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## SHORT COMMUNICATION

### ***Amphibromus nervosus* (Poaceae), an earlier combination and further synonyms**

Arthur Chapman, Bureau of Flora & Fauna, Canberra, has kindly pointed out to me that the combination *Amphibromus nervosus* (J. D. Hook.) Baillon had been made in 1893, earlier than the combination made by G. C. Druce reported in our revision of the genus *Amphibromus* in Australia (Jacobs and Lapinpuro 1986). Baillon's combination had been overlooked by Index Kewensis and by the Chase Index (Chase and Niles 1962). The full citation is: *Amphibromus nervosus* (J. D. Hook.) Baillon, *Histoire des Plantes* 12: 203 (1893).

BASIONYM: *Danthonia nervosa* J. D. Hook., *Fl. Tasm.* 2: 121, pl. 163A (1858). Hooker based his combination on the illegitimate *Avena nervosa* R. Br. (see Jacobs and Lapinpuro 1986 for further comment).

*Amphibromus nervosus* (J. D. Hook.) G. C. Druce then becomes a superfluous combination and is added to the synonymy.

Arthur Chapman also kindly pointed out a synonym that to the best of my knowledge has not been used beyond its initial publication. This synonym is:

*Avenastrum nervosum* Vierh., *Verhandlungen der Gesellschaft Deutscher Naturforscher und Artze* 85. *Versammlung zu Wien (Leipzig)* 1: 672 (1913). This name was based on the illegitimate *Avena nervosa* R. Br. and the protologue apparently does not mention *Danthonia nervosa* J. D. Hook. (A. Chapman pers. com.) so Vierhapper's name is new and dates from his publication and this name has the same type as *Avena nervosa* R. Br.

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