

Gray Herbarium



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Dear Dr. Kennedy:

I have stumbled upon the startling fact, in writing up the genus for my New England Flora, that the splendid Sabatia of southeastern Massachusetts which has always passed as S. chloroides or S. dodecandra is a remarkably distinct species much more nearly related to S. decandra of Florida than to S. dodecandra, which is a salt marsh plant occurring from Long Island to Alabama and having comparatively inconspicuous flowers.

It has long been my wish to dedicate to you some species of real distinction, but most of my recent species have been from Newfoundland or other regions with little or no association with your name. Now, however, I have a really good species, one of the finest plants of eastern America, and typical of southern New England. I am therefore delighted to label it Sabatia Kennedyana and I trust that you will make no objection to the name.

Ever since I was out in December, I have tried to see ahead a time when I could make an appointment to go over your Willoughby plants, but two deaths in the family as well as the daily interruptions of classes, and the complications of a family of children have kept me very closely within a limited beat. I still hope to get out soon - and I think very soon, for lectures are over in two weeks. Sincerely yours,
Frederick J. Fernald



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