

A revision of the Malagasy endemic *Homalium* sect. *Nisa* (Salicaceae)

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Abstract

Homalium sect. *Nisa* is endemic to Madagascar and distinguished by its solitary stamens per petal and sepals longer than the petals. The previous treatment of the section was outdated due to new material available. This revision focuses mainly on the *Homalium nudiflorum* complex. Over 60 specimens in the complex from MO herbarium were examined. This revision recognizes eight species within that complex, four of which are newly described: *Homalium crenatifolium*, *Homalium pachycladum*, *Homalium parvibracteale*, and *Homalium tenue*. Additionally, it was found that there is at least one new species within the *Homalium stelliferum* complex within sect. *Nisa* and it is suggested that more may be described with access to more material.