

## RUTACEAE

### A NOTE ON *VEPRIS LANCEOLATA*

For many years now the White Ironwood or Witysterhout has been known as *Vepris undulata* (Thunb.) Verdoorn & C. A. Smith. However, *Boscia undulata* Thunb., Prodr. Pl. Cap.: 32 (1794), the basionym of *Vepris undulata* (Thunb.) Verdoorn & C. A. Smith in J. S. Afr. For. Assoc. 20: 35, 50 (1951), is a *nomen nudum*. The name *Boscia undulata* was only validly published by Thunberg in his Fl. Cap. 1: 576 (1813). The epithet "*undulata*" therefore dates from 1813 and not from 1794.

During the intervening years between 1794 and the valid publication of *B. undulata* in 1813, *Toddalia lanceolata* Lam., Tab. Encycl. Méth. Bot. 2: 117 (1797), was published. The earliest specific epithet for the White Ironwood is therefore "*lanceolata*" and the species must now revert to the name under which it was formerly known, namely, *Vepris lanceolata* (Lam.) G. Don.

*Vepris lanceolata* (Lam.) G. Don, Gen. Syst. 1: 806 (1831); Harv. in Fl. Cap. 1: 447 (1860); Verdoorn in Kew Bull. 1926: 395 (1926); Burt Davy, Fl. Transv.

2: 479 (1932). Syntypes from the Mascarenes, *Herb. Lamarck* (P-LA, IDC microfiche 114/15 and 114/16).

*Toddalia lanceolata* Lam., Tab. Encycl. Meth. Bot. 2: 117 (1797); Sim, For. Fl. Cape Col.: 157, t. 22 (1909). Syntypes as above.

*Boscia undulata* Thunb., [Prodr. Pl. Cap.: 32 (1794) *nomen nudum*] Fl. Cap. 1: 576 (1813). Syntypes from the Cape of Good Hope, *Herb. Thunberg* 3791, 3792 (UPS).

*Scopolia lanceolata* (Lam.) Spreng., Syst. Veg. 1: 779 (1824).

*Asphades undulata* (Thunb.) DC., Prodr. 2: 90 (1825).

*Vepris undulata* (Thunb.) Verdoorn & C. A. Smith in J. S. Afr. For. Assoc. 20: 35, 50 (1951); Palmer & Pitman, Trees S. Afr.: 274 (1961); Mendonca in Fl. Zamb. 2 (2): 200 (1963); Ross, Fl. Natal: 214 (1973); Palmer & Pitman, Trees S. Afr. 2: 989 (1973).

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