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Notes on Early Land Plants Today. 3. *Fossombronia ruminata* Cargill, a new name for *Fossombronia maritima* G.A.M.Scott et D.C.Pike ex Cargill, *nom. illeg.*

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Fossombronia maritima G.A.M.Scott et D.C.Pike (1987: 378) is invalid, as it was described from multiple gatherings. The name was later validated via typification by Cargill in McCarthy (2003: 114) as *Fossombronia maritima* G.A.M.Scott et D.C.Pike ex Cargill.

However, in the interim *Fossombronia pusilla* var. *maritima* (Paton 1973: 244) had been elevated to species rank as *Fossombronia maritima* (Paton) Paton (1994: 367). This rendered *Fossombronia maritima* G.A.M.Scott et D.C.Pike ex Cargill an illegitimate later homonym for which a new name is required.

Fossombronia ruminata Cargill, *nom. nov.* pro *Fossombronia maritima* G.A.M.Scott et D.C.Pike ex Cargill, in P.M.McCarthy, *Fl. Australia Suppl. Ser.* 21: 114, 2003 (McCarthy 2003). Holotype:—AUSTRALIA, Victoria, Portland, Nelson Bay, 15 Sept. 1984, B. Fuhrer & D.C. Pike (MUCV 5519).

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