ALOE BARBERAE TO REPLACE A. BAINESII

In an enumeration of the tree aloes of southern Africa, Dyer (1874a) described as new two tree aloes from the subtropical eastern coastal areas: A. bainesii from northern Natal and A. barberae from 'Caffraria' (Transkei). These two 'species' were described as differing mainly in their leaf characters, A. barberae having longer, less glaucous, and more widely spaced leaves.

A few months later Dyer (1874b), in a short note in the same journal, decided to combine the latter two spe-
cies and expressly chose the name *A. barbareae* for the southeastern African tree aloe. Unfortunately this publication was overlooked by all subsequent research workers on *Aloe*, notably Baker (1880) and Reynolds (1950). However, Baker (1885) regarded *A. bainesii* and *A. barbareae* as conspecific, but incorrectly chose as the correct name *A. bainesii*. An attempt by Baker (1896) to taxonomically reinstate *A. barbareae* as a variety of *A. bainesii* has received little support.

Therefore, although the name *A. bainesii* has been widely adopted by most southern African flora writers and succulentists, it has to be rejected in favour of the name *A. barbareae*, which was chosen as the one to be accepted by the original author.

*Aloe barbareae* Dyer in The Gardeners’ Chronicle (n.s.) 1: 568 (1874a); Dyer: 720 (1874b); Dyer: 90 (1875a); Dyer: 49 (1875b). Type: Hort., Anon. s.n. (K!).

*A. bainesii* Dyer: 568 (1874a); Baker: t. 6848 (1885); Baker: 326 (1896); Berger: 319 (1908); Marloth: 92 (1915); Sim: 152 (1919); Reynolds: 498 (1950); Jeppe: 59 (1960); Borman & Hardy: 281 (1972); Palmer & Pitman: 339 (1972); Compton: 98 (1976). Type: Natal, Greytown Dist., T. Baines s.n. (K!).


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BORAGINACEAE

THE CORRECT AUTHOR CITATION FOR *LOBOSTEMON MONTANUS*

Herman (1993) cited *Lobostemon montanus* (DC.) H. Buek; however, Buek described *L. montanus* in 1837, whereas De Candolle published the combination *Echium montanum* (H. Buek) DC. in 1846. The correct author citation is therefore *L. montanus* H. Buek.

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