

Afrohybanthus bennettiae (Violaceae) a new combination for a rare violet from the Kimberley region

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At the time of publication of *Hybanthus bennettiae* R.L.Barrett, it was acknowledged that this species and closely allied taxa in the *H. enneaspermus* L. clade as resolved by Wahlert *et al.* (2014) were likely to have a change of generic name (Barrett & Barrett 2015). Around the same time that Barrett's protologue was published, Flicker & Ballard (2015) formalised the proposed taxonomic change to this clade, erecting the genus *Afrohybanthus* Flicker. The very close publication dates of these articles meant that neither author was able to pre-empt and incorporate the others' work into their own at the time of submission. As such, no combination for *Hybanthus bennettiae* exists in *Afrohybanthus*. This new combination is made here.

***Afrohybanthus bennettiae* (R.L.Barrett)
Messina comb. nov.**

Hybanthus bennettiae R.L.Barrett, *Nuytsia* 26: 81 (2015).
Type: east of Prince Regent Nature Reserve [National Park] Western Australia, 16.i.2010, R.L. Barrett 6109, M.D. Barrett & M. Maier (Holo: PERTH 08614601; iso: CANB, DNA).

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