

MELASTOMACEAE

While naming a specimen from Port Shepstone, Natal (*Strey* 5888), it was noted that *Memecylon australe* Gilg & Schltr. in Bot. Jahrb. 40: 94 (1908), from Natal, appears to be the same species as *M. grandiflorum* R. & A. Fernandes in Bol. Soc. Brot. 29 : 63 (1955), based on *Galpin* 9568 from the Lusikisiki district. It so happens that the former name is an illegitimate homonym, being antedated by *M. australe* F. Muell. ex Triana (1871) and *M. australe* C. Moore (1893), thus *M. grandiflorum* R. & A. Fernandes is the correct name for the species when the two entities are brought together in one circumscription.

In this species it is found that the leaves vary from rotund (as described by R. & A. Fernandes) to broadly elliptical, acute at apex and cuneate at the base (as described by Gilg and Schlechter).

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