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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