

COMPTONIA BRUNNATA, W. & A.

From California.

Collected by W. & A. Compton.

The following description is based on the type material, which consists of a single specimen, a branch with leaves and flowers, collected by W. & A. Compton in California. The plant is a small, upright, woody shrub, with a single stem, and a dense, rounded, terminal panicle of flowers. The leaves are alternate, ovate, with a serrated margin, and a prominent midrib. The flowers are small, tubular, and arranged in a dense, rounded panicle. The fruit is a small, globose, capsule, which is persistent on the stem. The plant is native to California, and is found in the mountains of the Sierra Nevada range. It is a member of the Compositae family, and is closely related to the genus *Comptonia*. The name *Comptonia brunneata* is proposed for this species, in honor of the collectors, W. & A. Compton.