

Silver City, New Mexico, Jan. 16. 1881.

Dear Dr. Gray:

A few days I took a 23 miles walk across the Bear Mountain in a direction not before taken by me; and among interesting notes made was this. On a ledge of rocks in the heart of the mountains was a Brickellia, dead & dry, but with the leaves on, as well as many pappus-bearing achenes: the pappus felt as distinctly plumose to the naked eye as that of Rubria! It must be an undescribed species; & I will try to get when it grows next fall, for material. But later in the same day I found Rubria eupatorioides and very Brickellia Vincentiana, (which I hope you have now seen, in that second parcel,) both in the same dead state; and upon comparing achenes & pappus of the two, upon the ground, after months of exposure, I could not trace any differences! B. Vincentiana I noticed had a scaly plumose pappus when I diagnosed it; but I thought it was less distinctly so than Rubria. But upon the whole I am greatly in doubt as to whether I ought to publish it as Brickellia or Rubria. My own judgment would be that Brickellia is utterly invalidated by these two new plants. But I dare not publish the one of which I have material, as a Rubria till I hear what you think about it.

The Apaches are upon us again after a three
months' peace. Night before last ~~our~~ stage
from the east was taken in - mail destroyed,
driver & four passengers killed!!!

As ever yours

Edw. L. Greene.

P. S. My Orickellia Vincentiana was not in
either parcel sent to Raw, so I enclose capitula
herewith, for your inspection. R. L. G.



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