

New York,

March 23 1891

My Dear Dr. Watson:

I must apologize
for keeping your Polygalas
and Xyriss so very long.
We have been through
with the Polygalas some
time, but the Xyris group
is a very hard one, and
has needed very close work.
I hope to get them all
back safely in the course
of a week.

I don't see how the plant
you have recently distributed
in Pringle's things as Desmo-
diurnum viridiflorum can be
the same as our Atlantic
Coast species. The trouble
seems to have come through
Ben Thoms naming Gregg's
plant so at Kew. Pringle's

is the same as one of
Lindheimer's which does
not seem to have had a
name put on it. The
species seems to me nearer
D. canescens. Unless you
have some serious objection
to interpose I propose to
get the Southwestern species
described as D. Lindheimeri.
Will you kindly have the
Atlantic and P. W. plants
compared as your
specimens illustrate them
and drop me a line?

Very Truly Yours,
N. L. Britton.



Britton, Nathaniel Lord. 1891. "Britton, Nathaniel L. Mar. 23, 1891 [to S. Watson]." *Asa Gray correspondence*

View This Item Online: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/item/252400>

Permalink: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/partpdf/269298>

Holding Institution

Harvard University Botany Libraries

Sponsored by

Arcadia 19th Century Collections Digitization/Harvard Library

Copyright & Reuse

Copyright Status: Public domain. The BHL considers that this work is no longer under copyright protection.

This document was created from content at the **Biodiversity Heritage Library**, the world's largest open access digital library for biodiversity literature and archives. Visit BHL at <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org>.