

MOTION BY THE  
COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIAN BOTANICAL NOMENCLATURE.

<u>Familia.</u>	<u>Nomen conservandum.</u>	<u>Nomen rejiciendum.</u>
Bignoniaceae.	Hausmannia, F.v.M. Fragm. 4: 148 (1864).	Hausmannia, Dunker (1846) nomen genericum plantae fossil- is. Vide Proc. Roy. Soc. Qd. 41: 39 (1930).

Some members of the Committee were of opinion that Art. 9 of the International Rules should be altered so as to exclude generic names given to fossil plants. These are not listed in the Kew Index or in any work available to the ordinary botanist who studies living plants, and who may thus unwittingly duplicate the name of some obscure genus in palaeo-botany.

The Committee consists of Edwin Cheel, Curator National Herbarium, Sydney; A.J. Ewart, D.Sc., F.L.S., Professor of Botany, Melbourne University; C.A. Gardner, Government Botanist, Western Australia; C. T. White, F.L.S., Government Botanist, Queensland, and J.M. Black, A.L.S., convener. The present Committee was appointed by the meeting of the Australian & New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science held at Sydney in 1932.

Three members of the Committee are desirous of reviving the proposal to place well-known scientific names of certain Australian economic trees on a list of "nomina specifica conservanda". Some of the principal ones are:-

Nomina conservanda.

Eucalyptus corymbosa, Smith.  
(1793)

E. tereticornis, Sm. (1793)

E. rostrata, Schlechtd. (1847)

Angophora lanceolata, Cav.  
(1797).

Nomina rejicienda.

{ Eucalyptus gummifera, Hochr.

{ Metrosideros gummifera, Gaertn. (1788)

{ E. umbellatum, Domin.

{ (Leptospermum umbellatum, Gaertn.  
(1788).

E. camaldulensis, Dehnh. (1832).

{ Angophora costata, Domin.

{ Metrosideros costata, Gaertn. (1788).

I am aware that two or three similar motions were tabled at the Cambridge Congress of 1930 and were rejected, for reasons set forth by the late Dr. John Briquet as rapporteur général. However, as a majority of the Committee are in favor of some action being taken, I think it my duty to bring the matter forward.

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Convener.

