

From Mr. Richard B. Murrow, Los Angeles, Calif.: "A suggestion—PRINCIPES would be even more useful to hobbyists like myself if it contained more advertisements of growers and seedsmen offering seeds and seedlings of unusual palms. And such advertising

might be an excellent source of additional revenue to help support PRINCIPES and the Society." So come ahead, you growers of the unusual, let's know who and where you are and what you have.

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## Johannesteijsmannia—A New Name for the Palm Genus *Teysmannia*

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The palm genus *Teysmannia*, with a single species *T. altifrons* native in Sumatra, the Malaya Peninsula and Borneo, has been known for over a century. It was discovered by Johannes Elias Teijsmann\* (1808-1882), a Dutch gardener and botanist at the botanical gardens in Buitenzorg, Java (now Bogor, Indonesia), during an expedition to the west coast of Sumatra in 1856-1857 and was described in the twenty-eighth volume of a botanical periodical, *Linnaea*, for which the title-page date is 1856. The same name was given independently to a genus of the family Apocynaceae in 1857 (*Teysmannia* F. A. W. Miquel in *Verlagen en Mededeelingen der Koninklijke Akademie van Wetenschappen* (Amsterdam) 6: 193. 1857).

Despite the title-page date of 1856, the volume of *Linnaea* concerned was published in parts. That in which *Teysmannia* appeared is dated February 1858. The same name cannot be used for more than one kind of plant by international agreement of botanists, and when a duplication has occurred in the past, the name first published in proper form has priority over any later name even though the first be no longer in use. Thus the name *Teysmannia* cannot be used for the palm genus.

A search for a substitute name has revealed none. It is now necessary either to propose conservation of the name *Teysmannia* for a genus of a single species not of especial economic or other importance, an inappropriate course of action, or to provide a new name. The name *Johannesteijsmannia* has been coined as one which preserves the rightful tribute to Teysmann and yet does not conflict with the very similar *Tessmanniodoxa*, *Tessmanniophoenix* or *Neotessmannia* applied to other genera (the first two palms) and honoring Günther Tessmann, a German ethnologist. Regrettable as it may be, the palm heretofore known as *Teysmannia altifrons* should now be known as *Johannesteijsmannia altifrons*.

**Johannesteijsmannia** H. E. Moore, **nom. nov.**

*Teysmannia* H. G. Reichenbach et Zollinger in Zollinger, *Linnaea* 28: 657. Feb. 1858 ('1856') (*Teysmania*); corr. F. A. W. Miquel, *Flora Indiae Batavae* 3: 749. 1859 not *Teysmannia* F. A. W. Miquel (1857).

**Johannesteijsmannia altifrons** (H. G. Reichenbach et Zollinger in Zollinger) H. E. Moore, **comb. nov.**

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\*The spelling Teysmann is an alternate form. In providing a new name I am reverting to the Dutch spelling as orthographically correct.