DALEA MOUNTJOYAE M. WOODS (FABACEAE), A NEW NAME FOR DALEA GRACILIS (NUTTALL) D.B. WARD

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ABSTRACT

Dalea mountjoyae M. Woods (Fabaceae) is a new name proposed to replace D. gracilis (Nuttall) D.B Ward, a later homonym of D. gracilis Kunth.

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Ward (2004) established Dalea gracilis (Nuttall) D.B. Ward when he elevated D. carneae (Michaux) Poiret var. gracilis (Nuttall) Barneby (Barneby 1977) to species rank. However, Dalea gracilis (Nuttall) D.B. Ward is illegitimate because the name is blocked from transfer into Dalea at specific rank by the pre-existing Dalea gracilis Kunth (Kunth 1819). Although, D. gracilis Kunth is now considered a synonym of D. sericea G. Don (Tropicos.org 2013), D. gracilis (Nuttall) D.B. Ward is nonetheless illegitimate under ICN article 53.1 (McNeill et al 2011). I concur with the specific level status recommended by Ward and propose the following new name to accommodate recognition of this taxon at that rank in the genus Dalea.


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