

The *Aristida* of Engelmann's  
Collection belongs to a large  
& troublesome set which after  
long bother in making up the  
Boundary Drupes I referred to  
*A. purpurea* Nutt., as varieties.  
I cite the following of which  
you have specimens -  
*var. Berlandieri* Trin & Rupr.

2005 Wright & 743 col of 1849 -  
1777 (cited by Trin & Rupr.) 457, 949.  
2379 & 2551 Berland Col -  
136 Smith, col 1846,

*var. Hookeri* Trin & Rupr.

293 Drummond (cited by Trin & Rupr. of which  
you have specimens?) 2003, 2004,  
2006, Wright (& 2015?) -

*var. Nuttallii* ! Culm 8"-10", Rays 2-3  
nate, lower flexuose, upper short &  
appressed. Aurs 3" 3 1/2" long  
*A. pulleus* Nutt (non *Car* see Pursh)  
*A. longisetus* Steud. Syn Flur. 1. p 420  
On the Platte, Fremont - 978 Fendl. New  
Mex. col.

Very different from *A. pulleus* Car.  
*A. pulleus* Pursh is *A. oligantha* Michx.

(Probably Thurber's writing)



C. Fendleri! culm 4" 8" radii  
short erect & mostly 1 flowered  
C. Fendlerianum Steud l.c.  
No 973 Fendl. & several places in  
New Mexico by Beyerlow & myself

The plant in question is very near  
2015 Wright which I referred with  
many doubts to our Hookeri.

The inflorescence is more crowded  
than <sup>in</sup> any other specimens I have  
referred to that var. still its robustness  
make it fit there better than elsewhere  
— What did he get such a betula  
for? —

The rest of the grasses are distrib-  
uted through my collection, shall  
I hunt them up or will you  
send me a mem. if there are  
any others you wish my notions  
about —

I recollect there was an Amiola  
stricta Torr. — which won't hold  
— I have followed Hook & Arn  
& put it under Brizopyrum spicatum  
— as a var. —

It is one of the Dr's early species & he  
struck out harder for it than I have  
ever known him to do for a pet of his



Thurber, George. 1834. "Thurber, George undated [notes]." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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