

THE CORRECT AUTHOR CITATION FOR *TRISTACHYA SUPERBA*

The author citation for *Tristachya superba* is usually given as (De Not.) Schweinf. & Aschers. (1867), the basionym being *Loudetia superba* De Not. (1852). However, according to Hubbard in Fl. Trop. Afr. 10: 13 (1937), the generic name *Loudetia* had not yet been validly described in 1852, having originated on Hochstetter's printed labels, on which it was given without a description. Only in 1854

was a description to *Loudetia* provided by Steudel (Syn. Pl. Glum. 238). *Loudetia superba* was therefore not validly published and has no standing as basionym of *Tristachya superba*. The starting point for the nomenclature of the species here concerned is therefore 1867, and the correct citation is *Tristachya superba* Schweinf. & Aschers.

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