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A NEW PEGOLETTIA OF SOUTH-WEST AFRICA

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Pegolettia plumosa M.D.Henderson, spec.nov.

P. oxyodontae DC. affinis, sed foliis integris, pappo interiore plumoso, achaeniis dense costatis sparse pubescentibus differt.

Suffrutex nanus, caulibus basalibus ligneis albidis corticeis. Rami erecti herbacei pallido-virides striati glanduloso-pubescentes. Folia alternata oblanceolata, apicibus acuminatis recurvatis ad 30 cm longis 12 mm latis, obscuro-viridia dense glanduloso-pubescentia saepe glanduloso-punctata, basi longo-cuneata subpetiolata, marginibus integris. Capitula campanulata 1,5 cm longa 1,5 cm lata. Involucri bractee 3-4-seriatae plusminus carinatae virides dense glandulosae, marginibus membranaceis latis pallidis, apicibus longo-acuminatis plusminus recurvatis. Flores ad 13 mm longi sursum gradatim ampliati, lobis lanceola-

tis 2 mm longis. Achaenia 5 mm longa flava dense costata sparse pubescentia vel glabra. Pappus 2-seriatus, paleis exterioribus ad 2,5 mm longis, setis interioribus plumosis numerosis ad 12 mm longis basi connatis.

Type: Kinges 2391 (PRE).

South West Africa, Windhoek: between Windhoek and Walfish Bay, 1918, E.G.K. Esdaile (Rogers Herb.15232) (PRE). - Lüderitz: Farm Weissenborn, 5.7.1949, H.Kinges 2391 (PRE, M); Akam River bed, 12.2.1909 H.H.W. Pearson 4736, (BOL, K), 4747 (K). - Bethanien: Inacham auf Tafelbergen, Dinter Ser. I 1198 (Z). - Keetmanshoop: Western Karasberg, between Dassiefontein and Noachabeb, 24.1.1913, H.H.W. Pearson 7931 (BOL, K); Gründoorn, H.H.W. Pearson 3130 (K).

This species bears a superficial resemblance to *P. oxyodonta* but it is usually much smaller, glaucous, and always has a thick woody base. Plumose inner pappus bristles are also found in *P. senegalensis* Cass. but the habit is quite different. Up until the present time, *P. plumosa* has been recorded only from the southern half of S.W.A.