

SHORT COMMUNICATION

***Microcitrus garrawayae* (Rutaceae) and its distribution in New Guinea and Australia.**

During the compilation of a list of rainforest plants in south-east Queensland, I came across Stone's (1985) account recording *Microcitrus australasica* (F. Muell.) Swingle as occurring in southern Papua New Guinea. *Microcitrus australasica* has previously been considered to be endemic to the southern portion of the Moreton District in Queensland (Ross 1983) and the North Coast district of New South Wales (Jacobs & Pickard 1981) where it occurs in subtropical rainforest. Hence this record of Stone's was geographically unlikely.

On examining a rather fragmentary duplicate of *Brass* 24924, which is probably one of the collections cited by Stone (1985) (as *Brass* 24934), I found it to be conspecific with *Microcitrus garrawayae* (Bailey) Swingle, described from Cape York Peninsula, Queensland, and previously recorded as endemic to Australia (Bailey 1904, Swingle 1915). As R.W. Garraway is indicated as 'Mrs' on various labels at BRI of plants from Cape York Peninsula, the epithet of this taxon should be correctly *garrawayae* and not 'garrawayi' as given originally by Bailey (1904) or 'Garrowayi' as given by Swingle (1915).

***Microcitrus garrawayae* (Bailey) Swingle**, J. Washington Acad. Sci. 5: 574 (1915) ['Garrowayi']; *Citrus garrawayae* Bailey ['garrawayi'], Queensl. Agric. J. 15: 491 (1904).

TYPE: QUEENSLAND: Cook District: Mt White, Coen, R.W. Garraway [AQ318411], 5.1904 (holo BRI!).

DISTRIBUTION: Restricted to Cape York Peninsula, Australia; and Goodenough Island in Papua New Guinea.

ECOLOGY: Plants grow in deciduous vine thickets as understorey shrubs.

SELECTED SPECIMENS (from 16 examined): PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Milne Bay District: Goodenough Is, *Brass* 24924, 10.1953 (BRI). AUSTRALIA: QUEENSLAND: Cook District: few km S of Stone Crossing, Wenlock River, 12°17'S, 142°05'E, *Sankowsky & Sankowsky* 534, 29.9.1986 (BRI); scrubs of Temple Bay, *Young* 63, 7.1923 (BRI); c. 1 km N of Pascoe River mouth, 12°29'S, 143°16'E, *Tracey* 14760 20.11.1977 (BRI); Chilli Ck, SW of Portland Roads, *Flecker N.Q.N.C.8678*, 10.4.1944 (BRI, QRS); Table Range, Dead Horse Ck, 12°55'S, 143°15'E, *Dockrill* 759, 23.10.1973 (QRS); Chester River, 13°40'S, 143°25'E, *Hyland* 9430, 23.7.1977 (QRS); on road between Peach Ck and Leo Ck, c. 30–40 miles [50–67 km] NE of Coen, 13°44'S, 143°15'E, *Webb & Tracey* 9884, 10.1969 (BRI); T.R. 14, Rocky River catchment, 13°47'S, 143°29'E, *Hyland* RFK2845 7.9.1973 (BRI); Lankelly Ck, 13°54'S, 143°15'E, *Hyland* 8703, 6.4.1976 (BRI, QRS); Mulangar in McIlwraith Range, *Hutchinson* AQ171304, 6.4.1976 (BRI); Western fall of McIlwraith Range, 13°55'S, 143°15'E, *Webb & Tracey* 9784, 10.1969 (BRI).

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