Pavetta bridsoniae (Rubiaceae), a replacement name for a Zimbabwean species

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Summary. The species name *Pavetta muelleri* Bridson is an illegitimate homonym of *P. muelleri* Bremek. A replacement name (*P. bridsoniae* P. I. Forst.) honouring Diane Bridson is proposed for this Zimbabwean species.

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Introduction

The genus *Pavetta* L. is widespread in the Old World tropics with between 350 and 400 species (Bridson 2003; Govaerts *et al.* 2011). Most species are found on the African continent, although outliers of the genus occur as far afield as Melanesia and Australia (Reynolds 1993; Govaerts *et al.* 2011).

During preparation of a *Flora of Australia* account for *Pavetta*, it was noticed that *Pavetta muelleri* Bridson (originally as '*mulleri*') described from Zimbabwean material (Bridson 2001), was a later homonym for *P. muelleri* Bremek. from northern Australia (Reynolds 1993). A replacement name is proposed here, honouring Diane Bridson who worked for many years on Rubiaceae from Africa and Asia.

***Pavetta bridsoniae* P. I. Forst. nom. nov.**

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