

## SHORT COMMUNICATION

**A lectotype in *Banksia* L.f. (Proteaceae) clarified**

Recently I realised that I have lectotypified the name *Banksia* L.f. sect. *Oncostylis* Benth. (Proteaceae) twice, choosing different species. Bentham published the name in *Flora Australiensis* (Bentham 1870: 542, 544) and included 13 species in the section, where all remain in the current classification (George 1999). The protologue gives little lead in choosing a lectotype. In *Nuytsia* (George 1996: 21), I chose *B. ericifolia* L.f. as the 'earliest-described of the included species'. In *Flora of Australia* (George 1999: 397), I chose *B. sphaerocarpa* R.Br. as the 'first-described species with the leaf character states given first in the protologue'. Either species would be appropriate but *B. ericifolia* has been adopted for the Australian Plant Name Index (APNI 2012) and is here confirmed as lectotype of the name.

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