

THE IDENTITY OF FRITILLARIA NANA

In *Baileya* 13 : 7 (1965) Ingram made the combination *Whiteheadia nana* based on *Fritillaria nana* Burm.f. (Prodr. Fl. Cap. 9, 1768). This name has priority over *Whiteheadia bifolia* (Jacq.) Bak. (J. Linn. Soc. (Bot.) 13 : 226, 1873) since the latter is based on *Eucomis bifolia* Jacq. (Collect. 4 : 215, 1790). The type of the Burmann species (Plate 4) was kindly sent on loan to me by the Director of the Delessert Herbarium, Geneva. I was thus able to establish that it is a species of *Eucomis* and not *Whiteheadia*. Therefore the solitary *Whiteheadia* species retains the binomial *W. bifolia* (Jacq.) Bak., while *Fritillaria nana* was correctly placed under *Eucomis* by L'Héritier as *E. nana* (Burm.f.) L'Hérit.

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