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A NEW COMBINATION IN *ACMISPON* (FABACEAE: LOTEAE) FOR CALIFORNIA

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ABSTRACT

The new combination *Acmispon argophyllus* (A.Gray) Brouillet var. *niveus* (Greene) Brouillet is made.  
Key words: *Acmispon*, California, Fabaceae, Loteae, North America, Santa Cruz Island.

***Acmispon argophyllus*** (A.Gray) Brouillet var. ***niveus*** (Greene) Brouillet, comb. et stat. nov.—TYPE: California. Santa Cruz Island [s.d.], *E.L. Greene s.n.* (holotype CAS!, isotype (part of type) UC!).

Basionym: *Syrmatium niveum* Greene, *Bull. Calif. Acad. Sci.* **2**: 148 (1886).

*Lotus niveus* (Greene) Greene, *Pittonia* **2**: 148 (1890); *L. argophyllus* (A.Gray) Greene var. *niveus* (Greene) Ottley, *Univ. Calif. Publ. Bot.* **10(3)**: 237–238 (1923); *L. argophyllus* (A.Gray) Greene subsp. *niveus* (Greene) Munz, *A Flora of Southern California*: 446 (1974).

When publishing new names in *Acmispon* (Brouillet 2008), *A. argophyllus* (A.Gray) Brouillet variety *niveus*, the Santa Cruz Island bird's-foot trefoil, was omitted. Furthermore, synonymy for this variety was attached incorrectly to var. *fremontii* (A.Gray) Brouillet. This is rectified above.

Variety *niveus* is a northern Channel Islands (California) endemic that is distinguished from the closely related southern Channel Islands endemic var. *adsurgens* (Dunkle) Brouillet by stems ascending to erect (vs. erect), less crowded leaves, a silky (vs. silvery) indumentum, smaller umbels (6–10 vs. 10–13 flowers), and slightly longer calyx lobes (2.5–5.0 vs. 2.5–3.5 mm).

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