

## ERIOCAULACEAE

A NEW COMBINATION IN *ERIOCAULON*

**Eriocaulon dregei** Hochst. var. **sonderanum** (Koern.) Oberm. comb. et stat. nov.

*E. sonderanum* Koern. in *Linnaea* 27: 669 (1854); N. E. Br. in *F. C.* 7: 55 (1897). Type; Transvaal, Magaliesberg, Zeyher 1731 (SAM, iso.!), *Burke* s.n. (K!).

Mr R. D. Meikle of Kew has suggested in a personal communication that *E. sonderanum* could be a

variety of *E. dregei*. The present-day ample collections and the types of the names involved support this view. *E. dregei* var. *dregei* appears to be a polyploid. Var. *sonderanum* is the common variety in the Transvaal; in Natal both varieties occur, but in the eastern Cape the larger var. *dregei* becomes common, whereas var. *sonderanum* is rare.

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