

NAMES OF PACIFIC ISLAND TAXA BASED ON FORSTER COLLECTIONS.

The specimens collected by J.R. and G. FORSTER on Capt. COOK's second voyage around the world are widely dispersed in at least 15 European herbaria. Apparently no single institution has a full set, and no attempt has been made to account for and lectotypify the names of taxa based on this material. Since numbered collections with duplicates in the modern sense were not made, there are usually no proven isotypes of either holotypes or lectotypes. I am attempting to list published lectotypifications of Pacific Island taxa based on Forster material and to assemble information needed to choose suitable lectotypes where these have not been chosen and published previously. I will appreciate information on published lectotypifications and on the location and identity of Forster specimens not already annotated by me. — F.R. Fosberg, U.S. National herbarium, Smithsonian Institution, Washington - D.C. 20560, U.S.A.

LEDERMANN'S MICRONESIAN COLLECTIONS

A large component of the taxa of the flora of the Caroline Islands, including Palau, are based on collections made in 1913—1914 by C.L. LEDERMANN, and published in a series of articles in Engler's *Botanische Jahrbücher*. The types of most of these names were destroyed by the bombing of the Berlin Herbarium in World War II.

A partial set of duplicates survived, however, and has been studied by me. I have chosen and designated lectotypes where possible, but the list is very incomplete. It is known that many Ledermann duplicates are in a number of herbaria. Some of these are eligible to be designated as lectotypes.

Information on any Micronesian Ledermann specimen found in any herbarium would be much appreciated, reported by name and collection number. — F.R. Fosberg, U.S. National herbarium, Smithsonian Institution, Washington - D.C. 20560, U.S.A.

A CURE FOR TUBERCULOSIS?

In PNH Herbarium News 1 (1986) 4 Mr. W. VENDEVIL (PNH) reports that the Ilocanos are using Codiaeum variegatum locally known as 'lemon' to cure tuberculosis by boiling 7 leaves in 3 glasses of water for 15-20 minutes and drinking the decoction as often as necessary.