

A REVISION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SPECIES OF THE GENUS CHORIZANTHE¹

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HISTORY OF THE GENUS

When Bentham² treated the tribe Eriogoneae in 1836, three genera were considered, namely, *Eriogonum*, *Chorizanthe*, and the then-monotypic *Mucronea*. The latter two were described as new, *Chorizanthe* having been a manuscript name of Robert Brown. Eleven species of *Chorizanthe* were described at this time, seven from South America and four from North America. Bentham³ also elaborated the genus for De Candolle's 'Prodromus,' eighteen species being considered there.

In 1870 Torrey and Gray⁴ revised the North American members of the genus. It was in this paper that *Acanthogonum* was reduced to synonymy under *Chorizanthe*, and *Mucronea* had already suffered a similar fate at the hands of the junior author.⁵ Torrey and Gray's revision appears in a condensed

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² Benth. Trans. Linn. Soc. Lond. 17: 401-420. pl. 17-20. 1836.

³ Benth. in DC. Prodr. 14: 24-27. 1857.

⁴ Torr. & Gray, Proc. Am. Acad. 8: 192-199. 1870.

⁵ Gray, Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist. 7: 149. 1859.

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