

*ALOE BARBERAE TO REPLACE A. BAINESII*

In an enumeration of the tree aloes of southern Africa, Dyer (1874a) described as new two tree aloes from the subtropical eastern coastal areas: *A. bainesii* from northern Natal and *A. barberae* from 'Caffraria' (Transkei). These two 'species' were described as differing mainly in their

leaf characters, *A. barberae* having longer, less glaucous, and more widely spaced leaves.

A few months later Dyer (1874b), in a short note in the same journal, decided to combine the latter two spe-

cies and expressly chose the name *A. barberae* for the southeastern African tree aloe. Unfortunately this publication was overlooked by all subsequent research workers on *Aloe*, notably Baker (1880) and Reynolds (1950). However, Baker (1885) regarded *A. bainesii* and *A. barberae* as conspecific, but incorrectly chose as the correct name *A. bainesii*. An attempt by Baker (1896) to taxonomically reinstate *A. barberae* as a variety of *A. bainesii* has received little support.

Therefore, although the name *A. bainesii* has been widely adopted by most southern African flora writers and succulentists, it has to be rejected in favour of the name *A. barberae*, which was chosen as the one to be accepted by the original author.

***Aloe barberae* Dyer** in *The Gardeners' Chronicle* (n.s.) 1: 568 (1874a); Dyer: 720 (1874b); Dyer: 90 (1875a); Dyer: 49 (1875b). Type: Hort., *Anon. s.n.* (K!).

*A. bainesii* Dyer: 568 (1874a). Baker: t. 6848 (1885); Baker: 326 (1896); Berger: 319 (1908); Marloth: 92 (1915); Sim: 152 (1919); Reynolds: 498 (1950); Jeppe: 59 (1969); Bornman & Hardy: 281 (1972); Palmer & Pitman: 339 (1972); Compton: 98 (1976). Type: Natal, Greytown Dist., *T. Baines s.n.* (K!).

*A. bainesii* Dyer var. *barberae* (Dyer) Baker: 326 (1896).

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