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From the preface: The purpose of this paper is not taxonomic, in the sense that it is not monographic, but primarily a task of reporting. Most of the identifications reported herein are those made by other workers who have studied the publications of Sessé & Mociño, or their specimens, or the illustrations made by their artists. I have not attempted to give modern equivalents for names except in a few groups of which I have special knowledge. Likewise I usually have not attempted to comment upon the competence of those who have made identifications, but merely to report the fact of identification. Naturally many names that were applied in the herbarium of Sessé & Mociño, in 1936 and soon thereafter, have become obsolete for taxonomic or other reasons. Many new species and genera that were based on specimens or *icones* during the first half of the 19th century have since been re-evaluated." *Contents:* Preface, Introduction to the Guide, How to use the Guide, The use of "ex" attributed to authors, Authors contemporary with Sessé & Mociño, Latin and other quotations, Relevant names defined, Unpublished names, Documentation from *Icones*, Authorship of names based on the Sessé & Mociño paintings, Unpublished names applied by de Candolle, Documentation from non-pictorial sources, Appendix: Mociño's list, Selected references, Annotated list of names, and Index to scientific names. Two new combinations are published in the volume: ***Dahlia cordifolia*** (Sessé & Moc.) McVaugh, comb. nov. (p. 148) and ***Bernardia dodecandra*** (Sessé & Cav.) McVaugh, comb. nov. (p. 222).

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