

# THE CONSERVATION OF PUMSTEADIA RIGBY 1963 OVER CISTELLA PLUMSTEAD 1958

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Plumstead (1958) proposed the name **Cistella** for a genus of glossopterid fructifications, apparently being unaware that the name was preoccupied. It had been used twice previously:

**Cistella** Blume 1825 (Orchidaceae), and  
**Cistella** Quélet 1886 (Hyaloscypheaceae).

Cash and Stevenson (1961) proposed to conserve **Cistella** Quélet 1886 over **Cistella** Blume 1825.

Wesley (1963) drew attention to the preoccupation of **Cistella**, hence **Cistella** Plumstead (1958) was invalid, but suggested no remedial action.

Rigby (1963) proposed the genus **Plumsteadia** for a glossopterid fructification that has since been considered synonymous with **Cistella** Plumstead 1958 by White (1964).

White's conclusion is accepted, but as **Cistella** is preoccupied, it is necessary to place all species included in **Cistella** Plumstead into some other genus. It is logical to place these species in **Plumsteadia** as this name has been used already for these fructifications. This would result in the following changes in nomenclature.

**Plumsteadia stricta** (Plumstead) comb. nov.

1958. **Cistella stricta** Plumstead: 65-67; Pl. XVIII-XX.

1967. **Cistella stricta** Plumstead, in Townrow: 459; fig. 3D.

**Plumsteadia waltonii** (Plumstead) comb. nov.

1958. **Cistella waltonii** Plumstead: 61; Pl. XXI, figs. 1, 1<sup>a</sup>.

**Plumsteadia microsacca** Rigby.

1963. **Plumsteadia microsacca** Rigby: 344-345; Pl. XI, fig. 5.

**Plumsteadia bowenensis** (White) comb. nov.

1964. **Cistella bowenensis** White: 394-395; Pl. XXIV, fig. 11.

**Plumsteadia ampla** (White) comb. nov.

1964. **Cistella ampla** White: 395-396; Pl. XXIV, fig. 13.

**Plumsteadia indica** (Maheshwari) comb. nov.

1965. **Cistella ampla** Maheshwari: 144-145; Pl. 1 ,fig. 1.

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