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MYRISTICA JOHNSII (MYRISTICACEAE), A NAME CHANGE

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Dr. Bob Johns (Kew) was generous enough to let me handle the following. While preparing a check list of the endemic species of the Milne Bay Archipelago (Papua New Guinea) he struck the problem that *Myristica polyantha* W.J. de Wilde is antedated by *Myristica polyantha* (Warb.) Boerl. The latter name, which is a synonym of *Horsfieldia laevigata* (Blume) Warb., was overlooked by me for homonymy, as it was proposed quite long after Warburg established the clear genus *Horsfieldia* beside *Myristica*. It is a pleasure herewith to rename *Myristica polyantha* W.J. de Wilde. I thank Dr. J.F. Veldkamp (Leiden) for facilitating the publication of the name change in short term.

Myristica johnsii W.J. de Wilde, *nom. nov.*

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