

Cneoridium dumosum (Nuttall) Hooker F. Collected March 26, 1960, at an Elevation of about 1450 Meters on Cerro Quemazón, 15 Miles South of Bahía de Los Angeles, Baja California, México, Apparently for a Southeastward Range Extension of Some 140 Miles

A specimen of *Cneoridium dumosum*

The range of *Cneoridium dumosum* is shown in green. The smaller [blob](#) is the extension mentioned in the paper.

"*Cneoridium dumosum* (Nuttall) Hooker F. Collected March 26, 1960, at an Elevation of about 1450 Meters on Cerro Quemazón, 15 Miles South of Bahía de Los Angeles, Baja California, México, Apparently for a Southeastward Range Extension of Some 140 Miles" is a [humorous](#),^[1] but [factual](#),^[2] [scientific](#) paper. It was written by American [botanist](#) Reid Moran who was from the San Diego National History Museum.^[3]

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The paper is about a plant [species](#) called *Cneoridium dumosum*.^[4]

Because of its long title, which has all of Moran's key points, and its many [acknowledgements](#),^[5] the paper only contains the words:^{[5][4]}

I got it there then (8068).

which only has five words, the reference number of the specimen collected (inside [parentheses](#)), and a [period](#).^[5]

Moran's closing acknowledgement contains the text:

Last but not least, I cannot fail to mention my deep [indebtedness](#) to my parents, without whose early cooperation this work would never have been possible.

which was also used by [biologist](#) George Yatskievych in 1982. ^[6]

In an [obituary](#) to Moran, [published](#) by *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, another botanist Tom Oberbauer said that Moran "had a dry sense of humor". ^[3]

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The paper was published in 1962. It was published in volume 16, page 272 of the California Botanical Society's scientific journal called *Madroño*. ^{[5][4]} The whole paper was later published again, in 2013, with the title "Reprinted Classic Madroño Articles" in *Madroño*, volume 60, page 359. ^[7] This was the California Botanical Society's centennial (100th) year. ^[8]

This paper is not the shortest paper ever published. A 2003 paper written by [John H. Conway](#) and Alexander Soifer has the title "Can $n^2 + 1$ unit [equilateral triangles](#) cover an equilateral triangle of side $> n$, say $n + \varepsilon$ ". The paper only has two words: " $n^2 + 2$ can", and two [figures](#). ^[9] An even shorter paper is titled "Chemiefreie Haushaltsprodukte" (which is [German](#) for "Chemical-free household products"). It has zero words after the [abstract](#). ^[10]

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