

standpoint of our present knowledge, in the hope that a higher morphological interest might be added to a work which would otherwise have contained little more than descriptive and distributional details.

Two or three species have by an oversight received names which had been already appropriated. In the Explanation of the Plates, however, and in the Index, legitimate names have been substituted for those previously used, while the latter have been retained between brackets, and it is hoped that all danger of confusion will be thus avoided. The magnified figures contained in the Plates have been all drawn by the author, and in almost every instance those which represent the natural size of the species by Miss M. M'Daniel.

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