

Department of Agriculture

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My Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for the communication re the fungus on *Avicennia* & I have named it at your suggestion, *Botrytis argillacea*, var. *avicenniae*. As I did not keep a copy of my Classification of Australian Fungi, I would be obliged for its return & would like to know if you are likely to have your complete classification issued this year. Have you a spare copy of your pamphlet on "Chromotaxie"?

Accompanying this I send 2 pamphlets & would call your particular attention

to the one on 'Looty Mounds'. It seems rather strange that a new species should infect our Orange-trees in Australia but I am inclined to think that it passes from our native vegetation, although I have not as yet definitely proved it.

In the New South Wales specimens (page 483 & Pl. XXXIII) I only found the early stages of the 'Looty Mounds', & as this is mistaken by some for a distinct disease, I would like to know if you have anything corresponding to this in Italy. What I have called 'quadrate gemmae' (fig. 42) are very characteristic of all the specimens. I enclose a N.S.W. specimen. For the past three years I have been working at our Vine Fungi & you will shortly receive an account of 9 or 10 new species. I remain
Yours faithfully
J. M. Alpine