

Dawson Turner on Ellen Hutchins

From the entry on *Fucus fruticulosus* in Vol IV of Dawson Turner's *Historia Fucorum* p74

Often as I have had occasion in the course of this work to mention the name of Miss Hutchins, and to express my thankfulness for the earnest kindness and liberality with which she has assisted me throughout the whole course of it, as well as my admiration of the extraordinary talents and no less extraordinary industry which she displays in the pursuit of Natural History, I have still always felt it impossible to express myself either on the one subject or the other in terms equal to my own wishes or to her deserts, and it is therefore with peculiar gratification I have lately observed, that one of those Botanists, of whom the present generation have most reason to be proud, has, though wholly unknown to her, just distinguished her in the most flattering manner, by dedicating to her, in the new edition of the *Hortus Kewensis*, a genus of phaenogamous plants.

Note: the Botanist referred to as having named a flowering plant after Ellen, is Robert Brown, known also for his work on microscopes and for discovering "Brownian motion". The plant, *Hutchinsia petraea* / *alpina*, has been renamed *Hornungia*, but the *Hutchinsia* name remains in use by nurseries etc.