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*Comptonia*

*Myricaceae*

*Comptonia* commemorates the English prelate and denrologist, Henry Compton (1632-1713) who crowned William III when he became King of Britain. In 1675, after one year as Bishop of Oxford, he became Bishop of London and Privy Councillor under Charles II. He was suspended from both posts for his Protestant views by James II, but resumed them under William and Mary and maintained them when Anne ascended the throne. Under the previous reign he had been involved in revising the liturgy and under Anne he participated in arranging the terms of the English and Scottish Union. His Fulham Palace Gardens, especially celebrated during the reign of William and Mary, contained specimens of North American magnolia, pine and oak. He was a patron of botany and authorities note that he arranged for botanically trained missionaries to contact some of the North American Indian tribes.