

NOTE ON SOME FOREIGN GRASSES.

The cultivated sorghums and their allies have been included in the genus *Andropogon* or have been segregated as a distinct genus under the name *Sorghum* of Persoon. The group appears to be of generic rank but under the method of establishing type species for genera, the name for the group should be *Holcus* instead of *Sorghum*. The type species of Linnæus' genus *Holcus* is evidently his *Holcus sorghum*,* consequently this name should be retained for the group which contains *Holcus sorghum*, if this group be recognized as distinct from *Andropogon*.

Under the title "*Andropogon halepensis* and *Andropogon sorghum*," Piper† has recently discussed these species and has described several new subspecies. The specimens submitted by the Office of Seed and Plant Introduction belong to the following subspecies as recognized under *Holcus*:

HOLCUS HALEPENSIS L., including the awnless form (*Andropogon halepensis anatherus* Piper).

HOLCUS HALEPENSIS MILIFORMIS (Schult.).

Andropogon miliformis Schult.

HOLCUS HALEPENSIS PROPINQUUS (Kunth).

Andropogon propinquus Kunth.

HOLCUS SORGHUM L.

HOLCUS SORGHUM EXIGUUS (Forsk.).

Holcus exiguus Forsk.

HOLCUS SORGHUM SUDANENSIS (Piper).

Andropogon sorghum sudanensis Piper.

HOLCUS SORGHUM EFFUSUS (Hack.).

Andropogon sorghum effusus Hack.

HOLCUS SORGHUM VERTICILLIFLORUS (Steud.).

Andropogon verticilliflorus Steud.

HOLCUS SORGHUM HEWISONI (Piper).

Andropogon sorghum hewisoni Piper.

HOLCUS SORGHUM DRUMMONDII (Nees).

Andropogon drummondii Nees.

Other specimens submitted for identification belong to species that have not been published under the generic names now used. These are:

ALLOTEROPSIS ECKLONIANA (Nees). South Africa.

Bluffia eckloniana Nees, Delect. Sem. Hort. Hamburg 8. 1834.

CHAETOCHELOA AUREA (Hochst.). South Africa.

Setaria aurea Hochst.; A. Br. Flora 44:276. 1841.

CHAETOCHELOA LACHNEA (Nees). Brazil.

Panicum lachneum Nees, Agrost. Bras. 248. 1829.

—A. S. Hitchcock.

* See Contr. U. S. Nat. Herb. 12:195. 1909.

† Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington 28:25. 1915. Synonymy and citations are given.



Hitchcock, A. S. 1916. "Note on some foreign grasses." *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington* 29, 128–128.

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