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Notes on Early Land Plants Today. 4. *Aponardia* gen. et stat nov.

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Nardia huerlimannii has always been an alien element in *Nardia* Carrington (1870). Schuster (2002) proposed a new subgenus for this species, but the morphological and ecological differences are large enough to separate it from *Nardia* as an independent genus. Maximally incrassate cells of the stem, 1–2 cells rows (merophytes) leaf-free dorsally, stellate leaf cells with very conspicuous middle lamellae, very coarse trigones, conspicuously papillose cell surface (cells looks to be coarsely elevated) etc. are characteristics not known in any other species of the genus *Nardia*. Moreover, the species is corticolous, and all other known *Nardia* species are terricolous or saxicolous. Unfortunately this species is known only from sterile material and it has not yet been included in any molecular study so the correct family placement is not known.

***Aponardia* (R.M.Schust.) Váňa comb. et stat. nov.** Basionym:—*Nardia* subgen. *Aponardia* R.M.Schust., *Beih. Nova Hedwigia* 119: 360, 2002 (Schuster 2002). Type:—*Nardia huerlimannii* Váňa et Grolle.

***Aponardia huerlimannii* (Váňa et Grolle) Váňa comb. nov.** Basionym:—*Nardia huerlimannii* Váňa et Grolle, *Österr. Bot. Z.* 118: 233, 1970 (Váňa 1970). Holotype:—NOUVELLE CALEDONIE, en forêt mésophile sur la pente Ouest d'un centrefort du Pic Buse vers la cote 500 m de la route vers la Montagne des Sources, 580 m s. m., 30. XII. 1950 leg. H. Hürlimann n. 2227 (Z, isotype in PRC!).

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