

places, so that the specific distinctness of this and *Gnaphalium fernandezianum*, from all previously described forms, is problematical, and only to be ascertained by studying the whole of the species of this group of the genus.

***Gnaphalium fernandezianum*, Philippi.**

*Gnaphalium fernandezianum*, Philippi in Bot. Zeit., 1856, p. 646.

JUAN FERNANDEZ and MASAFUERA. *Philippi*.

Specimens collected in Juan Fernandez by Reed and Moseley agree fairly well with the description; but they are named, perhaps correctly, *Gnaphalium berterianum*, DC., a common Chilean species.

[*Gnaphalium decurrens*, Ives, is recorded (Gay, Fl. Chil., iv. p. 224) from Juan Fernandez, probably through an error in naming. It is a North American species, not unlike, though distinct from, *Gnaphalium cheiranthifolium*.]

***Galinsoga parviflora*, Cav.**

*Galinsoga parviflora*, Cav., Ic. Pl., iii. p. 41, t. 281; DC., Prodr., v. p. 667; Gay, Fl. Chil., iv. p. 267.

JUAN FERNANDEZ. *Philippi*.

An annual plant generally diffused in cultivated ground, roadsides, &c., in North and South America, as well as in many parts of the Old World, where, however, it is known to have been originally introduced. It is doubtless a colonist in Juan Fernandez.

***Rhetinodendron* (Meissn.) berteroi, Hemsl.**

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*Balbisia berterii*, DC. in Guill. Archives de Bot., ii. p. 333; DC., Prodr., vi. p. 447; Delessert, Ic. Sel., iv. t. 62; Dene. in Ann. Sc. Nat., sér. 2, i. p. 16, t. 1.

*Vendredia berterii*, Baill., Histoire des Plantes, Monogr. Comp., pp. 264 et 265.

*Ingenhousia thurifera*, Bertero MSS. in Herb. Kew.

JUAN FERNANDEZ.—Endemic. Shady woods in the higher mountains—*Bertero*, 1407; *Cuming*, 1329; *Reed*; *Moseley*.

As the name *Balbisia* is retained for a genus of Geraniaceæ, it is only right to restore Meissner's appropriate name<sup>1</sup> *Rhetinodendron* for this genus, for there is no doubt that he had the same plant under consideration which De Candolle described and named *Balbisia berterii*. Meissner founded his genus without giving any specific name or citing the collector of the plant he described. By an oversight *Rhetinodendron* was not taken up in the Genera Plantarum of Bentham and Hooker, though Steudel and Pfeiffer both include it as a synonym of *Balbisia*, DC. Baillon, perceiving that the name *Balbisia* was already occupied, replaced it by *Vendredia*, overlooking the fact of the existence of *Rhetino-*

<sup>1</sup> Genera Plantarum, 1839, p. 216.