

A NEW COMBINATION IN ORNITHOGALUM

Ornithogalum ornithogaloides (Kunth) Oberm., comb. nov.

Bulbinella? ornithogaloides Kunth, Enum. 4 : 693 (1843). Type: Cape, Aliwal North, banks of Orange River near Aliwal North, Drege 8695 (G!; PRE, photo!).

Ornithogalum? bulbinelloides Bak. in Fl. Cap. 6 : 509 (1897), nom. illegit. Type: as for *Bulbinella? ornithogaloides*.

Anthericum ornithogaloides (Kunth) Bak. in J. Linn. Soc. (Bot.) 15 : 294 (1877). *A. pauper* Poelln. in Bol. Soc. Broteria. 16, 2 : 47 (1942). Type: Transvaal, Heidelberg, Wilms 1542 (B, holo.!; PRE, photo!). *A. longipedicellatim* Poelln. in Repert. nov. Spec. Regn. veg. 53 : 128 (1944). Type: Riversdale, Rust 14 (B, holo.!; PRE, photo!).

Ornithogalum zeyheri Bak. in J. Linn. Soc. (Bot.) 13 : 281 (1873); Fl. Cap. 6 : 502 (1897); Leighton in J. S. Afr. Bot. 11 : 163 (1945). Type: Cape, Uitenhage, near Uitenhage in uliginosis ad Zwartkops River, Zeyher 1686 (K, holo.!; PRE, photo.!; PRE!).

This hygrophyte is a common species in the summer-rainfall area, extending from the south-eastern Cape to Rhodesia and Malawi. It is a slender glabrous plant with the flowers borne on long pedicels. Of interest is the paucity of ovules, from 1-3 per locule, which is unusual for this genus.

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