

The Herbarium,

Royal Botanic Gardens,

Kew, Surrey.

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My dear Professor,

Many thanks for the two specimens of Agropyrum. I take them to be forms of Agropyrum litorale, Dum. (Triticum litorale, Host). We get the same forms side by side on the south coast of England and we have them in our collections also from the coasts of the Adriatic. They seem to represent more or less fixed races and unless the contrary is proved they should be treated as varieties or subspecies of A.litorale. I prefer the name 'litorale' to 'pungens' as Duval Jouve and Ascherson & Graebner have suggested that the original Triticum pungens of Persoon was a cross of A.repens and A.junceum. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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