

NOTES ON AUSTRALASIAN ORCHIDACEAE—A NEW  
COMBINATION IN *LIPARIS*

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ABSTRACT

Blaxell, D. F. (*National Herbarium of New South Wales, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, Australia 2000*) 1978. *Notes on Australasian Orchidaceae. Telopea 1 (5): 357–358*—The new combination *Liparis angustilabris* (F. Muell.) D. Blaxell is made for the north Queensland orchid formerly known as *L. cuneilabris* F. Muell. ex Benth. nom. illegit.

Mueller (1864) described material which was collected by Dallachy at Rockingham Bay as *Sturmia angustilabris*, and at the same time published the synonym *Liparis cuneilabris*.

Bentham (1873, p. 273) used the name *Liparis cuneilabris* and attributed it to Mueller, at the same time erroneously citing “*Sturmia cuneilabris* F. Muell.” as basionym. Subsequent authors, Bailey (1883, 1902, 1913), Nicholls (1936, 1969) and Dockrill (1969), all followed Bentham’s usage, citing *Liparis cuneilabris* F. Muell. or *L. cuneilabris* F. Muell. ex Benth. Bailey (1913) and Nicholls (1936) at least referred to *Sturmia angustilabris* F. Muell. as a synonym.

Mueller (1882, 1889) continued to use *Sturmia angustilabris* and, so far as I am aware, made no reference to Bentham’s use of the name *Liparis cuneilabris* in these or other publications. In fact, he did not use the name *Liparis* in any of his publications (except in synonymy), since he consistently referred to *Liparis* as a generic name in zoological nomenclature and as such he considered that it should not be used in botanical nomenclature. However, he seemed to overlook the fact that the generic name he was using (*Sturmia* Reichenbach, 1828) for this and other orchids had two earlier homonyms: *Sturmia* Hoppe, 1799 (Poaceae) and *Sturmia* Gaertner f., 1805 (Rubiaceae)!

***Liparis angustilabris* (F. Muell.) D. Blaxell, comb. nov.**

BASIONYM: *Sturmia angustilabris* F. Muell., *Fragm.* 4: 164 (1864).

SYNONYM: *Liparis cuneilabris* F. Muell. ex Benth., *Fl. Austral.* 6: 273 (1873), nom. illegit.

TYPE: “In montibus silvaticis ad sinum Rockingham Bay. Dallachy.” (MEL) not seen.

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