ERIOSPERMACEAE

VALIDATION OF TWO SECTIONAL NAMES IN ERIOSPERMUM

Perry's revision of *Eriospermum* (1994) included a new infrageneric classification of the genus with new infrageneric taxa being formally described. However, two of the new sectional names were invalidly published due to the lack of typification (Art. 37.1 St Louis Code; Greuter *et al.* 2000). Although this omission was mentioned in the *Index kewensis* (IK) as available in the CD-Rom version, or within the International Plant Names Index (IPNI) internet database, no action has been taken to validate the names. Consequently, both names are validated here:

Eriospermum [subgenus **Ligulatum**] section **Ligulatum** *P.L.Perry ex Thiede*, sect. nov. Type: *Eriospermum flagelliforme* (Baker) J.C.Manning.

For the Latin diagnosis see Perry in Contributions from the Bolus Herbarium 17: 77 (1994).

Eriospermum flagelliforme is the correct name for the species previously known as *Eriospermum abyssinicum* Baker (Manning 2000).

Eriospermum [subgenus **Cyathiflorum**] section **Cyathiflorum** *P.L.Perry ex Thiede*, sect. nov. Type: *Eriospermum cooperi* Baker.

For the Latin diagnosis see Perry in Contributions from the Bolus Herbarium 17: 120 (1994).

The 'description' of *Eriospermum* [subgenus *Eriospermum*] section *Eriospermum* P.L.Perry [in tom. cit. 160] was superfluous under Art. 22.3 St Louis Code (Greuter *et al.* 2000) and consequently not included in IK.

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