

Muller-Landau, Helene

From: Lao, Suzanne
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 2:10 PM
To: Muller-Landau, Helene
Subject: Re: quick correction ViewTaxonomy dec4_25
Attachments: ViewTaxonomy_dec4_25.xlsx

Hi Helene,

The way the database is set up is that there is a mnemonic for species and a mnemonic for subspecies. Rick and Rolando (and other taxonomists) had once discussed whether to just keep the taxonomic level up to species and ignore all the subspecies. The reason for this is that most sites do not identify the plants to the subspecies level even if there are distinctions.

For historic reasons, we decided to keep the subspecies level for some of the species in Panama. As you can see in the subspecies mnemonic column, swars1 and swars2 do appear, but if we one day decide to work only up to species, then we should keep the same mnemonic for both subspecies.

I am appending the same file with corrections to the authority column. I need to find a way of importing text files into Excel without losing the special characters.

Best,
Suzanne

From: Muller-Landau, Helene <MullerH@si.edu>
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 4:02 PM
To: Lao, Suzanne <LAOZ@si.edu>
Subject: quick correction ViewTaxonomy dec4_25

Hi Suzanne,

I hope you are well!

I just noticed that swars1 and swars2 both have current Mnemonic swars1 in the version of the ViewTaxonomy file for dec4_25.xlsx.

I've corrected this in my files, but just wanted to bring it to your attention.

It also seems like the accents on a bunch of the authorities have gotten messed up in weird ways.

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