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- abadiana** L. *-ana*, indicating connection. From Abadia, Brazil
- abakanensis** L. *-ensis*, denoting origin. From Abakan, Siberia
- abata** Gk *abatos*, pure. Grows in dense pure stands or the segregation of the species left related taxa more clearly defined
- abbreviata** L. *abbrevio*, shorten. Culms short
- abchazicum** L. *-icum*, belonging to. From Abchaza, Southern Caucasus
- aberrans** L. *aberro*, wander away. Unlike related species, the awn is scarcely exerted from spikelet
- abessinica** L. *-ica*, belonging to. From Abessin, now Ethiopia
- abietifolia** L. *folium*, leaf. The leaf-blades resemble the leaves of *Abies*
- abietina** L. *-ina*, indicating possession. Growing in *Abies* forests
- abietorum** L. *-etum*, place of growth. Growing in *Abies* forests
- abludens** L. *abludo*, be unlike. Differing markedly from related species
- abnormis** L. *ab-*, away from; *norma*, model. Differing from the expected
- Abola** Meaning obscure, derivation not given by author
- abolinii** In honor of Robert Ivanovic Abolin (1886-?) Latvian-born Russian botanist
- abortiv-a, -um** L. aborted. – (1) The sessile spikelet of each pair is sterile. *Digitaria abortiva* – (2) the apex of rhachis projects as a bristle beyond the uppermost spikelet. *Panicum abortivum*
- abrahamii** In honor of – (1) A. Abraham, Indian botanist. *Ischaemum abrahamii* – (2) A. A. Abraham (fl. 1919) who collected in Guyana. *Paspalum abrahamii*
- abregoens-e, -is** L. *-ense*, denoting origin. From Abrego, Colombia
- abromeitiana** L. *-ana*, indicating connection. In honor of Johannes Abromeit (1857–1946) German botanist
- abrumpens** L. *abrumpo*, break off. The spikelets break off below the glumes
- abscissum** L. *abscindo*, divide. The inflorescence comprises several axillary panicles
- absimil-e, -is** L. unlike. Readily distinguishable from related species
- abstrusum** L. concealed. Inflorescence partially enclosed in the sheath of subtending leaf
- abyssinic-a, -um, -us** L. *-ica*, belonging to. From Abyssinia, now Ethiopia
- academica** Gk *-ica*, belonging to; *Akademia*, a school in Athens in Classical times. Found growing in the vicinity of the University City of Cordoba, Argentina
- acadiense** L. *-ense*, denoting origin. From Acadia, which in the 1600s was the name given to the area of North America comprising the present Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and a section of New Brunswick
- acamptoclada** Gk *a-*, without; *kampto*, bend; *klados*, branch. Primary panicle branches rigid
- Acamptoclados** Gk *a-*, without; *kampto*, bend; *klados*, branch. Culms stiff
- acamptophylla** Gk *a-*, without; *kampto*, bend; *phyllon*, leaf. The leaf-blade is rigid and held erect

- acanthoneuron** Gk *akantha*, prickles or thorn; *neuron*, nerve. Glume nerves bear conspicuous curved spines
- acanthophylla** Gk *akantha*, prickles or thorn; *phyllon*, leaf. Leaf-blades sharp pointed
- acarifer-a, -um** L. *acarina*, mite; *fero*, carry or bear. Spikelets have the appearance of mites
- accedens** L. *accedo*, resemble. Similar to another species
- accrescens** L. *accresco*, grow. Spikelets growing larger after anthesis
- acerosa** L. *acer*, sharp; *-osa*, abundance. Lemmas terminating in a sharp point
- Achaeta** Gk *a-*, without; *chaete*, bristle. Rhachilla extension feathery rather than bristle-like as in associated genera
- achalensis** L. *-ensis*, denoting origin. From Sierra Achala, Argentina
- Achlaena** Gk *a-*, without; *chlaena*, cloak. Glumes missing or reduced to a cupule
- achlysophila** Gk *achlys*, mist; *phileo*, love. Grows on wet rocks adjacent to waterfalls
- achmadii** In honor of Achmadi (fl. 1917–1920) Indonesian plant collector
- Achnatherum** Gk *achne*, scale; *ather*, barb or spine. Lemma awned
- Achnella** Hybrids between species of *Nassella* and *Achnatherum*
- Achneria** Origin obscure, but possibly an incomplete anagram of *Eriachne*. Name has been used for two quite distinct grass genera
- Achnodon** Gk *achne*, scale; *odous*, tooth. The glumes terminate in a mucro or awn
- Achnodonton** See *Achnodon*
- Achrochloa** See *Airochloa*
- Achroostachys** See *Athrostachys*
- achtarovii** In honor of Boris T. Achtarov (1885–1959) who collected in Bulgaria
- Achyrodes** Gk *achyron*, chaff; *-odes*, resembling. The sterile spikelets have as many as ten or more lemmas lacking flowers
- Aciachne** Gk *akis*, pointed object; *achne*, scale. The lemma is drawn out into a point
- Acicarpa** Gk *akis*, pointed object; *karpós*, fruit. Grain apex acute and surmounted by base of persistent style
- acicular-e, -is** L. *acus*, needle; *-ulus*, diminutive; *-are*, pertaining to. – (1) Leaf-blades sharp-pointed. *Panicum aciculare* – (2) callus sharp pointed. *Andropogon acicularis*, *Raphis acicularis*
- acicularifolium** L. *acus*, needle; *-ulus*, diminutive; *-aris*, pertaining; *folium*, leaf. Leaf-blades pungent
- acicularis** See *aciculare*
- aciculatus** L. *acus*, needle; *-ulus*, diminutive; *-atus*, possessing. – (1) Possessing spikelets with a needle-like callus. *Andropogon aciculatus*, *Chrysopogon aciculatus* – (2) lemma with a long thin awn. *Campulosus aciculatus*
- Acidosasa** L. *acidus*, disagreeable; Japanese *sasa*, dwarf bamboo. The first species described did not fit into any of the related genera
- acinaciformis** L. *akinakes*, short sword; *forma*, appearance. Lemma the shape of a short Persian sword
- acinaciphylla** Gk *akinakes*, short sword; *phyllon*, leaf. Leaf-blade the shape of a short Persian sword
- acinifolius** L. *acinaces*, short sword; *folium*, leaf. Leaf-blades inrolled, rigid and usually quite pungent
- acinosa** L. *acinus*, berry; *-osa*, abundance. Inflorescence a contracted panicle resembling a bunch of grapes
- aciphylla** Gk *akis*, pointed object; *phyllon*, leaf. Leaf-blades rigid and pungent
- Acophorum** Gk *akoe*, ear; *phero*, bear. Origin in doubt, not given by author
- acostae** In honor of José de Acosta (1540–1600) Spanish Jesuit and scholar who travelled extensively in Central and South America and for his writings earned the title “Pliny of the New World”
- Acostia** In honor of Misael Acosta-Solis (1910–1994) Ecuadoran pharmacologist
- acostia** A species name derived from the monospecific *Acostia*, to avoid forming a homonym, if the genus is included in *Panicum*
- Acrachne** Gk *akros*, at the tip; *achne*, scale. Racemes terminate in an aborted spikelet
- acraea** Gk *akrea*, dwelling on heights. A species of high mountain grasslands

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