

A NEW COMBINATION IN *COTULA*

Bremer & Humphries (1993) sank the South African species of the genus *Matricaria* under *Cotula*. They did not consider the varieties of *M. nigellifolia*; they merely came to the conclusion that this taxon belongs under *Cotula* (pers. comm.). PRE upholds the varieties under *M. nigellifolia* as described by De Candolle (1827), Harvey

(1865), Hutchinson (1917) and Hilliard (1977). It is therefore necessary to make the new combination.

***Cotula nigellifolia* (DC.) Bremer & Humphries var. *tenuior* (DC.) P.P.J. Herman comb. nov.**

Matricaria nigellifolia DC. var. *tenuior* DC., *Prodromus systematis* 6: 50 (1837).

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