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***Heliotropium aequoreum*, a New Name
for *Heliotropium applanatum* Craven,
Nom. Illeg. (Boraginaceae)**

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In 1996, the present author described a new northern Australian species of *Heliotropium*, giving it the name *H. applanatum* (Craven 1996), unaware that the same specific epithet had been used in 1991 by M. Thulin and B. Verdcourt for a new species of the genus from east Africa (Thulin and Verdcourt 1991). The name *H. applanatum* Craven therefore is illegitimate under the *International Code of Botanical Nomenclature* (Greuter *et al.* 1994) and a new name, *H. aequoreum* Craven, is provided for the plant in question. The new epithet is derived from the Latin *aequor*, an even, level surface, and refers to the appressed, even hairs that, *inter alia*, distinguish the species from its close relative, *H. ballii* Domin (Craven 1996).

***Heliotropium aequoreum* Craven, nom. nov. *Heliotropium applanatum* Craven, Aust. Syst. Bot. 9: 564. 1996 (non Thulin & Verdc., in Verdcourt, Boraginaceae, Fl. Trop. East Africa 119. 1991).**

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