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ABSTRACT

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Accurate species delimitation has critical implications for ecological and conservation studies; and for understanding factors driving diversification. However, a growing body of evidence indicates that morphology-based species circumspection in lichenized ascomycetes often fails to accurately represent the number of fungal species. The use of molecular data in lichen systematics provides an important alternative to traditional morphological characters for identifying natural groups and assessing evolutionary histories in challenging lichen taxa. In this work, I examined two common lichen-forming genera in western North America, *Rhizoplaca* and *Xanthoparmelia*, as models for investigating character evolution, species delimitation in morphologically and chemically diverse species, and identification of lineages in the early stages of divergence. Phylogenetic hypotheses were reconstructed to assess character evolution using sequence data from four nuclear ribosomal markers and fragments from two nuclear loci. I applied a multifaceted approach to delimit species in *Rhizoplaca* and *Xanthoparmelia* by assembling multiple lines of evidence using DNA sequence data, and genealogical and population genetic analyses. I have found that traditionally circumscribed species are not supported by molecular data. For example, in *Rhizoplaca* previously unrecognized lineages were identified within what has thus far been considered a single species. In contrast, morphologically and chemically distinct species within *Xanthoparmelia* were not supported by molecular data. Distinct medullary chemistries, growth forms, and the production of vegetative diaspores appear to have evolved independently multiple times in *Xanthoparmelia*. This work clearly indicates that morphological and chemical characters do not always accurately reflect lichen species diversity within even the best known and studied genera. My study of the *Rhizoplaca melanophthalma* species complex demonstrates that the genus *Rhizoplaca*, as presently circumscribed, is more diverse in western North America than previously thought. I present these analyses as a working example of species delimitation in morphologically cryptic lichenized fungi. In *Xanthoparmelia* diagnostic morphological and chemical characters have evolved in a highly homoplasious manner. In contrast to other studies documenting previously undiscovered fungal lineages masked within lichen species circumscribed by traditional morphological and chemical characters, my work suggests that species diversity has been overestimated in the lichen genus *Xanthoparmelia*.

Keywords: character evolution, convergence, lichens, morphology, Parmeliaceae, *Rhizoplaca*, secondary metabolites, speciation, species concepts, species delimitation, vagrant lichens, *Xanthoparmelia*

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CHAPTER ONE

Complex patterns of speciation in cosmopolitan “rock posy” lichens - an integrative approach to discovering and delimiting fungal species in the lichen-forming *Rhizoplaca melanophthalma* species-complex (Lecanoraceae, Ascomycota)

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Abstract

A growing body of evidence indicates that morphology-based species circumspection of lichenized ascomycetes greatly misrepresents the number of existing species. Recently it has been demonstrated that population-level processes operating within diverging populations can facilitate the identification of lineages in the early stages of species divergence. The cosmopolitan “rock posy” lichen (*Rhizoplaca melanophthalma*) species-complex includes a number of morphologically distinct species that are both geographically and ecologically widespread, providing a model system to evaluate speciation in lichen-forming ascomycetes. In this study, we assembled multiple lines of evidence from ribosomal and nuclear DNA sequence data, morphology, and biochemistry for species delimitation in the *Rhizoplaca melanophthalma* species-complex. Using multiple analytic approaches, we recover a total of ten candidate species in this study, four of which were described as distinct taxa and six previously unrecognized lineages found within what has been thus far considered a single species. Multiple instances of sympatry support the view that these lineages merit recognition as distinct taxa. Generally, we found little corroboration between morphological and chemical characters and previously unidentified lineages defined in this study, as most candidate species were morphologically polymorphic. However, secondary metabolite data supported one cryptic saxicolous lineage, characterized by orsellinic-derived gyrophoric and lecanoric acids, which we consider to be taxonomically significant. Our study of the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex indicates that the genus *Rhizoplaca*, as presently circumscribed, is more diverse in western North American than originally perceived, and we present our analyses as a working example of species delimitation in morphologically cryptic and recently diverged lichenized fungi.

Key words: lichen species concepts, *Rhizoplaca*, secondary metabolites, speciation, species delimitation, sympatry, vagrant lichens

Introduction

Lichens are obligate symbiotic systems consisting of a filamentous fungus, a photosynthetic partner (eukaryotic alga and/or cyanobacterium), and, at least in some cases, non-photosynthetic bacteria (Cardinale et al., 2008; Grube et al., 2009; Hodkinson and Lutzoni, 2009; Selbmann et al., 2010). The lichenized condition has been extremely successful for many fungal lineages, with an estimated 40% of all ascomycetes forming lichens (Lutzoni, Pagel, and Reeb, 2001). Traditionally, morphology and the expression of signature secondary metabolites have been used to define taxonomic boundaries for lichenized fungi (Culberson, 1972; Hale, 1990; Huneck and Yoshimura, 1996; Huneck, 1999). However, these characters are often widely variable, and their homology has proven difficult to assess between and within taxonomic groups (LaGreca and Lumbsch, 2001; Lumbsch and Schmitt, 2001; Blanco et al., 2004a; Ott et al., 2004; Crespo et al., 2007). A growing body of evidence suggests that in many cases lichen species diversity has been misrepresented (Kroken and Taylor, 2001; Buschbom and Mueller, 2006; Wirtz, Printzen, and Lumbsch, 2008; Crespo and Pérez-Ortega, 2009; O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009; Printzen, 2009; Wedin et al., 2009), and morphology/chemistry-based species circumscriptions may underestimate lichenized ascomycete diversity, especially within morphologically similar species with cosmopolitan distributions (Hawksworth, 2001; Crespo et al., 2002; Molina et al., 2002; Murtagh et al., 2002; Dettman, Jacobson, and Taylor, 2003; Divakar et al., 2005).

Because species represent fundamental units of analysis in various sub-disciplines of biology, accurate species diagnoses are critical. Therefore, reassessing current species delimitation is particularly relevant in lichenized fungi, especially in cases when well-established morphological and chemical characters used to define species boundaries are uninformative or

incongruent. One of several challenges associated with empirical species delimitation in lichenized fungi is finding and applying the appropriate character sets and analytical tools (Wirtz, Printzen, and Lumbsch, 2008; Crespo and Pérez-Ortega, 2009). In spite of the complicated issues associated with attempts to empirically define species, all contemporary species concepts share the common view that species are segments of separately evolving metapopulation lineages (de Queiroz, 1998, 1999; Mayden, 1999; de Queiroz, 2007). This concept allows researchers to investigate species delimitation using different empirical properties and facilitates the development of new methods to test hypotheses of lineage separation (de Queiroz, 2007). A rapidly growing interest in species delimitations has resulted in novel approaches to investigate species boundaries (Sites and Marshall, 2004; Knowles and Carstens, 2007; O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009; Vieites et al., 2009; Carstens and Dewey, 2010; O'Meara, 2010; Weisrock et al., 2010; Yang and Rannala, 2010), and more properties (lines of evidence) supporting putative lineages are associated with a higher degree of corroboration (de Queiroz, 2007). Methods identifying lineages in the early stages of species divergence are particularly informative in understanding the processes driving speciation (Wiens, 2004; Weisrock et al., 2010).

An integrative approach to species delimitation is recognized as an essential strategy for rigorously testing species boundaries, particularly among cases involving recent speciation events (Will, Mishler, and Wheeler, 2005; Knowles and Carstens, 2007; Roe and Sperling, 2007). Reliance on a single type of data, such as molecular, morphological, or chemical, often provides an incomplete or inaccurate view of true relationships. Although different data sets and different operational criteria may give conflicting or ambiguous results due to multiple evolutionary processes occurring within and between populations, the use of several independent

suites of characters, such as morphology, geographic range, host preference, and cross-validation using inferences from multiple empirical operational criteria have been shown to establish robust species boundaries (Hey et al., 2003; Sites and Marshall, 2004; Dayrat, 2005; Duminil et al., 2006a; Roe and Sperling, 2007; O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009; Ruiz-Sanchez and Sosa, 2010; Weisrock et al., 2010).

As traditional characters used to delimit lichen species tend to misrepresent mycobiont diversity, we feel it is important to address lichen species boundaries using an integrative approach based on multiple independent datasets and operational criteria to effectively identify and delimit lichen species. We selected the rock posy *Rhizoplaca melanophthalma* species-complex (Ascomycota, Lecanorales, Lecanoraceae) as a model system to assess species diversity for this study because of its broad ecological and geographical distribution, morphological, chemical and genetic diversity, and its importance as a sensitive indicator of environmental health (Leuckert, Poelt, and Hahnel, 1977; Dillman, 1996; Arup and Grube, 2000; Aslan, Budak, and Karabulut, 2004; Ugur et al., 2004; Zhou et al., 2006). This group was identified as a well-supported monophyletic lineage and includes the placodioid crustose taxon, *Lecanora novomexicana* H. Magn., the umblicate taxon *R. melanophthalma* (DC.) Leuckert & Poelt, and at least 4 vagrant, obligatory unattached, species (Arup and Grube, 2000).

The green rock posy lichen *R. melanophthalma* sensu lato (s. l.) has a worldwide distribution, and in North America it ranges from the northern boreal zone to Mexico along the Rocky Mountain corridor. It is commonly found in the Intermountain Western United States growing in large populations on rocky substrates. Specimens are generally umblicate (fixed to the substrate by a single point of attachment), but often appear squamulose or pulvinate (polyphyllous), and considerable chemical variation is found within the species (McCune, 1987;

Ryan, 2001). However, the assignment of taxonomic rank to distinct morphologies and chemotypes within *R. melanophthalma* s. l. remains uncertain. The vagrant, obligatory unattached, taxa in North America, including *R. cylindrica* (not formally described), *R. haydenii* (Tuck.) W. A. Weber, *R. haydenii* subspecies (ssp.) *arbuscula* Rosentreter, *R. idahoensis* Rosentreter & McCune, *R. melanophthalma* subsp. *cerebriformis* Rosentreter & B. D. Ryan, *R. melanophthalma* ssp. *crispa* Rosentreter & B. D. Ryan, and *R. subidahoensis* (not formally described), are endemic to the high plains and mountains of the central and northern Rocky Mountains in western North America and are particularly susceptible to habitat fragmentation, altered fire dynamics, and agricultural conversion (Rosentreter, 1993). The relationships of the closely related taxa within this group, including the placodioid *Lecanora novomexicana* and vagrant *Rhizoplaca* species remains unclear.

Speciation in lichenized fungi is, in general, understudied, and we present our analyses of the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex to represent the larger focus of this study, which is robust species delimitation in morphologically cryptic and recently diverged lichenized fungi. In this study we followed the general lineage concept (GLC; de Queiroz, 1998, 1999) as our non-operational species definition using an integrative approach to assess diversity within the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex. We analyzed molecular data within a phylogenetic framework to identify candidate species by examining monophyletic groups recovered in the topology, and assessed the putative lineages across individual gene trees to identify lineages that exhibited genealogical exclusivity, an expected pattern for divergent lineages (Avice and Ball, 1990; Baum and Shaw, 1995; Hudson and Coyne, 2002). Candidate species were also evaluated within a population-level framework to assess gene flow and genetic differentiation (O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009), and we used multi-locus sequence data to identify genetic

clusters without a priori assignment of individuals (Groeneveld et al., 2009; Weisrock et al., 2010). Finally, we investigated patterns in morphological and chemical variation and geographical and ecological distributions for each candidate species. The use of multiple data sets and the combination of analytical methods provides a robust approach to detect and evaluate unidentified lineages within the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex.

Materials and Methods

Taxon Sampling—Sequence data were analyzed from 170 individual poxy rock lichens. The focal group was represented by four species from the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex, including *R. melanophthalma* (127 specimens from 37 localities), *Lecanora novomexicana* (6 from 4 localities), *R. haydenii* (6 from 4 localities), and *R. idahoensis* (4 from 2 localities); three formally described subspecies (ssp.), *R. haydenii* ssp. *arbuscula* (2 from a single locality), *R. melanophthalma* ssp. *cerebriformis* (1), *R. melanophthalma* ssp. *crispa* (1); and two undescribed species, *R. cylindrica* (1) and *R. subidahoensis* (1). [Figure 1](#) depicts the high degree of morphological variation within the sampled *R. melanophthalma* species-complex in western North America. The present study emphasized umblicate saxicolous forms; therefore sampling of the lobate taxon *L. novomexicana* and vagrant taxa were relatively limited. Collections of *R. melanophthalma* s. l. were initially made in 1997 at ten, 9 x 15 m plots along an altitudinal gradient (2200 – 3400 m) at Thousand Lakes Mountain (TLM), Wayne County Utah, USA (Porter, 1998), and three additional 9 x 15 m plots (2200 m, 2800 m, and 3300 m) were collected on the neighboring Boulder Mountain Plateau (BM), Wayne and Garfield Counties, Utah, in 2008. Seven individual thalli were randomly chosen from each plot to assess ecological trends in distributions and reproductive isolation between candidate species identified in this study (see

section 3.3). We also sampled 39 additional specimens from the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex, collected from 24 populations throughout the Intermountain West, USA. Available internal transcribed spacer sequences obtained from GenBank, representing 20 individuals, were included to assess relationships within a broader taxonomic and phylogeographic context.

Rhizoplaca subdiscrepans (Nyl.) R. Sant. (3 specimens) and *R. chrysoleuca* (Sm.) Zopf (18 specimens) were selected as outgroups, as identified in previous studies (Arup and Grube, 2000; Cansaran et al., 2006; Zhou et al., 2006). Collection information for all included specimens is summarized in [Supplementary Table S1](#), and new voucher material generated for this study is housed at the Brigham Young University Herbarium of Nonvascular Cryptogams (BRY), Provo, Utah, USA.

Molecular data and sequence alignment—Total genomic DNA was isolated using either the E.Z.N.A. Plant DNA Kit (Omega Bio-Tek, Norcross, GA), following manufacturer's instructions, or the Prepease DNA Isolation Kit (USB, Cleveland, OH), following the plant leaf extraction protocol. We generated new sequence data via polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for five fungal nuclear markers including three nuclear ribosomal loci, the entire internal transcribed spacer region (ITS), a fragment of the intergenic spacer (IGS), and a group I intron located within nuclear SSU ribosomal DNA (Gutiérrez et al., 2007); and fragments from two low-copy protein-coding loci, *MCM7* and β -tubulin. The nuRNA gene tandem repeat exists in large copy numbers (100-200 copies) facilitating the amplification of the selected markers from older specimens (Thousand Lake Mountain collections made in 1997). Although low levels of intragenomic variation in fungal rDNA repeats suggest convergent evolution in which homogenization is very rapid and effectively maintains highly similar repeat arrays (Ganley and Kobayashi, 2007), previous studies have confirmed the utility of the sampled ribosomal loci for

species- and population-level studies in lichenized ascomycetes (Thell, 1999; Kroken and Taylor, 2001; Blanco et al., 2004b; Blanco O and et al., 2004; Buschbom and Mueller, 2006; Lindblom and Ekman, 2006; Brunauer et al., 2007; Gutiérrez et al., 2007; Wirtz, Printzen, and Lumbsch, 2008; O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009; Wedin et al., 2009). Although a gene duplication of β -tubulin has occurred within Ascomycota, the paralogs are easily distinguishable within the analyzed group, and the marker has been successfully employed to investigate α -level relationships in other lichenized ascomycetes (Buschbom and Mueller, 2006; O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009; Wedin et al., 2009).

Standard polymerase chain reactions (PCR) were used to amplify targeted loci. Fungal-specific primers used in PCR amplifications and in the cycle sequencing reactions are shown in [Table 1](#). PCR cycling parameters used for amplifying the ITS, group I Intron, and β -tubulin loci followed the methods of Blanco et al (2004); cycling parameters for amplifying the IGS followed the 66-56° touchdown reaction described in (Lindblom and Ekman, 2006); and PCR cycling parameters for amplifying the *MCM7* fragment followed Schmitt et al. (2009). PCR products were quantified on 1% agarose gel and stained with ethidium bromide. In cases where no PCR product was visualized for the β -tubulin and *MCM7* loci, internally nested PCR reactions were performed using 0.3 μ l of PCR product from the original reaction and newly developed internal primers 'BT-RhizoF' and 'BT-RhizoR' for the β -tubulin fragment, and 'Lec*MCM7f*' and 'Lec*MCM7r*' for the *MCM7* fragment. Nested PCR reactions followed the touchdown PCR cycling parameters described above used to amplify the IGS fragment. PCR fragments were cleaned using the PrepEase PCR Purification Kit (USB, Cleveland, OH), following manufacture's protocol, and complementary strands were sequenced using the same primers used for amplification. Sequencing reactions were performed using the Big Dye3 Termination

Sequencing Kit (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA), and products were run on an AB 3730xl automated sequencer at the DNA Sequencing Center, Brigham Young University Provo, Utah, USA.

Sequences were assembled and edited using Sequencher version 3.1.1 (Gene Codes Corporation, Ann Arbor, MI) and Se-AL v2.0a11 (Rambault, 1996), and sequence identity was confirmed with the ‘megaBLAST’ search in Genbank (Wheeler et al., 2006). Sequences were aligned in Muscle version 3.6 (Edgar, 2004), using default settings.

Nucleotide Polymorphism analyses and gene-flow estimation—We used DnaSP 5.10 (Librado and Rozas, 2009) to calculate basic nucleotide polymorphism statistics, including numbers of haplotypes (H), total number of polymorphic sites (N_{poly}), average pairwise diversity per site, (π ; Nei, 1987) for each candidate species (see section 3.3). In addition, gene flow between candidate species was assessed by calculating F_{ST} values using DnaSP and counting the number of fixed nucleotides for all pairwise comparisons (O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009). F -statistic calculations were estimated from specimens with complete ITS, IGS, β -tubulin, and *MCM7* dataset (the ribosomal group I intron was missing in all specimens assigned to a single candidate species, and this marker was therefore excluded from F_{ST} calculations). Aligned sequences were scanned for fixed characters between each candidate species and the remaining data matrix in DnaSP, and the total number of fixed nucleotide positions was tabulated for each candidate species.

Phylogenetic analyses—Preliminary phylogenetic reconstructions were performed for each sampled marker independently. However, overall weak phylogenetic signal was identified in the ribosomal group I intron and both protein-coding gene trees, and we preferred to concatenate all markers for phylogenetic reconstructions to improve topology and increase nodal

support (Wiens, 1998). Although potential pitfalls of concatenating independent nuclear genes in phylogenetic analyses exist (Degnan and Rosenberg, 2009; Edwards, 2009), coalescent-based methods using multilocus data to simultaneously identify independently evolving lineages and infer relationships among these are limited (O'Meara, 2009). Furthermore, coalescent-based phylogenetic methods are still very sensitive to deviations from assumptions, especially post-divergence introgression (Leache, 2009; Liu et al., 2009). Heterogeneity in phylogenetic signal among the sampled markers was assessed before combining the datasets (Lutzoni et al., 2004). We performed maximum likelihood (ML) analyses of the concatenated ribosomal dataset (ITS, IGS, and group I intron), β -tubulin, and *MCM7* markers separately in RAxML version 7.0.4 (Stamatakis, 2006; Stamatakis, Hoover, and Rougemont, 2008), using the 'rapid bootstrapping' option as implemented in the CIPRES Web Portal. RAxML allows partitioned analyses implementing the general time reversible (GTR) model of evolution for all partitions, and in the ribosomal dataset individual loci were treated as separate partitions. We used the GTRGAMMA model, which includes a parameter (Γ) for rate heterogeneity among sites, and chose not to include a parameter for estimating the proportion of invariable sites following recommendations of (Stamatakis, 2006). Support values for the ribosomal, β -tubulin, and *MCM7* phylogenies were examined for well-supported ($\geq 70\%$) conflicts between data sets (Lutzoni et al., 2004).

GenBank accessions were represented solely by ITS sequences, and exploratory phylogenetic reconstructions of all combined accessions and sequence data resulted in reduced nodal support across the topology and important ambiguous relationships. Therefore we chose not to include accessions represented solely by ITS sequences in the complete combined data in order to minimize the effect of missing data (Baurain, Brinkmann, and Philippe, 2007).

Phylogenetic relationships were estimated from the combined data set using mixed-model Bayesian inference (BI) as implemented in Mr.Bayes version 3.1.2 (Huelsenbeck and Ronquist, 2001). We used MrModeltest version 2.3 (Nylander et al., 2004) to identify the appropriate model of evolution for each marker using the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC; Posada and Crandall, 2001), and we treated each marker as a separate partition. Four independent replicate searches were executed with eight chains; each run started with randomly generated trees and consisted of sampling every 1000 generations for 20,000,000 generations. To evaluate stationarity and convergence between runs, log-likelihood scores were plotted using TRACER version 1.5 (Rambaut and Drummond 2003), ESS statistics, and the average standard deviation in split frequencies were assessed following (Hall, 2007). Trees generated prior to stationarity were discarded as “burn-in” (Huelsenbeck et al., 2001). The results were summarized with a majority-rule consensus tree from the remaining trees from the four independent runs. Bayesian posterior probabilities (PP) were assessed at all nodes, and clades with $PP \geq 0.95$ were considered strongly supported (Huelsenbeck and Rannala, 2004).

Because BI may resolve bifurcations with strong support when relationships are really unresolved (Kolaczkowski and Thornton, 2007), we conducted an ML analysis using RAxML 7.0.4, permitting each locus to evolve independently under the GTR substitution model (Stamatakis, 2006; Stamatakis, Hoover, and Rougemont, 2008). We used the GTRGAMMA model, which includes a parameter (Γ) for rate heterogeneity among sites. Following the recommendations of Stamatakis (2006), we did not include a parameter for the proportion of invariable sites, because Γ mathematically account for this source of rate heterogeneity by using 25 rate categories. A search combining 200 separate maximum likelihood searches (to find the

optimal tree) and 1000 “fastbootstrap” replicates to evaluate nodal support was conducted on the complete dataset.

In order to assess relationships within a broader geographic context we reconstructed the ITS gene tree using both BI and ML inference from all available ingroup ITS sequences, including 20 sequences retrieved from the GenBank database, with *R. chrysolueca* selected as the outgroup (Arup and Grube, 2000; Zhou et al., 2006). We implemented MrModeltest version 2.3 (Nylander et al., 2004) to identify the appropriate model of evolution using the AIC, and the ITS gene was treated as a single partition. BI and ML reconstructions were performed for the complete ITS dataset as described above.

The combined topology indicated strong phylogenetic subdivision within the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex, and the topology was used to guide the identification of candidate species for this study. We chose to define a total of 10 putative species to represent four currently accepted taxa and six phylogenetic lineages identified within the topology representing *R. melanophthalma* s. l. (section 3.3) Following the recommendations of Sites and Marshall (2004) and de Queiroz (2007), we implemented multiple analytical approaches to assess species boundaries for independent corroboration of the candidate species identified in the current study. We emphasized species delimitation criteria that identify lineages exhibiting the population genetic patterns of cohesion through gene flow to identify recently diverged species (Duminil et al., 2006b; Shaffer and Thomson, 2007; Weisrock et al., 2010).

Haplotype network reconstructions and genealogical concordance—Although topologies generated by concatenation are often reasonable approximations of reality (Weins 1998), concatenated datasets may potentially be misleading because they can generate unexpected phylogenetic signals, in particular those from DNA sequences sampled from rapidly

diverging clades (Kolaczkowski and Thornton, 2004; Edwards, Liu, and Pearl, 2007; Kubatko and Degnan, 2007; Matsen and Steel, 2007; Kolaczkowski and Thornton, 2008). Furthermore, in cases of low levels of divergence and non-bifurcating relationships, tree representation may fail to accurately portray a reasonable genealogy (Clement, Posada, and Crandall, 2000). In these cases, network approaches provide an important alternative to phylogenetic reconstructions. We used statistical parsimony to assess the genealogical relationship of every individual and compare relationships of candidate species between genes. Because recombination within nuclear genes can lead to errors in the estimated topology (Posada, Crandall, and Holmes, 2002), we tested for recombination events in the low-copy protein-coding markers using methods implemented in Recombination Detection Program RPD3 (Martin, Williamson, and Posada, 2005; Heath et al., 2006). Networks were constructed under a 95% parsimony probability criterion (Templeton, Crandall, and Sing, 1992) from concatenated ribosomal sequences (ITS, IGS, intron), the β -tubulin, and the *MCM7* fragments using the program TCS v1.21 (Clement, Posada, and Crandall, 2000). Gaps were treated as missing data for the ribosomal network reconstruction to include voucher specimens missing one of the three ribosomal loci. All protein-coding sequences were trimmed to the length of the fragment resulting from nested PCR reactions and a single sequence missing approximately half the fragment was removed from the β -tubulin network analysis. All network uncertainties (i.e. closed loops) were treated following Templeton and Sing (1993). Relationships of candidate species were evaluated between individual gene trees to identify lineages that exhibited genealogical exclusivity across multiple loci (Avice and Ball, 1990; Hudson and Coyne, 2002). The presence of the same clades in the majority of single-locus genealogies is taken as evidence that the clades represent reproductively isolated lineages (Dettman, Jacobson, and Taylor, 2003; Pringle et al., 2005),

Bayesian population structure analysis—Individual-based approaches provide an alternative for identifying population structure and barriers to gene flow (Saisho and Purugganan, 2007), as analyses based on predefined delineations of groups may obscure patterns of differentiation (Latch et al., 2006; Rowe and Beebee, 2007). We used a Bayesian population assignment test implemented in STRUCTURE version 2.32 (Pritchard, Stephens, and Donnelly, 2000; Falush, Stephens, and Pritchard, 2003) to infer population structure based on a combined genotypic matrix from all five loci (ITS, IGS, group I intron, β -tubulin, and *MCM7*), without using known geographic location or putative species classification of the individual as priors. The five selected loci were estimated to be sufficient to provide an overview of the highly differentiated groups (Saisho and Purugganan, 2007; Groeneveld et al., 2009; Weisrock et al., 2010). An admixture model was used with correlated allele frequencies. We implemented 15 replicate runs for each number of assumed populations (K), with a range of K from 1 to 12. Based on preliminary runs, all analyses used 30,000 MCMC generations to estimate the posterior distribution following a burn-in period of 15,000 generations. In some cases, independent runs for K values 3 through 12 appeared to converge on different parameter space, and longer burn-in or MCMC did not significantly improve convergence. Therefore, we calculated the median log (ln) likelihood of each K value from the four best-scoring runs. Following the procedure outlined by Evanno et al. (2005), we calculated the modal value (ΔK) based on the second order rate of change of the likelihood function between successive K values. Because ΔK may favor smaller values of K representing basal levels of hierarchical structure (Evanno, Regnaut, and Goudet, 2005), we also examined subgroups created by the best individual assignments produced by STRUCTURE to identify sublevels of structuring (Evanno, Regnaut, and Goudet, 2005; Saisho and Purugganan, 2007; Groeneveld et al., 2009; Weisrock et al., 2010).

Morphological and biochemical comparisons—Considering recent studies (Arup and Grube, 2000; Ryan, 2001; Cansaran et al., 2006; Zhou et al., 2006; Zheng, Sheng, and An, 2007), a total of 14 morphological characters were quantified in an attempt to potentially identify diagnostic characters for candidate species identified in this study, including: point of attachment (distinctly umbilicate/squamulose), thallus form (polyphyllous/monophyllous), lobe morphology (distinct/intermediate/indistinct), upper surface (dull/shiny), upper surface texture (smooth/cracked), upper surface color (light to moderately greenish yellow/olive), lower surface (smooth/rough), lower surface edges (black near edges/not blackened edges), lower surface color (tan/brown), apothecia (sessile/basally constricted), apothecia pruinosity (heavily pruinose/moderately pruinose/not pruinose), thallus margin (entire/crenate), spores (ellipsoid/subglobose), spore size (continuous character).

Lichen compounds were extracted from 0.02g liquid nitrogen-ground specimens overnight in acetone at 4° C. The supernatant was removed, dried, reconstituted in methanol, and analyzed using HPLC. Retention index values (RI) were calculated from benzoic acid and solorinic acid controls (Feige et al., 1993; Lumbsch, 2002). For HPLC, we used an Agilent Technologies 1200 series integrated system with a Zorbax Eclipse XDB8-CB column (4.6 × 150mm, 5µm) regulated at 30° C, spectrometric detectors operating at 210, 254, 280, 310nm, and a flow rate of 0.7ml/min. Following established protocols (Feige et al., 1993; Lumbsch, 2002), two mobile phases, A and B, were used: 1% aqueous orthophosphoric acid (A) and methanol (B). The run started with 30% B for 1min and was raised to 70% B within 15min of the start time, then to 100% B during an additional 15min, followed by isocratic elution in 100% B for the final 20min. Mobile phase B was decreased to 30% within 1min and the column was flushed with 30% B for 15min following each run. UV spectra of each peak were recorded

and computer-matched against a library of ultraviolet spectra from authentic metabolites derived under identical conditions using Agilent Chemstation software. The correlation of UV spectra with the standards in the library was greater than 99.9 % for each substance identified. When multiple library entries matched with this level of identity, calculated R/I values were used to discriminate between compounds.

Results

For this study 635 new sequences were generated, including 150 ITS, 139 IGS, 75 group I intron, 137 β -tubulin, and 134 *MCM7* sequences. The data matrix of 2639 aligned nucleotide position characters in the combined analysis is summarized in [Table 2](#). Missing data were generally limited to the outgroup taxa *R. chrysolueca* and *R. subdiscrepans*. However, we were unable to generate group I intron sequences from all accessions recovered in clade IVd from the combined analyses (defined below). All representative haplotypes of the five gene fragments have been deposited in GenBank under Accession Nos. HM576889-HM577515, and are summarized in [Supplementary Table S2](#).

Polymorphism statistics and estimates of gene flow—Polymorphism statistics are reported in [Table 3](#). The greatest nucleotide diversity for candidate species was generally recovered for ribosomal loci. High levels of genetic differentiation between all pairs of candidate species were calculated from the combined data set, as measured by F_{ST} ([Table 4](#)). Fixed differences between candidate species defined in this study were identified from ribosomal markers for all pairwise comparisons, and fixed differences were identified in at least one of the protein-coding fragments for 40 of 45 pairwise comparisons ([Table 4](#)). The ribosomal data matrix showed the greatest number of fixed character differences between each candidate species

compared to all remaining lineages; while the protein-coding matrixes generally did not reveal fixed character differences ([Table 4](#)). However, the β -tubulin fragment revealed 9 fixed nucleotide positions in clade I and 1 fixed locus in clade IVb, and the *MCM7* data revealed 2 fixed nucleotide positions in clade I and 5 fixed characters in *R. idahoensis* (clade IV). Group I intron sequences were missing for all individuals assigned to clade IVd and a single individual from *R. haydenii* ssp. *arbuscula* (092f), *R. idahoensis* (093) and clade II (693f).

Phylogenetic reconstructions—The ribosomal topology recovered multiple well-supported lineages within the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex. In contrast, weak phylogenetic signal was generally identified in both protein-coding matrixes. However, using the $\geq 70\%$ bootstrap method to identify conflict, we detected limited discordance between the ribosomal, β -tubulin and *MCM7* topologies restricted to clades with relatively shallow evolutionary histories. Conflicting terminals are shown in individual gene trees ([Supplementary data 3](#)). This conflict likely results from retained ancestral polymorphisms in the β -tubulin dataset relative to the more-rapidly evolving ribosomal markers, and given the overall congruence, the ribosomal, β -tubulin, and *MCM7* gene regions were combined to maximize the total number of characters for phylogenetic analyses and branch length estimation (Wiens, 1998; Rokas et al., 2003).

The partitioned Bayesian analyses, summed from four independent runs, yielded a consensus tree with a negative harmonic mean of 11,092.49. All parameters converged within the first 25% of sampled generations, leaving a posterior distribution estimated from 15,000 trees per run (60,000 total post-burn-in sampled trees). The partitioned ML analysis yielded a single best scoring tree $-\ln L = 10,755.758$. As the recovered trees were similar across methods and the topologies did not show any strongly supported conflict; we present here the results of the ML

analysis with ML bootstrap (BS) and posterior probability (PP) values in [Figure 2](#). The *R. melanophthalma* group is strongly supported as monophyletic and several other well-supported groups can be identified in the tree.

The ITS topology ([Fig. 3](#)) recovered most lineages identified in the combined analyses. GenBank accessions representing individuals collected in Austria (AF159935), China (AY509791, EF095286, and EF095297), and the United States (AF159929-Arizona and AF159935-Arizona) were recovered in a well-supported clade (91/1.0) corresponding to clade II identified in the combined analyses. Six accessions collected in China (EF095278, EF095280, EF095283, EF095285, EF095287, and EF095290) were recovered within a well-supported clade (81/0.98) corresponding to clade IVb from the combined analyses, and two accession representing *R. cerebriformis* (AF159942, Idaho, USA) and *R. subidahoensis* (AF159944, Idaho, USA) were recovered within a well-supported clade (90/1.0) corresponding to clade IVa from the combined analyses. A single accession representing *R. cylindrical* (AF159941, Idaho, USA) was recovered in a clade with high ML bootstrap support (82) and weak PP support (0.79) corresponding to clade IVd in the combined analyses. Two vagrant accessions representing *R. idahoensis* (AF159943-Idaho, USA) and *R. haydenii* (AF159937-Idaho, USA) were recovered in a well-supported clade (85/1.0) containing individuals all assigned to clades clades IVb, IVc, *R. haydenii*, *R. haydenii* ssp. *arbuscula*, and *R. idahoensis* in the combined analyses. *L. novomexicana* was recovered as polyphyletic in two well-supported lineages; one containing specimens collected in northeastern Utah, and the second (clade V, [Fig. 3](#)) in two GenBank accessions, one from Arizona (AF159923) and the other from New Mexico (AF159923). However, the relationship between the *L. novomexicana* lineages lacked strong statistical support.

Candidate Species—We defined 10 candidate species based on the results from our phylogenetic reconstructions and current taxonomic boundaries for additional empirical testing of species boundaries. Sampled *L. novomexicana* (clade I, [Fig. 2](#)) were recovered in a well-supported lineage (BS=100/PP=1.0), and is recovered as sister to the remaining *R. melanophthalma* taxa with weak nodal support. Clade II was recovered with high nodal support (95/1.0), and corresponds to a genetically and morphologically diverse assemblage of umbilicate saxicolous specimens collected throughout the intermountain western United States, all containing usnic and psoromic acids. However, the relationship of clade II to other well-supported sister lineages lacks strong nodal support (43/0.89). Clade III was also recovered with strong support (100/1.0), and is represented by umbilicate saxicolous individuals with little morphological or genetic variation collected from two plots (BM-3 and TLM-9) on the Aquarius Plateau in south central Utah, U.S.A. Clade III was recovered with strong nodal support (94/0.98) as sister to a fourth well-supported clade (99/1.0) containing a chemically diverse assemblage of umbilicate and vagrant specimens (clade IV). Seven additional candidate species were defined within clade IV to accommodate currently described vagrant taxa and an exhaustive subdivision of the remaining accessions.

All sampled vagrant taxa were recovered within a single monophyletic clade with weak nodal support (BS and PP < 50/0.50). *R. idahoensis*, *R. haydenii*, and *R. haydenii* spp. *arbuscula* were treated as independent lineages based on current taxonomic circumspection. Both *R. idahoensis* and *R. haydenii* spp. *arbuscula* were recovered as well-supported monophyletic lineages (94/1.0 and 81/1.0, respectively), while *R. haydenii* was found in two well-supported clades. A single saxicolous specimen with unique lobe morphology (715f) was recovered within the *R. haydenii* clade. In addition to the currently described vagrant taxa, four candidate species

were defined to accommodate exhaustive subdivision within the larger clade. Clade IVa ([Fig. 2](#)) was recovered with strong nodal support (100/1.0) and contains three morphologically and geographically diverse individuals. All specimens containing lecanoric or orsellinic acids were recovered within clade IVb with moderate to strong nodal support (BS = 83; PP = 0.93). Clade IVc ([Fig. 2](#)) was also recovered with strong support (82/1.0), and included five individuals; and clade IVd included the remaining 55 individuals. Although this lineage was recovered as monophyletic, it lacked strong support in the combined phylogenetic reconstructions.

Geographic distributions of candidate species and the distribution of these species along the altitudinal transect on Thousand Lakes Mountain and Boulder Mountain, Utah is summarized in [Figure 4](#).

Haplotype networks—We recovered a total of five independent haplotype networks for the combined ribosomal data set, and two networks for both the β -tubulin and *MCM7* datasets ([Fig. 5A](#)). The ribosomal network haplotypes separated by up to 15 mutational steps had greater than 95% probability of being parsimoniously connected. In the β -tubulin and *MCM7* distinct networks were connected by up to 11 or 10 mutational steps, respectively. For all markers clade I (*L. novomexicana*) formed an independent network. In addition, clades II, III, and IVa formed independent networks constructed from the ribosomal dataset, while clades IVc, IVb, IVd, *R. haydenii* spp. *arbuscula* (clade IV), *R. haydenii* (clade IV), and *R. idahoensis* (clade IV), were found on a single network. In both the β -tubulin and *MCM7* datasets clades II, III, IVa, IVb, IVc, IVd, *R. haydenii* spp. *arbuscula* (clade IV), *R. haydenii* (clade IV), and *R. idahoensis* (clade IV) were found on a single network.

Bayesian population structure—The median ML values of the Bayesian clustering analysis using STRUCTURE with estimates of $K = 1-12$ are shown in [Figure 6A](#). These

analyses reveal a general pattern of a plateau with a decrease in median maximum likelihood values above a $K=6$ level. In contrast, the ΔK method indicates that a $K = 2$ model best fits the data (Fig. 6B; $\Delta K = 137.170$ for $K = 2$; $\Delta K = < 25$ for all other K values), most likely identifying a basal level of hierarchical structure in the data (Evanno, Regnaut, and Goudet, 2005). The $K = 2$ model identifies individuals recovered in clades I, II, and III from the combined phylogenetic analysis in one population cluster, and individuals recovered in the remaining clades were assigned to a second cluster. However, the plateau in likelihood values around $K = 6$ suggest a higher number of population clusters (Figure 6A). A plot of individual membership coefficients for $K=6$ reveals a high number of population clusters with average individual membership coefficients (i.e. posterior probabilities) greater than 0.9 (Figure 5B). Population clusters inferred for $K>6$ did not yield additional clusters with high membership coefficients. Therefore, we place our focus on $K = 6$ as an uppermost level of population structure. The $K = 6$ model is generally consistent with the defined candidate species. However, all vagrant species (*R. haydenii*, *R. haydenii* ssp. *arbuscular*, and *R. idahoensis*) were recovered within a single population cluster, along with all individuals assigned to clade IVc in the combined phylogenetic analysis. A total of three saxicolous accessions (554f, 556f, and 715F) and three erratic, or facultatively unattached, accessions (668f, 669f, 670f) were assigned to the cluster with vagrant taxa. Clades IVa and IVd were also recovered as a single population cluster; however, membership coefficients for individuals with posterior probabilities were < 0.71 for clade IVa and ≥ 0.87 for clade IVd.

Morphology and Chemistry—We adopted the approach of Wiens and Penkrot (2002), suggesting that in order for characters to diagnose a lineage they must be invariant for alternative character states or show no overlap in trait values. Both vegetative morphology and reproductive

characters, spore size and shape, were highly variable within some candidate species, and overall we were unable to identify morphological or reproductive characters corroborating candidate species following Wiens and Penkrot (2002).

Occurrence of the 11 most common compounds identified in HPLC analyses within each defined lineage is summarized in [Table 5](#). The majority of specimens belonged to the usnic/psoromic acids chemotype (119 specimens, including all specimens of *L. novomexicana*), having a broad geographical and ecological distribution; 9 specimens contained usnic, psoromic, and lecanoric acid; and 5 specimens contained usnic, psoromic, and orsellinic acid. All sampled vagrant specimens expressed usnic acid only. In addition to the previously reported psoromic acid, we found 2'-*O*-demethylsubpsoromic acid, 2'-*O*-demethylpsoromic acid, and the recently described β -orcinol depsidone, subpsoromic acid (Elix 2000). The dibenzofuran-derivative, usnic acid, was present in all samples, and some combination of the aliphatic acids, dehydroprotoconstipatic acid, and constipatic acid, were present in all individuals, except the sampled vagrant taxa. We found gyrophoric (triorsellinic) acid and also the monocyclic-depside precursor, orsellinic acid, restricted to specimens assigned to clade IVb (defined in 3.3) in the combined molecular analyses, in addition to previous reports for lecanoric (diorsellinic) acid (McCune, 1987; Arup and Grube, 2000).

Discussion

Taxonomic decisions are usually made on the basis of recognizable morphological characters. However, inferring species boundaries in lichenized fungi is not straightforward, as often interspecific boundaries based on traditional morphological and chemical characters misrepresent fungal diversity (Crespo and Pérez-Ortega, 2009; Printzen, 2009). In this study, we

assembled multiple lines of evidence to identify and delimit candidate species within the *Rhizoplaca melanophthalma* species-complex. Based on all of the available evidence, we identified ten candidate species within this complex. Many of these lineages fall within a nominal taxon currently recognized as a single cosmopolitan species, *R. melanophthalma*. Genetic patterns, generated by population-level processes operating within divergent lineages, provide an informative perspective about the process of speciation in the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex.

Generally, relationships estimated from the combined ribosomal dataset (ITS, IGS, and group I intron) recovered a highly structured topology with multiple well-supported clades, while the protein coding gene trees generally showed less resolution and fewer well-supported clades. Given the small N_e s for haploid genomes, monophyly may be attained from rapidly evolving markers, even within recently derived lineages (Moore, 1995). As a result, most lineages that were well-supported in the ribosomal phylogeny were unresolved in both protein-coding phylogenies. Furthermore, a large proportion of ribosomal characters showed fixed, alternative character states between putative lineages identified in this study, protein-coding markers provided less resolution. Despite a lack of monophyly in the protein-coding phylogenies for most of the candidate species, gene networks generally supported the groupings, and the STRUCTURE analysis of the combined data set corroborated most groups recovered in the phylogenetic reconstruction. Results of the empirical tests delimiting species are summarized in [Table 6](#).

Although our results provide a compelling case of diversification within the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex using molecular data and multiple analytical tools, most candidate species were not supported unambiguously by independent datasets. Besides the

placodioid crustose taxon, *Lecanora novomexicana*, we found that the greatest morphological and chemical variation was restricted to closely related lineages (sampled vagrant taxa and clades IVb and IVc), while morphological and chemical characters supporting more divergent groups were not identified. Ecological interactions are expected to drive phenotypic divergence during the early stages of lineage diversification when species richness is low and available niches are “open” (Schluter, 2000). The ecological transition from a saxicolous attached form to morphologically distinct vagrant forms appears to follow the ecological theory of adaptation (Funk, Nosil, and Etges, 2006). The STRUCTURE analysis assigned all vagrant forms to a single population cluster, suggesting a recent divergence of morphologically diverse vagrant taxa. However, the inclusion of saxicolous attached taxa within this cluster suggests a recent divergence from saxicolous attached forms or an underlying genetic predisposition to vagrancy in at least some saxicolous lineages. (Leavitt, Johnson, and St. Clair, submitted) identified multiple independent origins of vagrancy within the lichen genus *Xanthoparmelia* (Parmeliaceae), but our data suggest that that vagrancy in the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex is limited to a single closely related lineage, even among morphologically distinct vagrant forms. However, a broader sample of vagrant individuals is essential to adequately addressing this question, particularly *R. haydenii* recently described in China (Zheng, Sheng, and An, 2007) .

Phylogenetic analyses of both the combined dataset and the ITS marker alone recovered clade IVa with strong support. However, the STRUCTURE analysis assigned all individuals from clade IVa (membership coefficient values between 0.65 and 0.70) to the same population cluster containing accessions recovered in clade IVd. Although nuclear ribosomal DNA (rDNA) repeats generally evolve together through concerted evolution, it has been documented that some

genomes contain a considerable diversity of paralogous rDNA (Buckler-IV, Ippolito, and Holtsford, 1997), and the lack of concordance between the ribosomal DNA with other nuclear markers suggests that the observed divergence in phylogenetic reconstructions may be a result of divergent ITS paralogs within the nuclear ribosomal repeat, rather than representing distinct lineages. The overall impact of paralogous rDNA markers in studies of lichenized ascomycetes remains uncertain, and these results highlights the importance of using multiple independent genetic markers to effectively assess evolutionary relationships.

Previous studies have used thin-layer-chromatography (TLC) to characterize lichen secondary metabolic products within *Rhizoplaca*. In this study HPLC provided a more sensitive approach to determine secondary metabolite diversity within the *R. melanophthalma* group, as many newly reported compounds here would be masked by other compounds, or likely found at levels undetectable by TLC. While data have supported the taxonomic use of some secondary metabolic characters for delimiting lichen taxa (Tehler and Källersjö, 2001; Schmitt and Lumbsch, 2004), other studies found no correlation between chemotypes and lineages identified using molecular phylogenetic reconstructions (Articus et al., 2002; Buschbom and Mueller, 2006; Nelsen and Gargas, 2009; Velmala et al., 2009). We have identified chemical characters corroborating some lineages identified within the *R. melanophthalma* group, including: clade IVb containing a combination of orsellinic, lecanoric, and gyrophoric acids; and *R. haydenii*, *R. haydenii*, ssp. *arbuscula*, and *R. idahoensis* all lack aliphatic acids related to constipatic acid. However, we were unable to identify secondary metabolic characters supporting most identified putative lineages, including the most genetically divergent groups.

McCune (1987) suggested three hypotheses to explain chemical diversity in the genus *Rhizoplaca*: (1) chemotypes are sibling species that cannot or seldom hybridize assuming there

are no reproductive barriers, (2) factors favoring polymorphism in chemistry do not differ markedly between regions, or (3) the polymorphism is neutral to natural selection. Although the present study was not designed to explicitly test these hypotheses, our results indicate within the usnic/psoromic acid race multiple lineages co-occur. The usnic/psoromic/lecanoric acid race appears to be a distinct lineage also containing specimens lacking lecanoric acid but expressing the lecanoric acid precursor, orsellinic acid. Additional studies will be needed to fully elucidate the relationship between *R. melanophthalma* s.l. containing lecanoric or orsellinic acids. Our sampling of the usnic acid chemical race in the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex was limited to a single saxicolous attached individual (715f) and all vagrant taxa. The saxicolous *R. melanophthalma* chemical race containing placodiolic acid was not sampled and its relationship to sampled taxa remains in question.

Porter (1999) reported a correlation between some secondary metabolites and elevation in *R. melanophthalma* populations along an altitudinal gradient on Thousand Lakes Mountain, Utah. Besides the strict correlation of lecanoric and orsellinic acid with clade IVb, the present study did not identify any specific correlations between lineages identified from molecular data and expressed secondary metabolites on Thousand Lake Mountain, suggesting that the production of most minor compounds may be environmentally induced. A combination of species diversity in lichen-forming symbionts (alga and fungus) and ecological factors may explain secondary metabolite variation among the Thousand Lake Mountain populations (Brunauer et al., 2007).

These results offer interesting insights into potential mechanisms driving speciation in lichenized ascomycetes. Cohesive sets of populations yielding distinct patterns in allele frequencies and gene trees often co-occur, suggesting the possibility of sympatric speciation in

the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex. Although our understanding of the relative importance of sympatric speciation is incomplete, recent studies suggest that sympatric speciation and parallel diversification may be more important than previously realized (Barluenga et al., 2006; Baloch and Grube, 2009; Kozak, Mendyk, and Wiens, 2009; Crow, Munehara, and Bernardi, 2010). Pre-conditions for sympatric speciation include: 1) sympatric distribution of the most closely related sister species; 2) genetic evidence for reproductive isolation among the lineages; 3) monophyly; and 4) an ecological setting in which allopatric divergence is unlikely (Coyne and Orr, 2004; Barluenga et al., 2006). Although our data appear to fit the first three criteria for sympatric speciation, they do not preclude the possibility that current distributions of the candidate species are an artifact of allopatric diversification followed by secondary sympatry.

The current study was generally limited to the Intermountain region of western North America, and robust data from a broader geographic sampling will be essential to understand the general geographic distribution of the candidate species identified in this study. We anticipate that with improved sampling, additional lineages may be identified within the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex, particularly within *L. novomexicana* s.l. However, with the exception of *L. novomexicana*, the ITS topology recovered GenBank accessions within the candidate species defined from our combined dataset set from samples in western North America, suggesting our candidate species may represent some lineages with cosmopolitan distributions. While most candidate species identified in this study appear to demonstrate early stages of species divergence, the occurrence of cohesive cosmopolitan lineages found sympatrically with closely related divergent populations poses challenging questions about the processes that yield and maintain cohesive lineages within widespread lichenized ascomycetes.

Clade-specific ecological or microhabitat differences considered alone do not appear to offer a plausible explanation of how sympatric diversification may occur in the candidate species. Some lineages exhibit extensive microsympatry (i.e., divergent lineages occurring within a single sampled plot), as well as the production of abundant perennial apothecia (sexual fruiting bodies) without detectable gene flow or hybridization between microsympatric individuals. This pattern suggests that candidate species may have achieved a significant level of reproductive isolation. However, the role of spatio-temporal isolation in lichenized fungal reproduction is relatively unexplored. It has been proposed that competition for symbiotic partners may be a major driver of diversity in mutualistic relationships (Bruns, 1995; O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009) and investigating competition for symbionts may provide insights into mechanisms that possibly drive sympatric speciation.

Within lichenized fungi, gene trees have often been used to infer species boundaries, and the over-reliance on a single locus has been problematic in delimiting species because gene duplication, horizontal gene transfer, and deep coalescence may create conflict between the sampled gene tree and the true species tree (de Queiroz and Donoghue, 1990; Maddison, 1997). In some cases, rapidly evolving molecular characters may reach fixation in ephemerally isolated demes, with the potential to reticulate with other conspecific lineages at some point in the future (O'Hara, 1993). Additionally, phylogenetic structure can extend below the level of the species, particularly within asexual and haploid genomes (Birky, Maruyama, and Fuerst, 1983; Birky-Jr, Fuerst, and Maruyama, 1989; de Queiroz and Donoghue, 1990; Davis, 1996) making species limits based on molecular data within lichenized fungi particularly susceptible to excessive subdivision.

In spite of the limitations in delimiting taxa using molecular data, most of the candidate species indentified in this study, were not supported by diagnostic morphological or chemical characters, and the effective use of molecular data appears to be an essential approach to appropriately identify natural groups in many fungal lineages (Crespo and Pérez-Ortega, 2009). The authors plan a detailed taxonomic revision for the *Rhizoplaca melanophthalma* species-complex in the near future, including additional taxonomic and morphological sampling to more fully characterize boundaries between candidate species. Results from this study suggest that robust taxon and molecular data sampling, using appropriate empirical operational criteria to delimit species, may provide an improved perspective on the diversification of lichenized fungi (Zwickl and Hillis, 2002), compared to traditional morphological and chemical characters. However, we are not advocating the use of genetic data to the exclusion of other evidence for delimiting species; due to the fact that corroboration of species boundaries via independent lines of evidence is important to the establishment of robust hypotheses of species diversity.

Conclusions

Analysis of the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex comprises the larger focus of this study, which is using robust species delimitation in morphologically cryptic and recently diverged lichenized fungi. *Rhizoplaca*, as traditionally circumscribed, is a small morphologically diverse lichen genus represented by 9 species (Arup and Grube, 2000; Zhou et al., 2006). This study indicates overall diversity within umbilicate *Rhizoplaca* species may be vastly underestimated, as multiple previously unrecognized lineages were identified within the *R. melanophthalma* group. Previous studies have identified well-supported lineages within *R. chrysoleuca* corresponding to two phenotypic groups (Zhou et al., 2006), and well-supported and

highly structured relationships within the outgroup taxon *R. chrysoleuca* were also recovered in this study, suggesting an additional nominal *Rhizoplaca* taxon may contain previously unrecognized lineages. Extending the present sampling of the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex to include a broader geographic context and robust sampling of underrepresented lineages will be critical to improve the understanding of the mechanisms driving speciation in lichenized fungi. Furthermore, an extension of the present sampling to other closely related cosmopolitan *Rhizoplaca* and *Lecanora* species-complexes will provide a potential opportunity for developing a comprehensive classification system for other closely related taxa. Additionally, continued investigation of independent characters supporting candidate lineages will be essential for generating robust hypotheses of species boundaries.

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Table 1.1. Primers used for PCR amplification and sequencing of the nuclear ribosomal IGS, ITS, and group I intron markers and nuclear markers β -tubulin and MCM7.

Marker	Primer name	Forward primer sequence	Annealing temperature (°C)	Reference
IGS	IGS12	5'-AGTCTGTGGATTAGTGGCCG-3'	66- 56 (touchdown)	Carbone & Kohn 1999
	NS1R	5'-GAGACAAGCATATGACTAC-3'		Carbone & Kohn 1999
ITS/group I intron	ITS1F	5'-CTT GGT CAT TTA GAG GAA GTA A-3'	55-60	Gardes and Bruns 1993
	ITS4	5'- TCC TCC GCT TAT TGA TAT GC-3'		White et al. 1990
β -tubulin	Bt3-LM	5'-GAACGTCTACTTCAACGAG-3'	55-60	Myllys et al. 2001
	Bt10-LM	5'-TCGGAAGCAGCCATCATGTTCTT-3'		Myllys et al. 2001
	Bt_rhizo_F	5'-GCA ACA AGT ATG TTC CTC GTG C-3'		66- 56 (touchdown)
MCM7	Bt_rhizo_R	5'-GTAAGAGGTGCGAAGCCAACC-3'	56	this study
	Mcm7-709for	5'-ACI MGI GTI TCV GAY GTH AARCC-3'		Schmitt et al. 2009
	Mcm7-1348rev	5'-GAY TTD GCI ACI CCI GGR TCW CCC AT-3'		Schmitt et al. 2009
	LecMCM7f	5'-TAC CAN TGT GAT CGA TGY GG-3'		66- 56 (touchdown)
	LecMCM7r	5'-GTC TCC RCG TAT TCG CAT NCC-3'		this study

Table 1.2. Genetic variability of sampled markers used in this study, including alignment length (number of basepairs); variable and parsimony-informative (PI) sites for each sampled locus; and locus-specific model of evolution identified using the Akaike information criterion in MrModeltest. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of variable and parsimony-informative sites for the *Rhizoplaca melanophthalma* species-complex only.

Locus	Length	# variable sites	# PI sites	Model Selected
ITS	561	163 (91)	127 (57)	GTR+G
IGS	374	138 (84)	103 (54)	GTR+I
group I intron	269	98 (44)	84(30)	SYM+G
β -tubulin	819	165 (90)	132(55)	HKY+I+G
<i>MCM7</i>	616	158 (123)	123 (42)	GTR+G
total	2639	722 (432)	569 (238)	-

Table 1.3. Polymorphism statistics for candidate species within the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex. N, number of individuals sampled, N_{poly}, number of polymorphics sites; h, number of unique haplotypes; π , estimate of 4 N μ per base pair using the average pairwise differences.

	ITS		IGS		intron		β -tubulin		MCM7	
	N/ N _{poly} /h	π	N/ N _{poly} /h	Π	N/ N _{poly} /h	Π	N/ N _{poly} /h	π	N/ N _{poly} /h	π
clade I (<i>L. novomexicana</i>)	3/0/1	0	4/0/1	0	3/0/1	0	4/2/3	0.00146	2/11/2002	0.02041
clade II	24/35/17	0.00930	21/37/18	0.01776	23/19/17	0.1089	24/34/17	0.01430	23/10/8	0.00278
clade III	13/5/5	0.00188	13/1/2	0.0014	13/0/1	0	13/3/2	0.00067	13/4/4	0.00157
clade IV (<i>R. haydenii</i>)	5/6/4	0.00475	4/4/4	0.00318	5/4/3	0.00723	5/2/2	0.00117	5/7/2	0.00779
clade IV (<i>R. h. spp. arbuscula</i>)	2/1/2	0.00182	2/1/2	0.00272	1/0/1	na	1/0/1	na	2/0/1	0
clade IV (<i>R. idahoensis</i>)	3/3/2	0.00367	3/1/2	0.00272	2/0/1	0	3/4/2	0.0039	37316	0.00124
clade IVa	3/3/3	0.00427	3/2/3	0.00363	3/0/1	0	3/0/1	0	3/0/1	0
clade IVb	14/9/7	0.00235	13/3/4	0.00265	14/3/4	0.00327	13/9/9	0.00285	13/19/6	0.01308
clade IVc	5/1/2	0.00088	5/3/3	0.00381	5/0/1	0	5/5/3	0.00439	5/2/2	0.00148
clade IVd	55/11/10	0.00162	55/19/18	0.01191	0/na/na	na	55/32/8	0.00266	55/5/6	0.00040
Total	127/91/52	0.02221	122/84/54	0.02494	69/43/27	0.03521	127/71/40	0.01309	126/112/33	0.01486

Table 1.4. Fixed differences and fixation indices (FST) for all pairwise comparisons of candidate species identified within *R. melanophthalma* species-complex. Numbers across the top row correspond to candidate species numbers in the first column. Numbers of fixed differences (ribosomal / β -tubulin/MCM7 characters) are represented for all comparisons below the diagonal and FST values are represented above the diagonal. The last column indicates total number of fixed nucleotides identified between each candidate species and the remaining data matrix. Numbers within parentheses represent fixed ribosomal characters/fixed protein-coding characters. Accessions representing *R. haydenii* subspecies *arbuscula* were not included in FST calculations because of the small sample sizes and pairwise comparisons are not represented.

Candidate species	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	fixed characters
1. clade I (<i>L. novomexicana</i>)	-	0.77102	0.89534	0.86359	na	0.85763	0.88863	0.85574	0.88172	0.88085	32(21/11)
2. clade II	49 (31/13/5)	-	0.75792	0.732	na	0.69564	0.76148	0.72461	0.75139	0.7426	3(3/0)
3. clade III	77(55/18/4)	32(28/0/4)	-	0.90524	na	0.89291	0.9382	0.88716	0.9273	0.92874	15(15/0)
4. clade IV (<i>R. haydenii</i>)	77(51/20/6)	32(26/0/6)	55(36/11/8)	-	na	0.58915	0.82339	0.67851	0.66667	0.71894	1(0/1)
5. clade IV (<i>R. h. spp. arbuscula</i>)	82(54/19/9)	36(28/1/7)	56(39/9/8)	7(2/4/1)	-	na	na	na	na	na	0 (0/0)
6. clade IV (<i>R. idahoensis</i>)	71(53/8/10)	33(28/0/5)	55(38/8/9)	12(1/0/11)	15(2/0/13)	-	0.84298	0.6808	0.71146	0.75427	7(1/6)
7. clade IVa	65(38/20/7)	36(29/0/7)	54(36/10/8)	27(21/5/1)	27(24/3/0)	38(23/2/13)	-	0.82136	0.83333	0.80228	7(7/0)
8. clade IVb	76(54/19/3)	31(29/2/0)	48(39/7/2)	13(4/8/1)	11(5/6/0)	15(5/5/5)	30(23/7/0)	-	0.67031	0.72953	3(2/1)
9. clade IVc	76(51/18/7)	35(28/0/7)	55(39/8/8)	18(14/3/1)	6(6/0/0)	18(5/0/13)	24(24/0/0)	9(4/5/0)	-	0.66841	1(1/0)
10. clade IVd	61(36/18/7)	22(16/0/6)	45(29/8/8)	10(6/3/1)	8(8/0/0)	14(6/0/12)	14(14/0/0)	13(8/5/0)	7(7/0/0)	-	1(1/0)

Table 1.5. Chemotypic variation by candidate species in the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex based on HPLC analysis. Superscript number following acid nominal indicate acid occurrence: 1, major or minor; 2, major or not present; 3, minor or not present; 4, minor or trace; and 5, trace or not present.

Acid	clade I	clade II	clade III	<i>R. haydenii</i> (clade IV)	<i>R. h. ssp. arbuscula</i> (clade IV)	<i>R. idahonesis</i> (clade IV)	Clade IVa	Clade IVb	Clade IVc	Clade IVd
Usnic1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Psoromic2	1	0.91	1	0	0	0	0.66	1	0.40	0.95
Lecanoric2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.57	0	0
Orsellinic3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.64	0	0
Gyrophoric5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.43	0	0
Constipatic3	0	0.91	0.64	0	0	0	1	0.93	1	0.91
Dehydroconstipatic3	0.25	0.91	0.36	0	0	0	1	0.93	1	0.95
Dehydroprotoconstipatic3	0.25	0.7	0.36	0	0	0	0.33	0.86	1	0.55
subpsoromic acid3	0.25	0.43	1	0	0	0	0	0.57	1	0.78
2'- <i>O</i> -demethylsubpsoromic4	0.75	0.52	1	0	0	0	1	0.29	1	0.87
2'- <i>O</i> -demethylpsoromic3	0.75	0.39	0.82	0	0	0	1	0.5	0.5	0.73

Table 1.6. Summary of data supporting candidate species within the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex. Fixed characters, the total number of fixed nucleotide characters relative to the remaining data matrix; genealogical exclusivity, candidate species recovered as an exclusive lineage in gene haplotype networks, ‘*’ indicate support from individual ribosomal, β -tubulin, and MCM7 network reconstructions. STRUCTURE, indicates if the candidate species was recovered as a unique population cluster in the Bayesian clustering analysis, supported from population aggregation analysis; independent characters support, support from independent morphological or chemical data.

Candidate species	Fixed characters	Genealogical exclusivity	STRUCTURE	Independent character support
clade I (<i>L. novomexicana</i>)	Yes (21-9-2)	Yes***	Yes	Lobate, placodioid thallus morphology
clade II	Yes (3-0-0)	Yes*-*	Yes	Not identified
clade III	Yes (15-0-0)	Yes***	Yes	Not identified
clade IV (<i>R. haydenii</i>)	Yes (0-0-1)	No	= vagrant taxa & clade IVc	Vagrant thallus morphology and usnic acid only
clade IV (<i>R. h. ssp. arbuscula</i>)	No	No	= vagrant taxa & clade IVc	Vagrant thallus morphology and usnic acid only
clade IV (<i>R. idahonesis</i>)	Yes (1-0-5)	No	= vagrant taxa & clade IVc	Vagrant thallus morphology and usnic acid only
clade IVa	Yes (7-0-0)	Yes*--	= clade IVa & IVd	Not identified
clade IVb	Yes (2-1-0)	Yes**-	Yes	Lecanoric/ orsellinic acid are exclusive to this lineage
clade IVc	Yes (1-0-0)	Yes*--	= vagrant taxa & clade IVc	Not identified
clade IVd	Yes (1-0-0)	Yes*-*	= clade IVa & IVd	Not identified

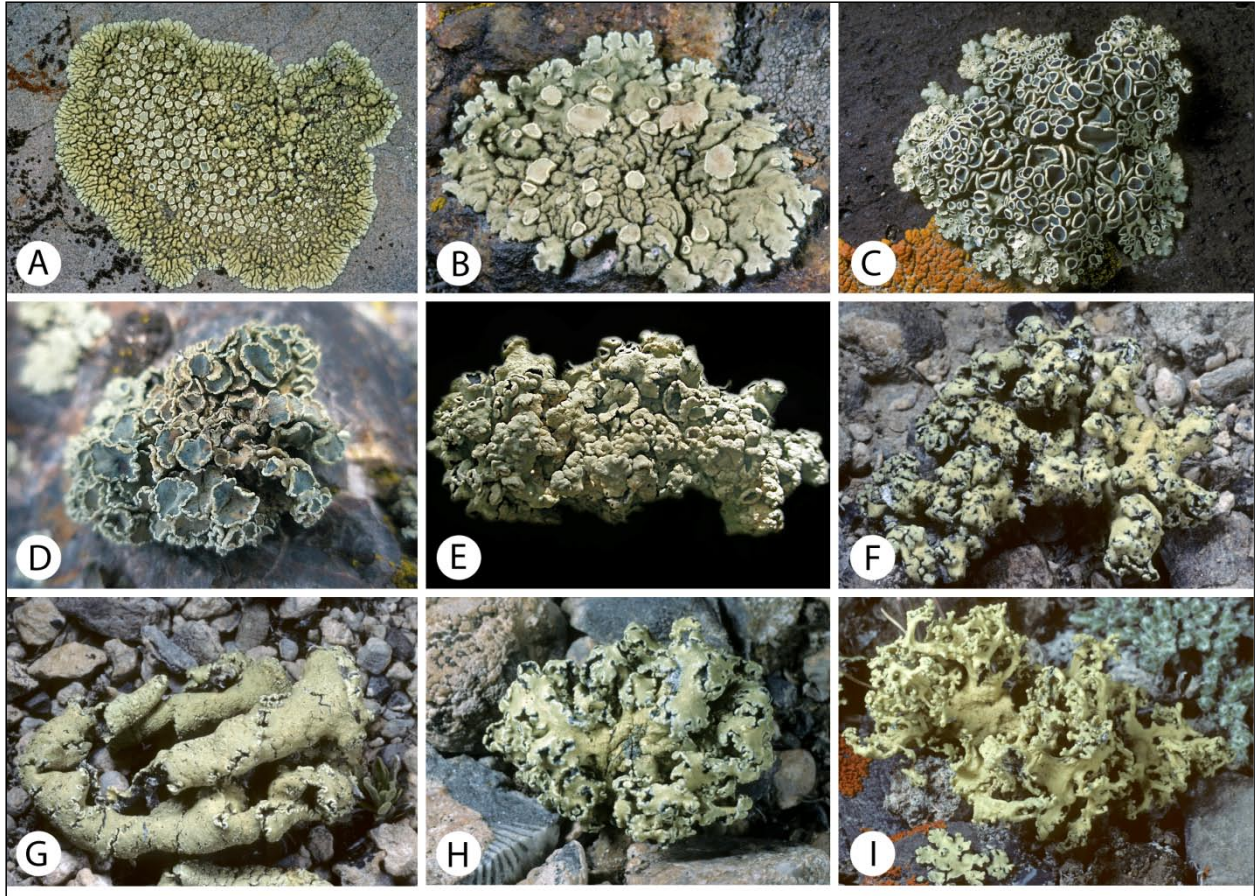


Figure 1.1. Variation in morphology and habit within the *Rhizoplaca melanophthalma* species-complex (Lecanoraceae) in western North America: (A) the lobate, placodioid taxon *Lecanora novomexicana*; (B) *Rhizoplaca melanophthalma* sensu lato (s.l.), with distinct light colored, pruinose apothecia discs; (C) *Rhizoplaca melanophthalma* sensu lato (s.l.), umblicate form with distinct lobes and dark apothecia; (D) *R. melanophthalma* s.l., umblicate form lacking lobes with pruinose apothecia (E) *R. melanophthalma* s.l., erratic form completely lacking umbilicus growing free on soil from western Idaho, with apothecia. Images F-I vagrant taxa endemic to the high plains and mountains of the northern Rocky Mountains: (F) *R. melanophthalma* ssp. *crispa*; (G) *R. idahoensis*; (H) *R. haydenii*; (I) *R. haydenii* ssp. *arbuscula*.

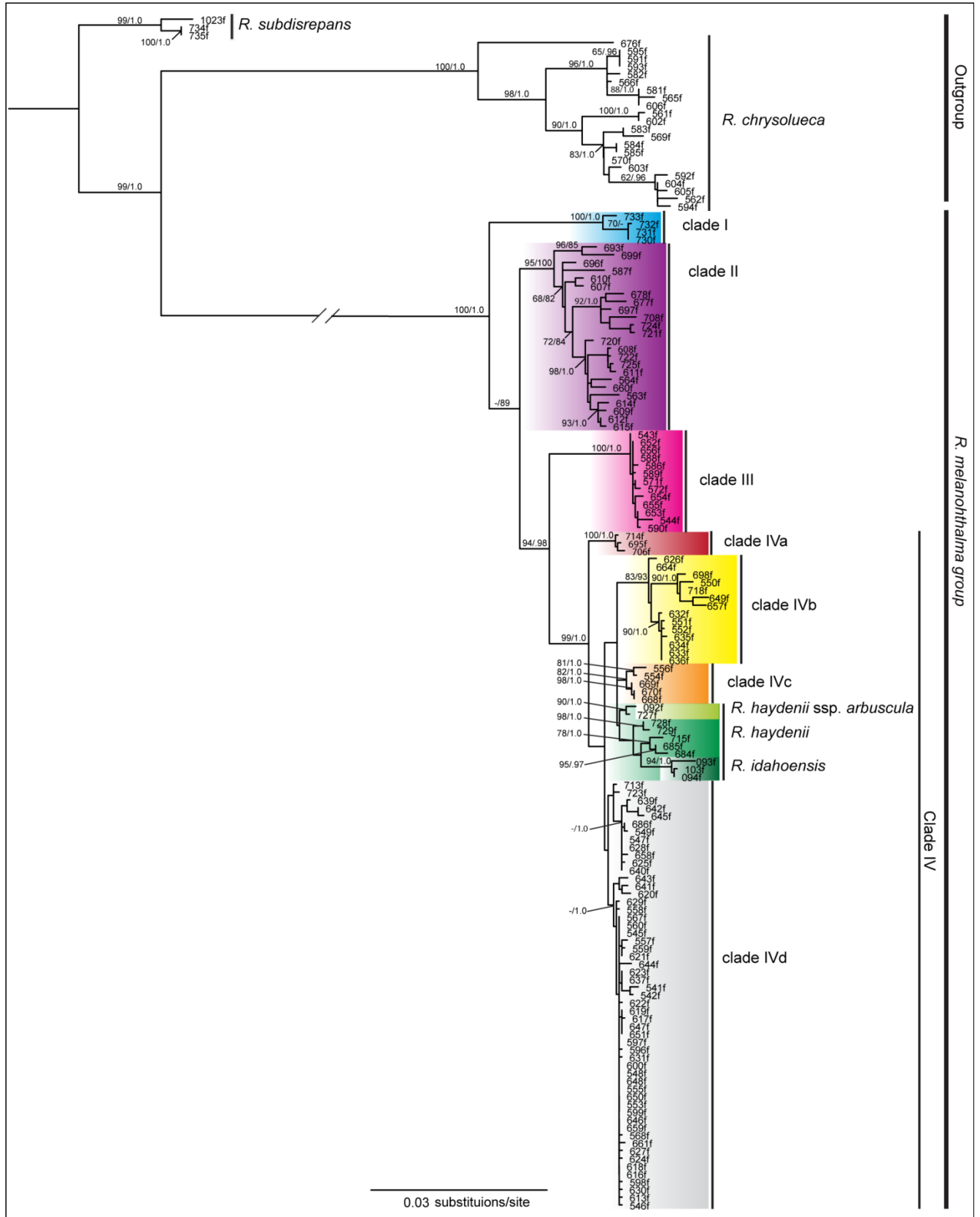


Figure 1.2 (on previous page). Relationships among sampled specimens collected from the *Rhizoplaca melanophthalma* group inferred from a maximum likelihood analysis of ribosomal and nuclear DNA sequence data (~2600 bp, ITS, IGS, intron, β -tubulin, and *MCM7*). Values at each node indicate non-parametric-bootstrap support/posterior probability. Only support indices $\geq 50/0.50$ are indicated. Clade numbers plotted to the right of the tree indicate candidate species. GenBank accessions represented solely by ITS sequences were not included.

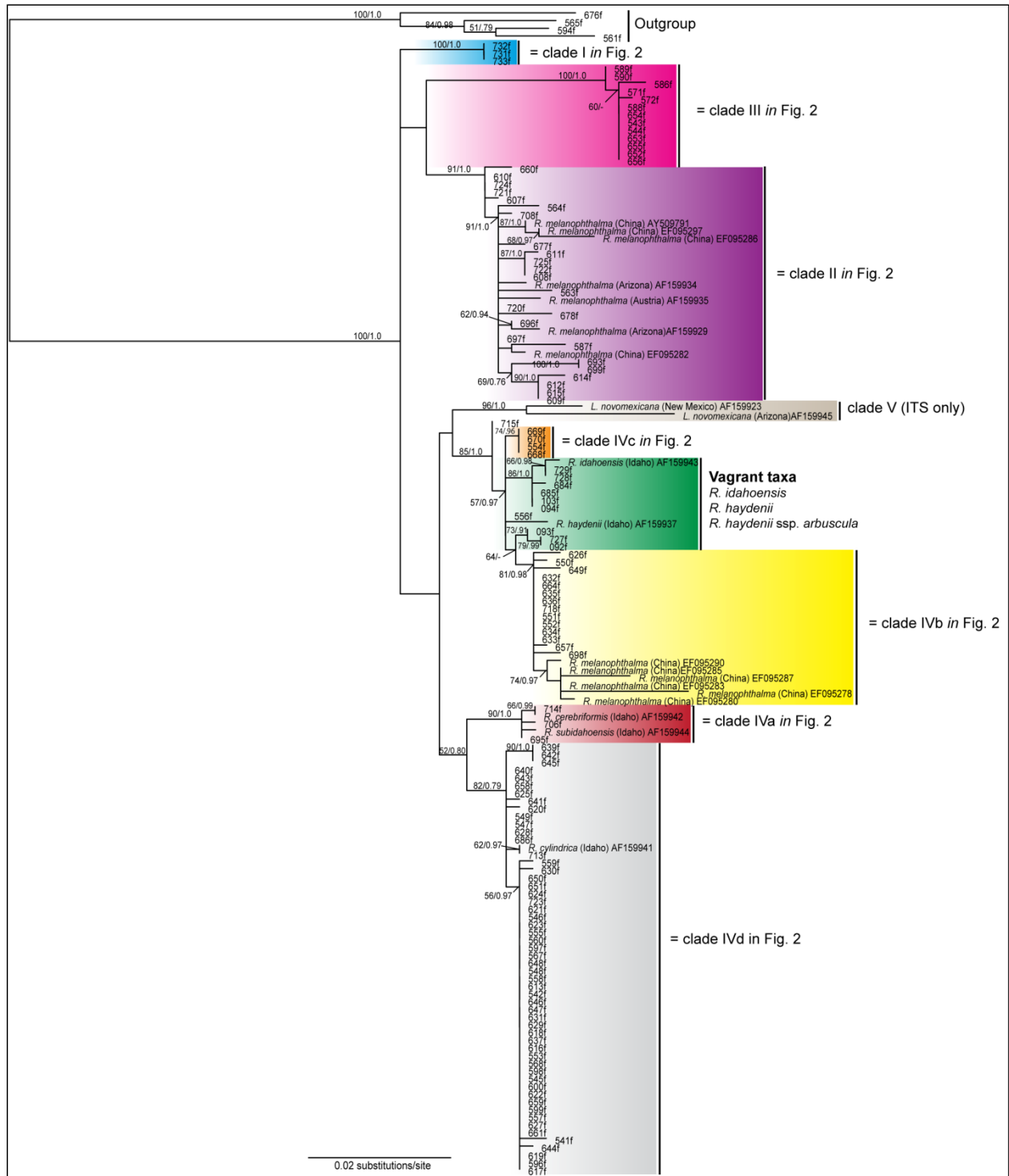


Figure 1.3. The maximum likelihood ITS topology obtained from all sampled specimens and available GenBank accessions collected from the *Rhizoplaca melanophthalma* species-complex. Values at each node indicate non-parametric-bootstrap support/posterior probability. Only support indices $\geq 50/0.50$ are indicated. Clade numbers plotted to the right of the tree indicate lineages corresponding to candidate species shown in Figure 2.

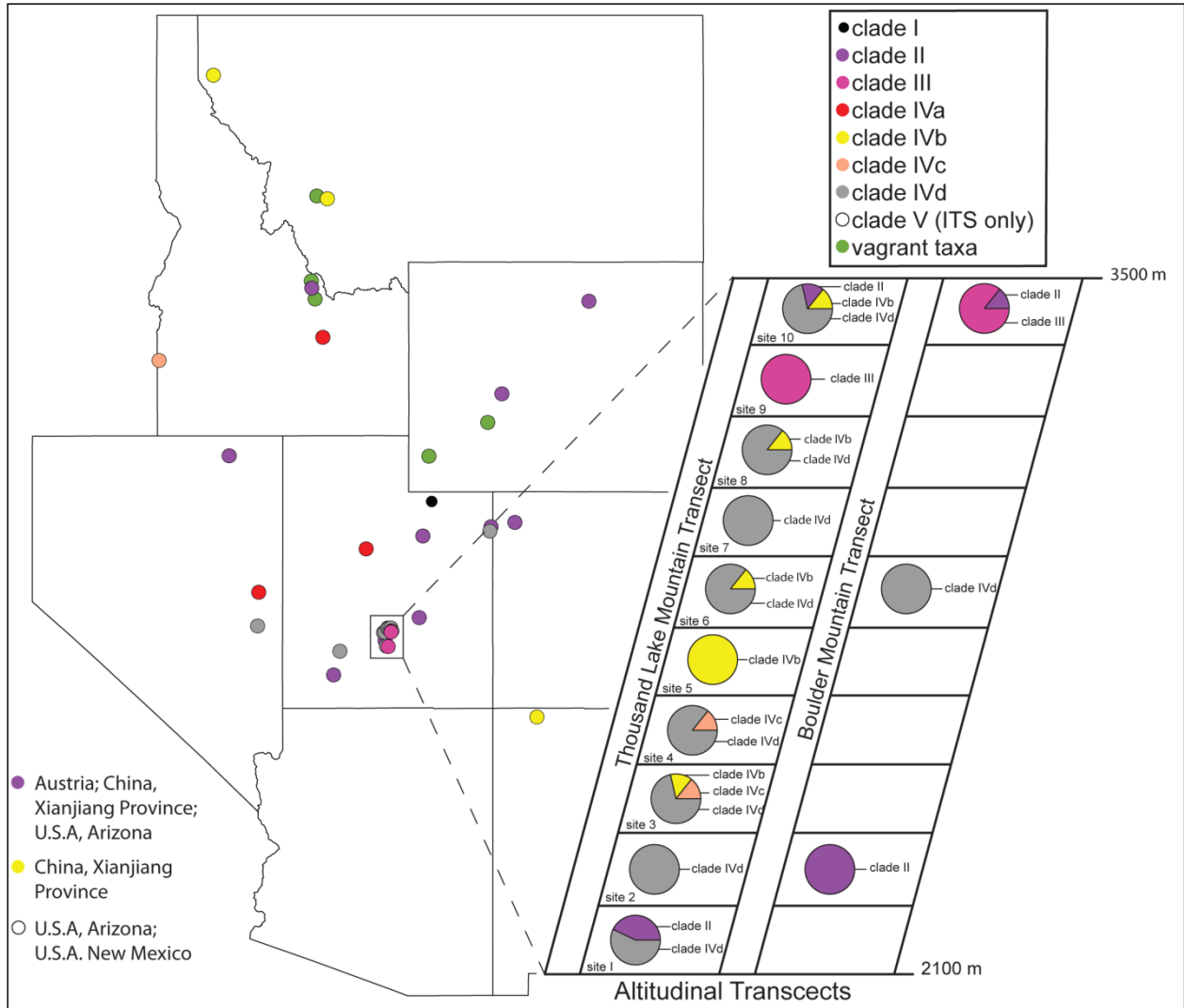


Figure 1.4. Geographical distributions of candidate *Rhizoplaca* species in the Intermountain western USA. Colors refer to different lineages, indicated in key. Insert shows distributions of putative lineages along two altitudinal gradients in southern Utah, U.S.A. A total of 7 individual were included from each plot and the proportion of candidate species recovered at each plot is represented.

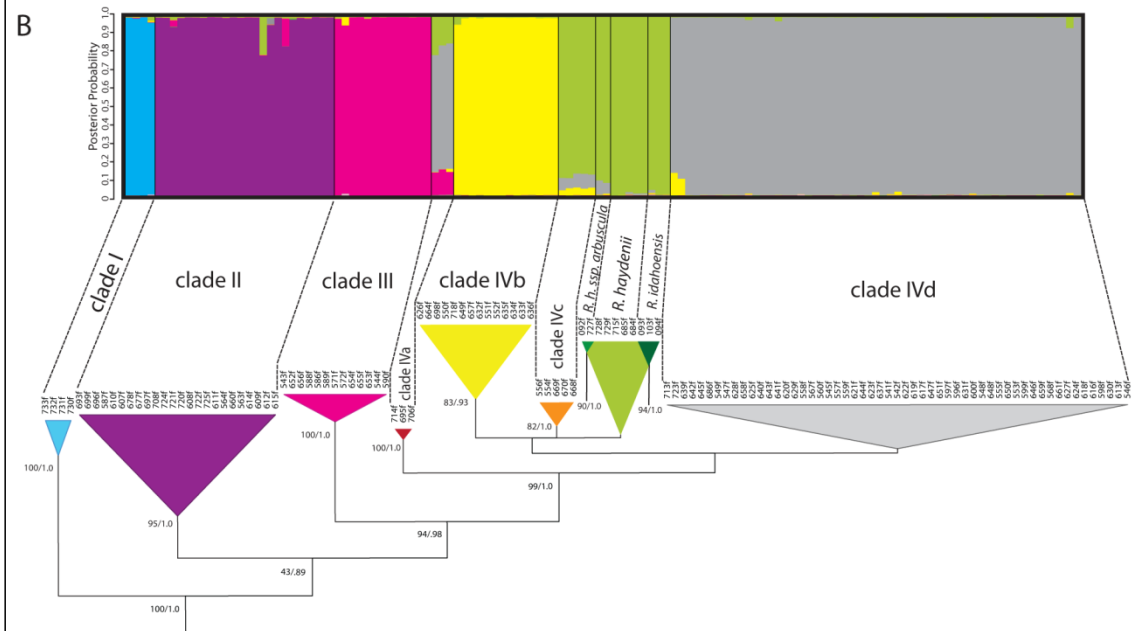
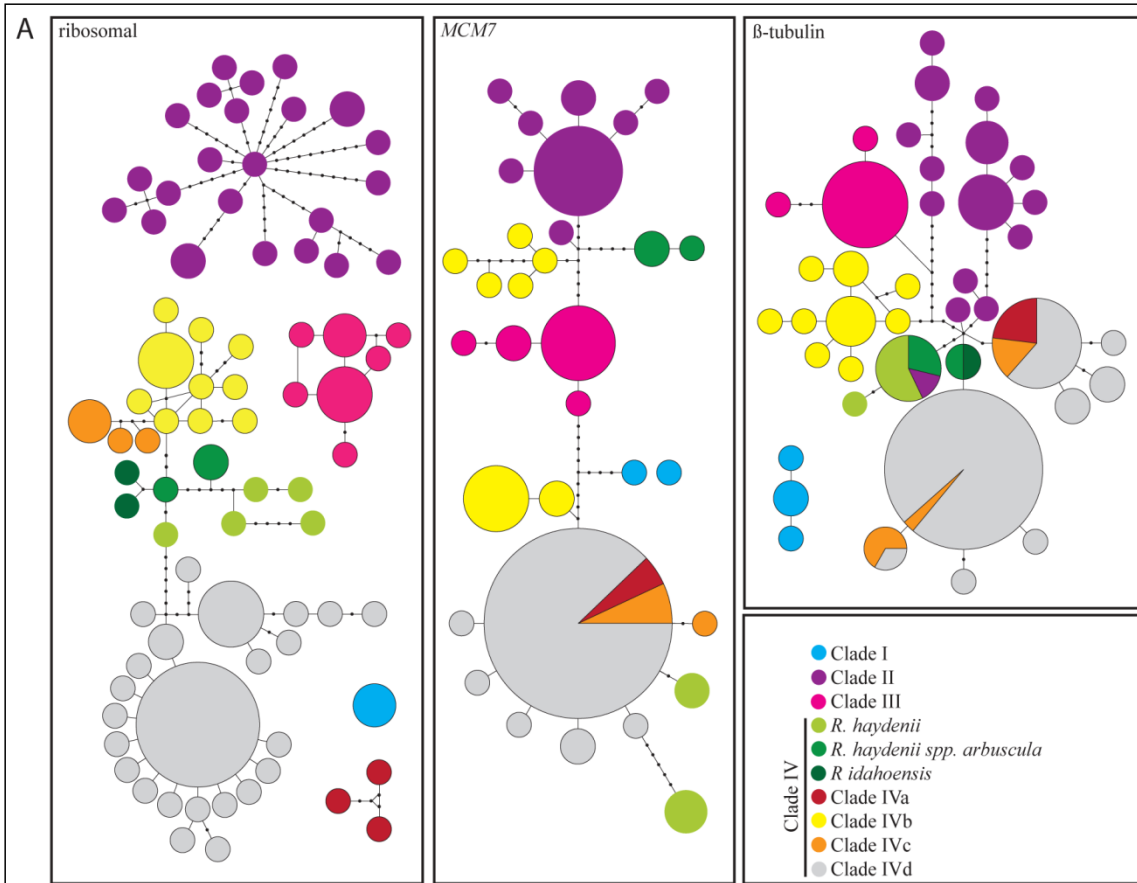


Figure 1.5 (on previous page). Figure 5A) Unrooted statistical parsimony haplotype networks at 95% probability of the ribosomal, *MCM7*, and β -tubulin loci representing relationship within the *R. melanophthalma* species-complex. Each candidate species is designated by a different color. Size of circles is proportional to the number of individuals of a given haplotype, and black dots represent inferred haplotypes not sampled. Figure 5B) Correspondence between candidate species identified from the combined maximum likelihood analysis and the population clusters identified using STRUCTURE. Numbers at nodes represent maximum likelihood bootstrap values and posterior probabilities, and relationships within candidate species are collapsed for ease of presentation (see Fig. 2 for detailed relationships). Candidate species are mapped to corresponding clusters in the STRUCTURE plot. Each population cluster is represented by a different color, and vertical bars within each cluster represent individuals and the proportion of a bar assigned to a single color represents the posterior probability that an individual is assigned to that cluster. The colors in the topology and STRUCTURE plot correspond to candidate species colors shown in Figure 5A and phylogenetic hypothesis of relationships in the *Rhizoplaca melanophthalma* species-complex in western North America.

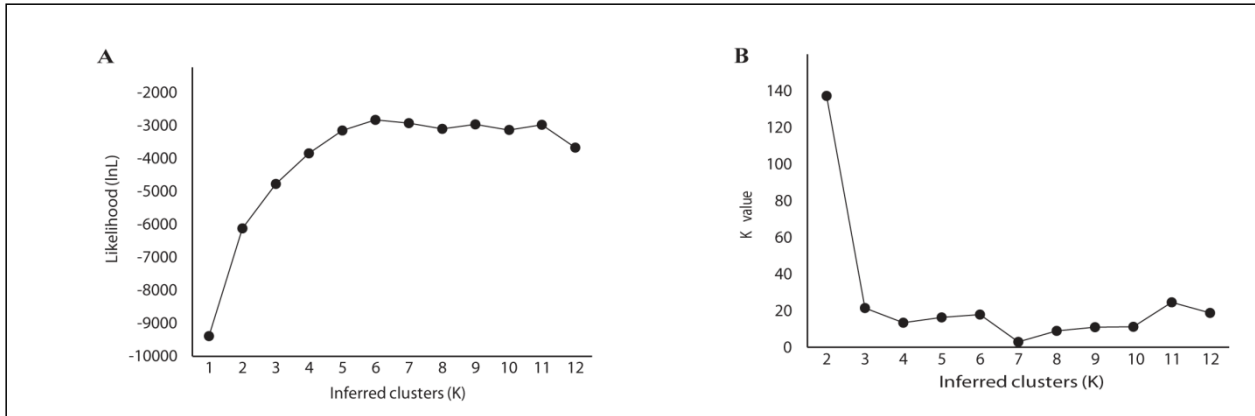


Figure 1.6. Plots of calculations for K values 1-12 in STRUCTURE analysis of the combined dataset. (A) The mean log probability of the data for $K = 1$ to 12, calculated from the four best scoring runs for each K value. (B) ΔK values for $K=2$ to 12.

Supplementary data 1.1. All specimens included in the present study: ID, specimen identification and DNA collection number; voucher, herbarium collection number; plot, specific to sampling plots along altitudinal gradients on Thousand Lakes and Boulder Mountains in southern Utah, USA; Lat, latitude; Lon, longitude; Ele., altitude in m. a. s. l.; Collector(s); and source of specimen. Collectors include: MD, M. Devito; KBK, K. Knight; G. Leavitt; HCL, H. Leavitt; JHL, J. Leavitt; SDL, S. Leavitt; LDP, L. Porter; PAR, P. Ririe; GS, G. Shrestha; LLS, L. St. Clair; and EA indicates specimens sampled from the Elemental Analysis collection at the Herbarium of Nonvascular Cryptogams (BRY), Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.

ID	Voucher	Plot	Location	Lat.	Lon.	Ele.	Collector(s)	Source
<u>Outgroup taxa</u>								
<i>R. chrysolueca</i>								
561f	BRY-55000	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: northwest of Boulder Mountain (BM-1)	38.27364	-111.6106	2344 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
562f	BRY-55001	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: northwest of Boulder Mountain (BM-1)	38.27364	-111.6106	2344 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
565f	BRY-55002	-	USA, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-2)	38.17228	-111.5794	2809 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
566f	BRY-55003	-	USA, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-2)	38.17228	-111.5794	2809 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
569f	BRY-55004	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-3)	38.16257	-111.5351	3360 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
570f	BRY-55005	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-3)	38.16257	-111.5351	3360 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
581f	BRY-55570	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-3)	38.16257	-111.5351	3360 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
582f	BRY-55006	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-3)	38.16257	-111.5351	3360 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
583f	BRY-55007	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-3)	38.16257	-111.5351	3360 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
584f	BRY-55008	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-3)	38.16257	-111.5351	3360 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
585f	BRY-55009	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-3)	38.16257	-111.5351	3360 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
591f	BRY-55010	-	USA, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-2)	38.17228	-111.5795	2809 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
592f	BRY-55011	-	USA, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-2)	38.17228	-111.5795	2809 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
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595f	BRY-	-	USA, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-	38.17228	-111.5795	2809 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study

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602f	BRY-55014	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: northwest of Boulder Mountain (BM-1)	38.27364	-111.6106	2344 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study		
603f	BRY-55015	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: northwest of Boulder Mountain (BM-1)	38.27364	-111.6106	2344 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study		
604f	BRY-55016	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: northwest of Boulder Mountain (BM-1)	38.27364	-111.6106	2344 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study		
605f	BRY-55017	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: northwest of Boulder Mountain (BM-1)	38.27364	-111.6106	2344 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study		
606f	BRY-55018	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: northwest of Boulder Mountain (BM-1)	38.27364	-111.6106	2344 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study		
676f	BRY-55019	-	USA, UT, Summit County; High Uinta Wilderness Area	40.82699	-110.5004	3500 m	SDL, LLS, MD	this study		
<i>R. subdiscrepans</i>										
1023f	BRY-55020	-	USA, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-2)	38.17228	-111.5795	2809 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study		
734f	BRY-55021	-	USA, UT, Uintah Co.: Snake John Reef	40.29259	-109.1214	1631 m	SDL, LLS, GS	this study		
735f	BRY-55022	-	USA, UT, Uintah Co.: Snake John Reef	40.29259	-109.1214	1631 m	SDL, LLS, GS	this study		
<i>R. melanophthalma</i> species-complex										
clade I – <i>Lecanora novomexicana</i>										
730f	BRY-55023	-	USA, UT, Summit Co.: Ashley National Forest	40.8551	-110.8747	2793 m	SDL, LLS, MD	this study		
731f	BRY-55024	-	USA, UT, Summit Co.: Ashley National Forest	40.5976	-109.8406	2606 m	SDL, LLS, GS	this study		
732f	BRY-55025	-	USA, UT, Summit Co.: Ashley National Forest	40.5976	-109.8406	2606 m	SDL, LLS, GS	this study		
733f	BRY-55026	-	USA, UT, Uintah Co.: Snake John Reef	40.29259	-109.1208	1631 m	SDL, LLS, GS	this study		
clade V – <i>Lecanora novomexicana</i> (from ITS gene tree)										
-	AF159923	-	USA, New Mexico	-	-	-	-	Arup and Grub 2000		
-	AF159945	-	USA, Arizona	-	-	-	-	Arup and Grub 2000		
clade II – <i>R. melanophthalma</i> sensu lato										
563f	BRY-55037	BM-1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: northwest of Boulder Mountain (BM-1)	38.27364	-111.6106	2344 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study		
564f	BRY-55038	BM-1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: northwest of Boulder Mountain (BM-1)	38.27364	-111.6106	2344 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study		
587f	BRY-	BM-3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain	38.16257	-111.5351	3360 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study		

	55039		(BM-3)						
607f	BRY-55040	BM-1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: northwest of Boulder Mountain (BM-1)	38.27364	-111.6106	2344 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study	
608f	BRY-55041	BM-1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: northwest of Boulder Mountain (BM-1)	38.27364	-111.6106	2344 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study	
609f	BRY-55042	BM-1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: northwest of Boulder Mountain (BM-1)	38.27364	-111.6106	2344 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study	
610f	BRY-55043	BM-1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: northwest of Boulder Mountain (BM-1)	38.27364	-111.6106	2344 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study	
611f	BRY-55044	BM-1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: northwest of Boulder Mountain (BM-1)	38.27364	-111.6106	2344 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study	
612f	BRY-55045	TLM-1	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (1)	38.4243	-111.6446	2220 m	LDP	this study	
614f	BRY-55046	TLM-1	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (1)	38.4243	-111.6446	2220 m	LDP	this study	
615f	BRY-55047	TLM-1	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (1)	38.4243	-111.6446	2220 m	LDP	this study	
660f	BRY-55048	TLM-10	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (10)	38.44317	-111.4703	3400 m	LDP	this study	
677f	BRY-55049	-	USA, UT, Emery Co.: San Rafael Swell	38.70424	-110.7964	1967 m	SDL	this study	
678f	BRY-55050	-	USA, UT, Emery Co.: San Rafael Swell	38.70424	-110.7964	1967 m	SDL	this study	
693f	BRY-55051	-	USA, NV, Elko Co.: Humboldt National Forest	41.64676	-115.3130	2023 m	EA 15-123A	this study	
696f	BRY-55052	-	USA, UT, Uintah Co.: Dinosaur National Monument	40.37167	-109.0930	2447 m	EA 18-143	this study	
697f	BRY-55053	-	USA, CO, Moffat Co.: Dinosaur National Monument	40.44957	-108.5234	1721 m	EA 18-145	this study	
699f	BRY-55054	-	USA, UT, Iron Co.: Cedar Breaks National Monument	37.63043	-112.8317	3186 m	EA 22-177	this study	
708f	BRY-55055	-	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.: Salmon Challis National Forest	44.56022	-113.3507	1194 m	EA 41-403	this study	
720f	BRY-55056	-	USA, WY, Johnson Co.: west of Buffalo	44.33849	-106.7656	1581 m	SDL	this study	
721f	BRY-55057	-	USA, WY, Fremont Co.: Wind River Mountains	42.73869	-108.8352	2122 m	SDL	this study	
722f	BRY-	-	USA, UT, Uintah Co.: Snake John Reef	40.29259	-109.1208	1631 m	SDL, LLS, GS	this study	

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724f	BRY-55059	-	USA, UT, Uintah Co.: Snake John Reef	40.29259	-109.1208	1631 m	SDL, LLS, GS		this study
725f	BRY-55060	-	USA, UT, Duchesne Co.: Pinyon Ridge Rest Area	40.20385	-110.7108	2055 m	SDL, LLS, GS		this study
-	AF159929 (ITS only)	-	USA, Arizona	-	-	-	-		Arup and Grub 2000
-	AF159934 (ITS only)	-	USA, Arizona	-	-	-	-		Arup and Grub 2000
-	AF159935 (ITS only)	-	Austria	-	-	-	-		Arup and Grub 2000
-	AY509791 (ITS only)	-	China, Xianjiang Province	-	-	-	-		Zhou et al. 2006
-	EF095282 (ITS only)	-	China, Xianjiang ProvinceTianshan Mountains	-	-	-	-		Zheng et al. 2007
-	EF095286 (ITS only)	-	China, Xianjiang ProvinceTianshan Mountains	-	-	-	-		Zheng et al. 2007
-	EF095297 (ITS only)	-	China, Xianjiang ProvinceTianshan Mountains	-	-	-	-		Zheng et al. 2007
clade III – <i>R. melanophthalma</i> sensu lato									
543f	BRY-55061	TLM-9	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (9)	38.4366	-111.4677	3270 m	LDP		this study
544f	BRY-55062	TLM-9	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (9)	38.4366	-111.4677	3270 m	LDP		this study
571f	BRY-55063	BM-3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-3)	38.16257	-111.5351	3360 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR		this study
572f	BRY-55064	BM-3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-3)	38.16257	-111.5351	3360 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR		this study
586f	BRY-55065	BM-3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-3)	38.16257	-111.5351	3360 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR		this study
588f	BRY-55066	BM-3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-3)	38.16257	-111.5351	3360 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR		this study
589f	BRY-55067	BM-3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-3)	38.16257	-111.5351	3360 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR		this study
590f	BRY-55068	BM-3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-3)	38.16257	-111.5351	3360 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR		this study
652f	BRY-55069	TLM-9	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (9)	38.4366	-111.4677	3270 m	LDP		this study
653f	BRY-55070	TLM-9	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (9)	38.4366	-111.4677	3270 m	LDP		this study

654f	BRY-55071	TLM-9	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (9)	38.4366	-111.4677	3270 m	LDP	this study
655f	BRY-55072	TLM-9	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (9)	38.4366	-111.4677	3270 m	LDP	this study
656f	BRY-55073	TLM-9	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (9)	38.4366	-111.4677	3270 m	LDP	this study
clade IVa – <i>R. melanophthalma</i> sensu lato								
695f	BRY-55074	-	USA, Utah, Juab Co.: West of Goshen	39.9697	-112.0601	1840 m	EA 18-140	this study
706f	BRY-55075	-	USA, ID, Butte Co.: Salmon Challis National Forest	43.7197	-113.0891	2432 m	EA 37-356	this study
714f	BRY-55076	-	USA, NV, White Pine Co.: Humboldt-Toiyabe N.F.	39.1734	-114.6130	3166 m	SDL, LLS	this study
clade IVb – <i>R. melanophthalma</i> sensu lato								
550f	BRY-55077	TLM-6	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (6)	38.5111	-111.4732	2875 m	LDP	this study
551f	BRY-55078	TLM-5	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (5)	38.5076	-111.4904	2725 m	LDP	this study
552f	BRY-55079	TLM-5	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (5)	38.5076	-111.4904	2725 m	LDP	this study
626f	BRY-55080	TLM-3	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (3)	38.5079	-111.5505	2400 m	LDP	this study
632f	BRY-55081	TLM-5	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (5)	38.5076	-111.4904	2725 m	LDP	this study
633f	BRY-55082	TLM-5	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (5)	38.5076	-111.4904	2725 m	LDP	this study
634f	BRY-55083	TLM-5	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (5)	38.5076	-111.4904	2725 m	LDP	this study
635f	BRY-55084	TLM-5	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (5)	38.5076	-111.4904	2725 m	LDP	this study
636f	BRY-55085	TLM-5	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (5)	38.5076	-111.4904	2725 m	LDP	this study
649f	BRY-55086	TLM-8	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (8)	38.4557	-111.4581	3175 m	LDP	this study
657f	BRY-55087	TLM-10	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (10)	38.44317	-111.4703	3400 m	LDP	this study
664f	BRY-55088	-	USA, NM, San Juan Co.: vicinity of Aztec Ruins National Monument	36.83479	-108.0002	1721 m	SDL, HCL	this study

698f	BRY-55089	-	MT, Deer Lodge Co.: southwest of Anaconda Copper Smelter	46.05645	-112.9820	1890 m	EA 21-166	this study
718f	BRY-55090	-	MT, Sanders Co.: Cabinet Mountains	48.06068	-115.6894	1939 m	SDL, LLS, GS	this study
-	EF095278 (ITS only)	-	China, Xianjiang ProvinceTianshan Mountains	-	-	-	-	Zheng et al. 2007
-	EF095280 (ITS only)	-	China, Xianjiang ProvinceTianshan Mountains	-	-	-	-	Zheng et al. 2007
-	EF095283 (ITS only)	-	China, Xianjiang ProvinceTianshan Mountains	-	-	-	-	Zheng et al. 2007
-	EF095285 (ITS only)	-	China, Xianjiang ProvinceTianshan Mountains	-	-	-	-	Zheng et al. 2007
-	EF095287 (ITS only)	-	China, Xianjiang ProvinceTianshan Mountains	-	-	-	-	Zheng et al. 2007
-	EF095290 (ITS only)	-	China, Xianjiang ProvinceTianshan Mountains	-	-	-	-	Arup and Grub 2000
clade IVc – <i>R. melanophthalma</i> sensu lato								
554f	BRY-55091	TLM-4	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (4)	38.5079	-111.5161	2550 m	LDP	this study
556f	BRY-55092	TLM-3	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (3)	38.5079	-111.5505	2400 m	LDP	this study
668f	BRY-55093	-	USA, ID, Owynee Co.: McBride Creeks Badlands	43.32021	-116.9795	1291 m	SDL, HCL, JHL	this study
669f	BRY-55094	-	USA, ID, Owynee Co.: McBride Creeks Badlands	43.32021	-116.9795	1291 m	SDL, HCL, JHL	this study
670f	BRY-55095	-	USA, ID, Owynee Co.: McBride Creeks Badlands	43.32021	-116.9795	1291 m	SDL, HCL, JHL	this study
clade IVd – <i>R. melanophthalma</i> sensu lato								
541f	BRY-55096	TLM-10	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (10)	38.44317	-111.4703	3400 m	LDP	this study
542f	BRY-55097	TLM-10	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (10)	38.44317	-111.4703	3400 m	LDP	this study
545f	BRY-55098	TLM-8	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (8)	38.4557	-111.4581	3175 m	LDP	this study
546f	BRY-55099	TLM-8	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (8)	38.4557	-111.4581	3175 m	LDP	this study
547f	BRY-55100	TLM-7	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (7)	38.4557	-111.4497	3000 m	LDP	this study

548f	BRY-55101	TLM-7	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (7)	38.4557	-111.4497	3000 m	LDP	this study
549f	BRY-55102	TLM-6	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (6)	38.5111	-111.4732	2875 m	LDP	this study
553f	BRY-55103	TLM-4	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (4)	38.5079	-111.5161	2550 m	LDP	this study
555f	BRY-55104	TLM-3	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (3)	38.5079	-111.5505	2400 m	LDP	this study
557f	BRY-55105	TLM-2	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (2)	38.431	-111.6119	2285 m	LDP	this study
558f	BRY-55106	TLM-2	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (2)	38.431	-111.6119	2285 m	LDP	this study
559f	BRY-55107	TLM-1	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (1)	38.4243	-111.6446	2220 m	LDP	this study
560f	BRY-55108	TLM-1	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (1)	38.4243	-111.6446	2220 m	LDP	this study
567f	BRY-55109	BM-2	USA, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-2)	38.17228	-111.5785	2809 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
568f	BRY-55110	BM-2	USA, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-2)	38.17228	-111.5785	2809 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
596f	BRY-55111	BM-2	USA, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-2)	38.17228	-111.5785	2809 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
597f	BRY-55112	BM-2	USA, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-2)	38.17228	-111.5785	2809 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
598f	BRY-55113	BM-2	USA, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-2)	38.17228	-111.5785	2809 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
599f	BRY-55114	BM-2	USA, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-2)	38.17228	-111.5785	2809 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
600f	BRY-55115	BM-2	USA, Wayne Co.: Boulder Mountain (BM-2)	38.17228	-111.5785	2809 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, PAR	this study
613f	BRY-55116	TLM-1	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (1)	38.4243	-111.6446	2220 m	LDP	this study
616f	BRY-55117	TLM-1	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (1)	38.4243	-111.6446	2220 m	LDP	this study
617f	BRY-55118	TLM-2	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (1)	38.4243	-111.6446	2220 m	LDP	this study
618f	BRY-55119	TLM-2	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (2)	38.431	-111.6119	2285 m	LDP	this study

619f	BRY-55120	TLM-2	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (2)	38.431	-111.6119	2285 m	LDP	this study
620f	BRY-55121	TLM-2	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (2)	38.431	-111.6119	2285 m	LDP	this study
621f	BRY-55122	TLM-2	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (2)	38.431	-111.6119	2285 m	LDP	this study
622f	BRY-55123	TLM-3	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (3)	38.5079	-111.5505	2400 m	LDP	this study
623f	BRY-55124	TLM-3	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (3)	38.5079	-111.5505	2400 m	LDP	this study
624f	BRY-55125	TLM-3	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (3)	38.5079	-111.5505	2400 m	LDP	this study
625f	BRY-55126	TLM-3	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (3)	38.5079	-111.5505	2400 m	LDP	this study
627f	BRY-55127	TLM-4	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (4)	38.5079	-111.5161	2550 m	LDP	this study
628f	BRY-55128	TLM-4	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (4)	38.5079	-111.5161	2550 m	LDP	this study
629f	BRY-55129	TLM-4	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (4)	38.5079	-111.5161	2550 m	LDP	this study
630f	BRY-55130	TLM-4	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (4)	38.5079	-111.5161	2550 m	LDP	this study
631f	BRY-55131	TLM-4	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (4)	38.5079	-111.5161	2550 m	LDP	this study
637f	BRY-55132	TLM-6	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (6)	38.5111	-111.4732	2875 m	LDP	this study
639f	BRY-55133	TLM-6	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (6)	38.5111	-111.4732	2875 m	LDP	this study
640f	BRY-55134	TLM-6	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (6)	38.5111	-111.4732	2875 m	LDP	this study
641f	BRY-55135	TLM-6	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (6)	38.5111	-111.4732	2875 m	LDP	this study
642f	BRY-55136	TLM-7	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (7)	38.4557	-111.4497	3000 m	LDP	this study
643f	BRY-55137	TLM-7	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (7)	38.4557	-111.4497	3000 m	LDP	this study
644f	BRY-55138	TLM-7	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (7)	38.4557	-111.4497	3000 m	LDP	this study

645f	BRY-55139	TLM-7	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (7)	38.4557	-111.4497	3000 m	LDP	this study
646f	BRY-55140	TLM-7	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (7)	38.4557	-111.4497	3000 m	LDP	this study
647f	BRY-55141	TLM-8	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (8)	38.4557	-111.4581	3175 m	LDP	this study
648f	BRY-55142	TLM-8	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (8)	38.4557	-111.4581	3175 m	LDP	this study
650f	BRY-55143	TLM-8	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (8)	38.4557	-111.4581	3175 m	LDP	this study
651f	BRY-55144	TLM-8	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (8)	38.4557	-111.4581	3175 m	LDP	this study
658f	BRY-55570	TLM-10	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (10)	38.44317	-111.4703	3400 m	LDP	this study
659f	BRY-55146	TLM-10	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (10)	38.44317	-111.4703	3400 m	LDP	this study
661f	BRY-55147	TLM-10	USA, Utah, Wayne Co.: Thousand Lake Mountain (10)	38.44317	-111.4703	3400 m	LDP	this study
686f	BRY-55148	-	USA, Utah, Iron County	38.07714	-112.6841	1813 m	SDL, HCL, JHL, GDL	this study
713f	BRY-55149	-	USA, NV, White Pine Co.: Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest	38.54642	-114.6385	2744 m	SLD, LLS	this study
723f	BRY-55150	-	USA, UT, Uintah Co.: Snake John Reef	40.29259	-109.1208	1631 m	SDL, LLS, GS	this study
<u>Vagrant taxa in the <i>R. melanophthalma</i> species complex (clade IV)</u>								
<i>R. cerebriformis</i> (clade Iva)								
-	AF159942 (ITS only)	-	USA, Idaho	-	-	-	-	Arup and Grub 2000
<i>R. cylindrica</i> - (clade IVd)								
	AF159941 (ITS only)	-	USA, Idaho	-	-	-	-	Arup and Grub 2000
<i>R. haydenii</i>								
	AF159937 (ITS only)	-	USA, Idaho	-	-	-	-	Arup and Grub 2000
684f	BRY-55029	-	USA, WY, Lincoln County	41.63877	-110.5699	2018 m	SDL, JHL	this study
685f	BRY-55030	-	USA, WY, Lincoln County	41.63877	-110.5699	2018 m	SDL, JHL	this study

728f	BRY-55032	-	USA, WY, Sweetwater County	42.23702	-109.1712	2112 m	SDL	this study
729f	BRY-55033	-	USA, WY, Sweetwater County	42.23702	-109.1712	2112 m	SDL	this study
715f*	BRY-55031	-	USA, MT, Deerlodge Co.: Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forest	46.10273	-113.2326	2382 m	SDL, LLS, GS	this study
<i>R. haydenii</i> spp. <i>arbuscula</i>								
092f	BRY-55027	-	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.: city of Leadore	44.68116	-113.3623	1819 m	SDL, LLS, KBK	this study
727f	BRY-55028	-	ID, Lemhi Co.: Salmon Challis National Forest	44.37694	-113.2719	2987 m	LLS, KBK	this study
<i>R. idahoensis</i>								
-	AF159943 (ITS only)	-	USA, Idaho	-	-	-	-	Arup and Grub 2000
093f	BRY-55034	-	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.: city of Leadore	44.68116	-113.3623	1819 m	SDL, LLS, KBK	this study
094f	BRY-55035	-	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.: city of Leadore	44.68116	-113.3623	1819 m	SDL, LLS, KBK	this study
103f	BRY-55036	-	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.: city of Leadore	44.68116	-113.3623	1819 m	SDL, LLS, KBK	this study
<i>R. subidahoensis</i> (clade IVa)								
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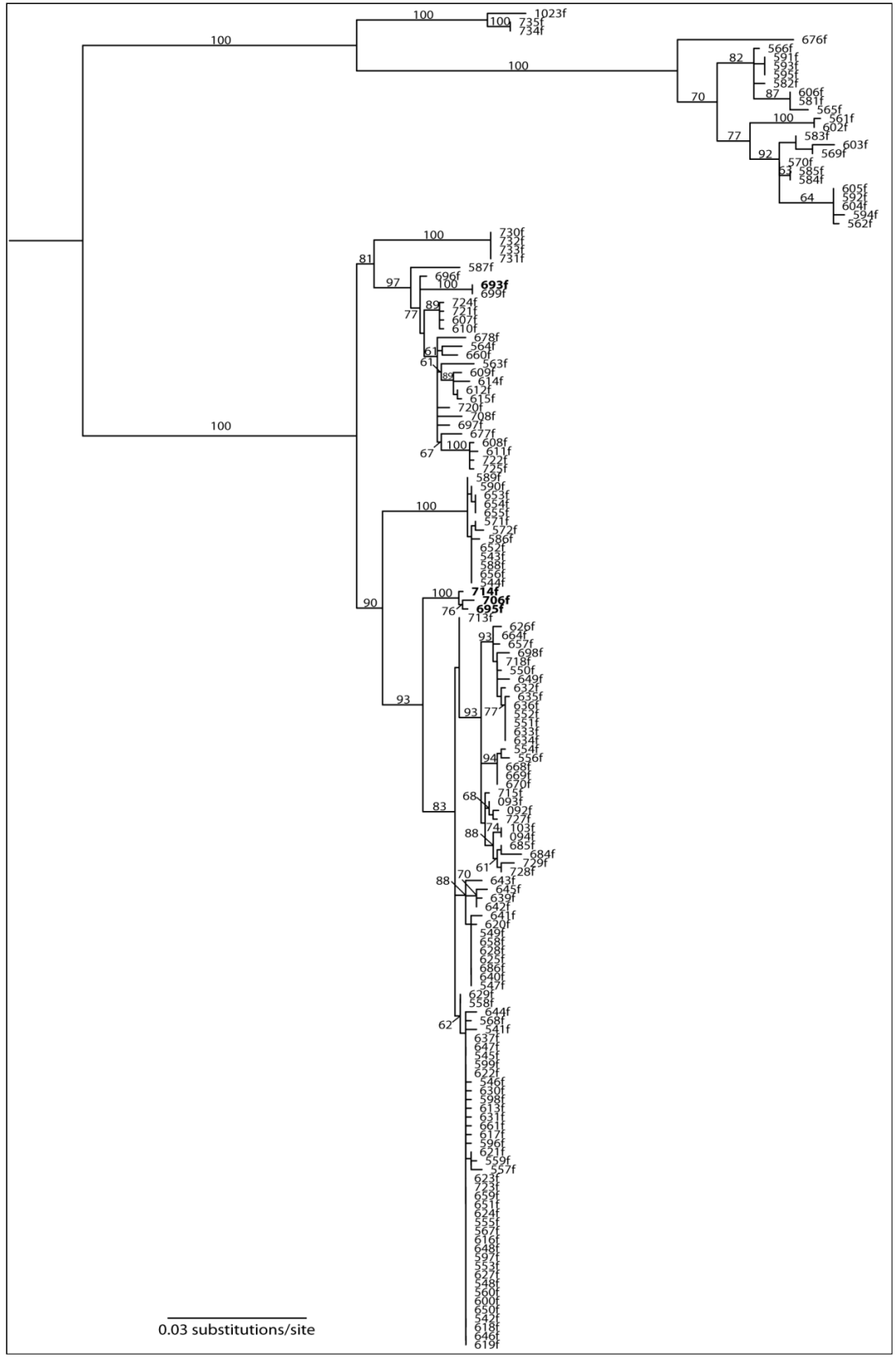
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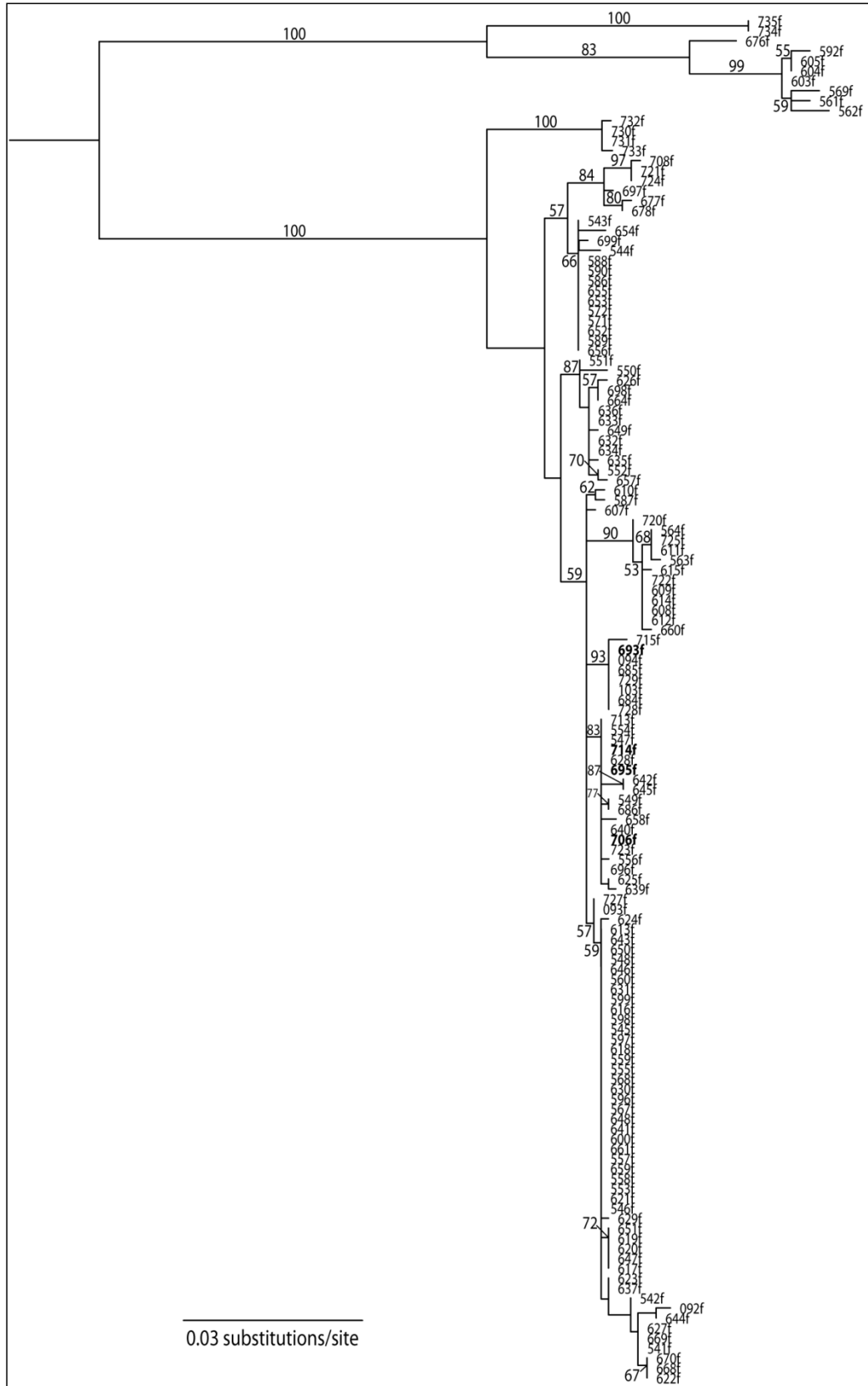
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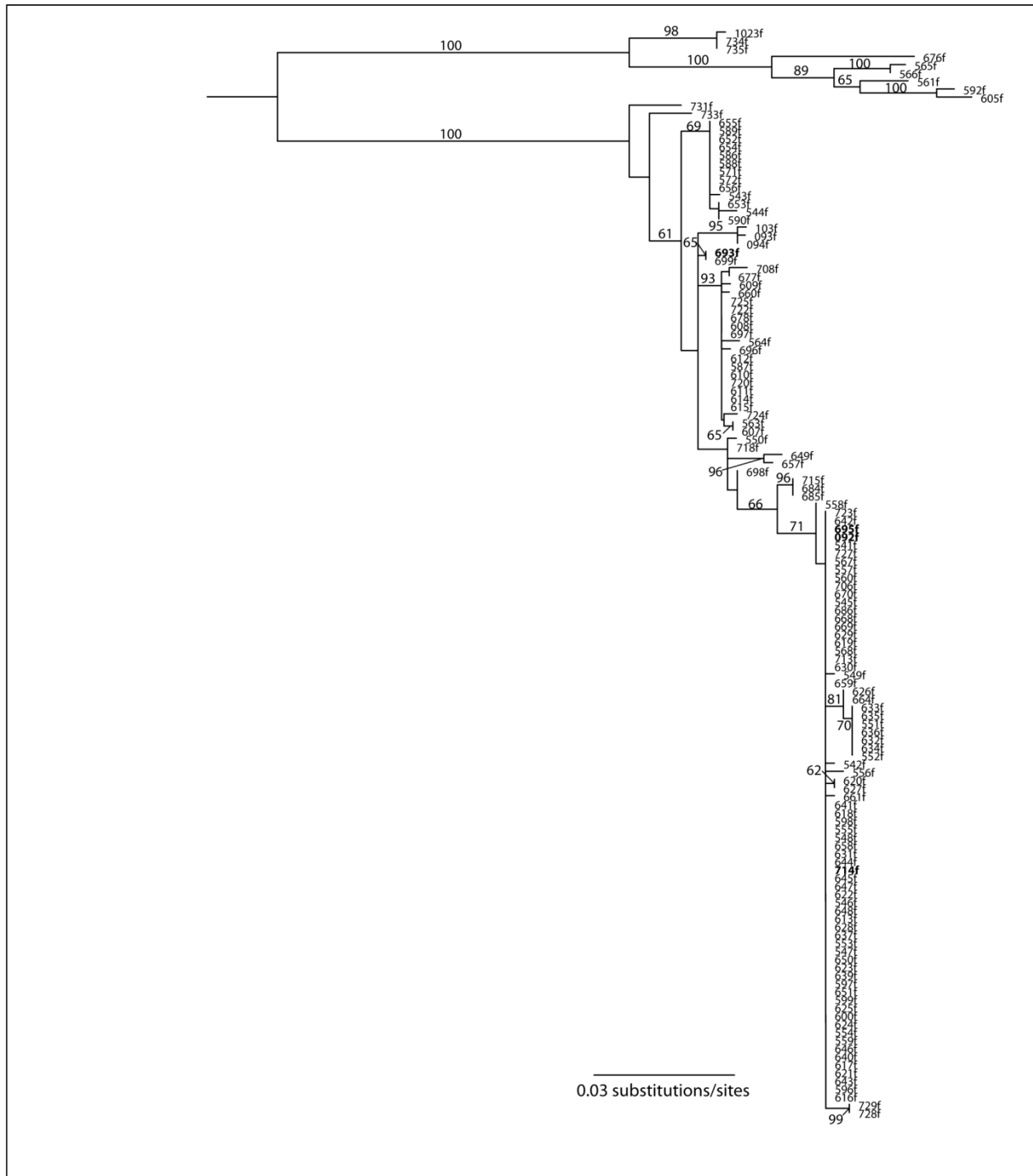
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Supplementary data 1.3a (on previous page). Maximum likelihood topology of concatenated ribosomal loci (IGS, ITS, and group I intron), with bootstrap support indicated at nodes. Accessions found to be in conflict with other markers are **bolded**.



Supplementary data 1.3b (on previous page). Maximum likelihood topology of the β -tubulin fragment, with bootstrap support indicated at nodes. Accessions found to be in conflict with other markers are **bolded**.



Supplementary data 1.3c. Maximum likelihood topology of the *MCM7* fragment, with bootstrap support indicated at nodes. Accessions found to be in conflict with other markers are **bolded**.

CHAPTER TWO

New insights into phylogenetic relationships and character evolution in the species-rich lichen-forming fungal genus *Xanthoparmelia* (Parmeliaceae) in western North America

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Abstract

The lichen-forming ascomycete genus *Xanthoparmelia* includes over 800 described species displaying a considerable range of morphological and chemical variation. Traditionally, species delimitations have been based on morphological characters, medullary chemistry, and various reproductive features. However, the evolution of these characters has remained unclear, and many traditional classifications have been shown to be highly artificial. Using sequence data from four nuclear ribosomal markers, IGS, ITS, LSU and a group I intron, and fragments from two nuclear loci, β -tubulin, and *MCM7*, we reconstructed a phylogenetic hypothesis from 422 individuals representing 20 putative species to assess the evolution of taxonomically important characters. Most sampled species as currently circumscribed were recovered as polyphyletic and major diagnostic characters have evolved in a highly homoplasious manner. The vagrant growth form, distinct medullary chemistries, and production of vegetative diaspores appear to have evolved independently multiple times. These results are consistent with other studies of lichenized fungi indicating that traditional morphological and chemistry-based species delimitations fail to accurately represent fungal diversity.

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Introduction

Lichens are obligate symbiotic associations consisting of a fungus (the mycobiont), a green alga and/or cyanobacterium (the photobiont), and, at least in some cases, non-photosynthetic bacteria (Cardinale, Puglia, and Grube, 2006; Cardinale et al., 2008; Hodkinson and Lutzoni, 2009; Selbmann et al., 2010). Lichen systems have been very successful from an evolutionary perspective and include approximately one-fifth of all known extant fungal species (Lutzoni, Pagel, and Reeb, 2001). The co-evolution of lichen symbionts has resulted in a wide array of morphological and metabolic adaptations unique to lichen systems, termed symbiotic phenotypes (Honegger, 2001), which promote the overall success of the symbionts (Rikkinen, 1995; Clark et al., 2001; Sanders, 2001). Traditionally anatomical, morphological and chemical characters of the complete lichen association have been employed to characterize taxonomy of the mycobiont (the taxonomy of the other symbionts, e.g. algae and cyanobacteria, has no official nomenclatural status relative to the intact lichen). However, key taxonomic characters within lichenized ascomycetes appear to have evolved independently or changed character states frequently over the course of lichen evolution (Printzen, 2009), and the value of these characters for defining taxonomic boundaries appears to be overestimated in many groups (Arup and Grube, 2000; Blanco et al., 2004a; Reeb, Lutzoni, and Roux, 2004; Buschbom and Mueller, 2006; Lumbsch et al., 2007; Reese Næsborg, Ekman, and Tibell, 2007; Nelsen et al., 2009; Schmitt et al., 2009a).

The ascomycete family Parmeliaceae represents the largest and best studied family of lichenized-fungi within the Lecanorales (Ascomycota), and includes approximately 2000 species in 90 genera (Crespo et al., 2007). In some cases, morphological and chemical characters used to define species within the Parmeliaceae are not useful taxonomic discriminators at an intrageneric

level (Louwhoff and Crisp, 2000; Velmala et al., 2009), and cryptic phylogenetic lineages have been identified within several species defined by morphological characters (Kroken and Taylor, 2001; Crespo et al., 2002; Blanco et al., 2004b; Molina et al., 2004; Argüello et al., 2007; Wirtz, Printzen, and Lumbsch, 2008). On the other hand, both chemistry and morphology based taxonomic boundaries may appropriately represent species diversity in some groups within the Parmeliaceae (Tehler and Källersjö, 2001; McCune and Schoch, 2009; Truong, Naciri, and Clerc, 2009). However, the utility of traditional characters used to define species within most genera in the Parmeliaceae has not been evaluated in a molecular context.

Within the Parmeliaceae, *Xanthoparmelia* (Vainio) Hale is the largest genus, including more than 800 species characterized by the presence of usnic or iosusnic acid and the polysaccharide *Xanthoparmelia*-type lichenan in the hyphal cell walls (Elix, 1993; Blanco et al., 2004a; Crespo et al., 2007). The use of molecular data has revised the generic circumspection of *Xanthoparmelia* and suggests chemical and morphological characters previously used to define taxonomic groups within the genus have been overemphasized (Crespo, Blanco, and Hawksworth, 2001; Blanco et al., 2004a; Blanco et al., 2006; Thell et al., 2006; Arup et al., 2007; Crespo et al., 2007; Del Prado et al., 2007; Gutiérrez et al., 2007; Hodgkinson and Lendemer, in press). Congeners in *Xanthoparmelia* display great morphological and chemical diversity, which traditionally have been used to differentiate species. The current classification has been problematic and many of the current groupings are disputed (Esslinger, 1977, 1978; Elix, 1986; Hawksworth and Crespo, 2002; Blanco et al., 2004a; Ahti and Hawksworth, 2005; Crespo et al., 2007; Thell, Elix, and Søchting, 2009). Contrasting reproductive modes have also been important characters for diagnosing species within *Xanthoparmelia* (Hale, 1990). Sexual reproduction occurs through the production of ascospores produced through meiosis in sexual

fruiting bodies (the apothecia), and these are dispersed independent of the photobiont partner and require de novo acquisition of the appropriate photobiont partner. In contrast, specialized vegetative reproductive propagules (the isidia or soredia) contain both symbionts, eliminating the requirement of acquiring the appropriate photobiont partner de novo.

In spite of the recognized importance of molecular data for effectively investigating deeper phylogenetic relationships in the Parmeliaceae, relatively little has been done to investigate α -level patterns of morphological and chemical diversity within and between *Xanthoparmelia* species in a framework incorporating molecular data (Thell, Elix, and Söchting, 2009; Hodkinson and Lendemer, in press; Leavitt, Johnson, and St. Clair, submitted). Recent studies of some *Xanthoparmelia* species suggest that several distinct lineages may be hidden within nominal species defined on chemical and morphological grounds (Del-Prado et al., 2010).

Xanthoparmelia contains the greatest number of vagrant species with the greatest geographic distributions (Rosentreter, 1993). Vagrant forms of lichenized fungi represent an interesting phenomenon seen in diverse lichen clades, including *Aspicilia* (Megasporaceae), *Masonhalea* (Parmeliaceae), *Rhizoplaca* (Lecanoraceae), and *Xanthoparmelia*. The term “vagrant” is used for obligatory unattached taxa that grow, persist, and reproduce without attachment to a substrate (Rosentreter, 1993). These are generally conspicuous lichens found growing unattached on soils in many deserts, steppes, and high plain areas of North America, Eastern Europe, Russia, Mongolia, Australia, and South Africa. The occurrence of vagrant lichens in multiple lineages leads to questions concerning the evolutionary advantages and ecological factors that have given rise to vagrancy.

A high degree of morphological variation in most vagrant forms of *Xanthoparmelia* has resulted in species boundaries often based on variation in the expression of signature secondary

metabolites (Hale, 1990; Rosentreter, 1993). Unspecialized vegetative fragments are generally the only method of reproduction for vagrant *Xanthoparmelia* species, limiting dispersal and genetic exchange between populations (Bailey, 1976; Rosentreter, 1993), although it has been proposed that some long distance dispersal may be mediated by migrating pronghorn antelope and other ungulates which transport unspecialized thallus fragments (Thomas and Rosentreter, 1992; Rosentreter, 1993; St. Clair et al., 2007). Although sexual reproductive structures (apothecia) are extremely rare in vagrant *Xanthoparmelia* species, they have occasionally been found on *X. chlorochroa* and *X. camtschadalis* (Hale, 1990), and methods of dispersal and the role of sexual reproduction in vagrant growth-forms have not been explicitly tested.

The lichen genus *Xanthoparmelia* provides a model system for assessing problems caused by homoplasy of morphological and chemical characters in lichenized fungi (Del-Prado et al., 2010). Furthermore, morphologically and chemically diverse vagrant *Xanthoparmelia* taxa in North America offer an excellent opportunity to evaluate patterns of vagrancy, identify divergent vagrant lineages, and assess the evolution of taxonomically important secondary metabolites and reproductive modes within a comprehensive molecular phylogenetic context. Blanco et al. (2004b) recovered some taxa included in the present study within a single well-supported monophyletic lineage, sister to *X. brachinaensis*, and other recent studies suggest that most North American taxa belong to this lineage (Thell, Elix, and Søchting, 2009; Hodkinson and Lendemer, in press). The objectives of this research are to: 1) estimate a robust phylogenetic hypothesis concerning the relationship of vagrant growth-forms to attached saxicolous forms of *Xanthoparmelia* in North America; 2) identify divergent lineages of vagrant forms within their North American distribution; and 3) assess the evolution of morphological, chemical, and reproductive characters, with an emphasis on those important for the effective and consistent

treatment of this group. To this end, we obtained samples of *Xanthoparmelia* specimens representing morphologically and chemically diverse taxa, including all described North American vagrant *Xanthoparmelia* species, throughout their known distributions in western North America, and accessions of other divergent *Xanthoparmelia* lineages to assess monophyly of the focal group. We used sequence data from 4 nuclear ribosomal markers (ITS, IGS, LSU, group I intron) and two low-copy nuclear protein-coding fragments (β -tubulin and *MCM7*) to recover a well-supported phylogenetic hypothesis for this group.

Materials and Methods

Taxon sampling—Over 4000 *Xanthoparmelia* specimens were collected between 2005 and 2009 from locations throughout western North America for initial analyses of morphological and chemical variation. Sampling emphasized: 1) described vagrant *Xanthoparmelia* taxa, 2) the known distribution of *X. chlorochroa* sensu lato (s. l.), 3) any co-occurring saxicolous attached species of *Xanthoparmelia*; and 4) included all specimens presented in Leavitt et al. (submitted-b). Additionally, limited sampling was included to assess relationships within a broader taxonomic and phylogeographic context to confirm the monophyly of the focal group. Specimens were selected to represent the ecological range of these taxa, with effective sampling across the morphological and biochemical variation of the collection, including both vagrant and saxicolous attached species. Material from the Herbarium of Nonvascular Cryptogams, Brigham Young University (BRY), Snake River Plains Herbarium, Boise State University (SRP), Oregon State University Herbarium (OSC), University of Nebraska at Omaha Herbarium (OMA), and Theodore Esslinger's personal collection (North Dakota) was included to improve taxonomic sampling and represent unsampled localities. Although *Xanthoparmelia* has been relatively well

studied from a generic perspective, uncertainty in the outgroup relationships between species within the genus is potentially problematic in determining basal relationships within the ingroup. Major lineages identified in Blanco et al. (2004) were represented by ITS and LSU sequence data from 18 individuals to identify the phylogenetic position within the genus and assess monophyly, and *Karoowia saxeti* was selected as the outgroup (Blanco et al., 2004a; Crespo et al., 2007). The geographical distribution of a total 414 specimens representing 20 species (focal group) is shown in [Figure 1](#). Collection information for all material used in this study is summarized in [Supplementary Data S1](#), and all new voucher material generated from this study is maintained at the Brigham Young University Herbarium of Nonvascular Cryptogams, Provo, Utah, U.S.A.

Morphology and chemistry—We evaluated all taxonomically important characters, with emphasis on the vagrant growth-form, the production of distinct secondary metabolites, and reproductive mode. Secondary metabolite data were generated for all vouchers using thin layer chromatography (TLC). Lichen compounds were extracted in acetone using 0.02 grams of thallus material; the acetone wash was subsequently used for chromatography in solvents C and G following the methods of Orange, James, and White (2001). Taxonomic assignments were based on morphological and chemical data following Hale (1990) and Nash and Elix (2004). However, confusion surrounding the *diagnosability* and significance of most vegetative morphological characters has been documented (Blanco et al., 2004a; Thell, Elix, and Søchting, 2009; Del-Prado et al., 2010; Leavitt, 2010; Hodgkinson and Lendemer, in press), and we chose to represent all taxonomic assignments *sensu lato*. Some of the morphological variation typical of sampled taxa is shown in [Figure 2](#).

DNA isolation, PCR and sequencing—Total genomic DNA was extracted using either the DNeasy Plant Mini Kit (Qiagen, Valencia, CA) according to manufacturer's instructions, or

the Prepease DNA Isolation Kit (USB, Cleveland, OH), following the plant leaf extraction protocol. Fungal specific primers were used to amplify six fungal nuclear markers, including four nuclear ribosomal loci: the entire internal transcribed spacer (ITS: ITS1, 5.8S, ITS2), a fragment of the intergenic spacer (IGS), a fragment of the large subunit (LSU), and a group I intron located in the small subunit (Gutiérrez et al., 2007); and fragments from two low-copy protein coding loci, β -tubulin and *MCM7*. The nuRNA gene tandem repeat exists in large copy numbers (100-200 copies) facilitating the amplification of the selected markers from herbarium specimens. Although low levels of intragenomic variation in fungal rDNA repeats suggests convergent evolution in which homogenization effectively maintains highly similar repeat arrays (Ganley and Kobayashi, 2007), previous studies have confirmed the utility of the sampled ribosomal loci for species and population-level studies in lichenized ascomycetes (Thell, 1999; Kroken and Taylor, 2001; Blanco et al., 2004a; Blanco O and et al., 2004; Buschbom and Mueller, 2006; Lindblom and Ekman, 2006; Brunauer et al., 2007; Gutiérrez et al., 2007; Wirtz, Printzen, and Lumbsch, 2008; O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009; Wedin et al., 2009). Although a duplication of the β -tubulin gene has occurred within Ascomycota, the paralogs are easily distinguishable within the analyzed group and the marker has been successfully employed to investigate α -level relationships in other lichenized ascomycetes (Buschbom and Mueller, 2006; O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009; Wedin et al., 2009).

Standard polymerase chain reactions (PCR) were used to amplify targeted loci. Fungal-specific primers used in PCR amplifications and in the cycle sequencing reactions are shown in [Table 1](#). PCR cycling parameters used for amplifying the ITS, group I intron, LSU, and β -tubulin loci followed the methods of Blanco et al (2004); cycling parameters for amplifying the IGS followed the 66-56° touchdown reaction described in Lindblom and Ekman (2006); and

PCR cycling parameters for amplifying the *MCM7* fragment followed Schmitt et al. (2009b). PCR products were quantified on 1% agarose gel and stained with ethidium bromide. In cases where no PCR product was visualized for the β -tubulin, *MCM7*, and IGS fragments, internally nested PCR reactions were performed using 0.3 μ l of the PCR product from the original reaction with recently developed internal primers ‘BT-RhizoF’ and ‘BT-RhizoR’ (Leavitt et al., submitted), for the β -tubulin fragment, ‘*XMCM7f*’ and ‘*X MCM7r*’ (Leavitt, 2010), for the *MCM7* fragment, and IGS rDNA: IGS12a-5’ (Carbone and Kohn, 1999) and ‘XIGSr’ (Leavitt, 2010), for the IGS fragment, using the same touchdown PCR cycling parameters described above used to amplify the IGS marker. PCR fragments were cleaned using the PrepEase PCR Purification Kit, following the manufacturer’s protocol (USB, Cleveland, OH), and complementary strands were sequenced using the same primers used for amplification. Sequencing reactions were performed using the Big Dye3 Termination Sequencing Kit (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA) at 1/8 the standard reaction volume. Products were run on an AB 3730xl automated sequencer at the DNA Sequencing Center at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.

Sequence alignment—Sequences were assembled and edited using Sequencher version 4.2 (Gene Codes Corporation, Ann Arbor, MI) and Se-AL v2.0a11 (Rambault, 1996), and sequence identity was checked using the ‘megablast’ search option in GenBank (Wheeler et al., 2006). All sequences were aligned using default settings in Muscle version 3.7 because of the improved speed and alignment accuracy compared with currently available programs (Edgar, 2004; Edgar and Botzoglou, 2006), and minor manual adjustments were made to maximize sequence similarity at a single position in the IGS alignment.

Individual gene tree reconstruction—Preliminary phylogenetic reconstructions were performed independently for each sampled marker, and individual gene trees from all loci recovered generally weak phylogenetic signal. We preferred to concatenate all markers for phylogenetic reconstructions to improve topology and increase nodal support (Wiens, 1998). Although potential pitfalls of concatenating independent nuclear genes in phylogenetic analyses exist (Degnan and Rosenberg, 2009; Edwards, 2009), coalescent-based methods using multi-locus data to simultaneously identify independently evolving lineages and infer relationships among these are limited (O'Meara, 2010), and coalescent-based phylogenetic methods are still very sensitive to deviations from assumptions, especially post-divergence introgression (Leache, 2009; Liu et al., 2009). Given that the ribosomal genome behaves as a single linked region the four ribosomal markers (ITS, IGS, LSU, and group I intron) were concatenated a priori; but before combining the ribosomal and protein-coding datasets we assessed heterogeneity in the phylogenetic signal between sampled markers (Lutzoni et al., 2004). Maximum likelihood (ML) analyses were performed for the concatenated ribosomal dataset, β -tubulin, and *MCM7* markers separately using the program RAxML 7.0.4 (Stamatakis, 2006; Stamatakis, Hoover, and Rougemont, 2008), and robustness of the gene trees were assessed using 1000 “fastbootstrap” replicates to evaluate support for each node as implemented in the CIPRES Web Portal. Although RAxML allows analyses of partitioned data, we chose to treat the entire fragment under a single model of evolution because exploratory analyses did not improve topologies or nodal support under more complex partitions (i.e. codon positions in protein-coding fragments). We implemented the GTRGAMMA model, which includes a parameter (Γ) for rate heterogeneity among sites, but chose not to include a parameter for estimating the proportion of invariable sites because Γ accounts for this source of rate heterogeneity by using 25 rate

categories (Stamatakis, 2006). Support values for the ribosomal, β -tubulin, and *MCM7* phylogenies were examined for well-supported ($\geq 70\%$) conflicts between data sets (Lutzoni et al., 2004).

Tree reconstruction—Because of the large size of the combined dataset (432 individuals and ~ 3600 bp) we implemented RAxML to analyze the data due to a combination of speed, accuracy, and scalability across numerous processors (Stamatakis, 2006; Stamatakis, Hoover, and Rougemont, 2008; Arnold et al., 2009). We conducted a ML analysis of the combined dataset using locus-specific model partitions (Stamatakis, 2006; Stamatakis, Hoover, and Rougemont, 2008). Each ribosomal marker was treated as a separate partition, and for protein-coding gene fragments we compared two partition strategies. First, we treated the entire marker as a single partition. Second, we used a 3-partition approach using the first, second and third codon positions as separate model partitions for the *MCM7* marker, and a 4-partition strategy for the β -tubulin marker using the first, second and third codon positions and an 55 base pair (bp) non-coding intron located within the fragment as separate model partitions, assuming that partitions within genes had the same overall model as the entire gene, as simulations have shown that there may be frequent errors in supporting complex models from a sample of limited characters (Posada and Crandall, 2001). We used the GTRGAMMA model, which includes a parameter (Γ) for rate heterogeneity among sites. Following the recommendations of Stamatakis (2008) we did not include a parameter for the proportion of invariable sites. A search combining 200 separate ML searches (to find the optimal tree) and 1000 “fastbootstrap” replicates to evaluate support for each node was conducted on the complete dataset. Bootstrap values $\geq 70\%$ were assumed to indicate strong support (Felsenstein, 2004).

We also estimated phylogenetic relationships using mixed-model Bayesian inference (BI) as implemented in Mr.Bayes ver. 3.1.2 (Huelsenbeck and Ronquist, 2001). We used MrModeltest ver. 2.3 (Nylander et al., 2004) to identify the appropriate model of evolution for each marker using the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) see (Posada and Buckley, 2004). We compared the two partition strategies described for the ML analyses (section 2.3.3). Four independent replicate searches were executed with eight Metropolis-coupled Markov chains (MCMC) for both partition strategies; each run started with randomly generated trees and involved sampling every 1000 generations for 20,000,000 generations. To evaluate stationarity and convergence between runs we evaluated log-likelihood scores and effective sample size statistics (ESS) using TRACER ver. 1.5 (Drummond et al., 2003), and assessed the average standard deviation in split frequencies. Under both partition strategies independent runs failed to converge, and we initiated four additional independent replicate searches, starting each with a randomly selected tree taken from the post-burnin sample of the previous run with the highest mean likelihood score, identical to those described above for both partition strategies. Post-burnin trees generated from runs executed from starting topologies from the original analyses were summarized with a 50% majority-rule consensus tree based (Huelsenbeck et al., 2001; Huelsenbeck and Rannala, 2004). Bayesian posterior probabilities (PP) were assessed at all nodes and clades with PP values ≥ 0.95 were considered strongly supported (Huelsenbeck and Rannala, 2004).

Topologies from the full dataset were compared to those from a reduced ML analysis consisting of 54 accessions, containing 5-8 divergent representatives for each recovered lineage, to assess the exploration of parameter space. The reduced dataset generally recovered the same lineages, but some relationships were ambiguous or lacked strong nodal support, suggesting the

robust taxon sampling is important for resolving relationships (Zwickl and Hillis, 2002), and analyses of the full dataset adequately explores parameter space.

Clade-specific analyses—Because of the large size of the complete data set and given the problem with convergence, we chose to assess relationships within monophyletic lineages identified in the ML analyses described in 2.3.3 individually to facilitate computation of parameters during ML and Bayesian analyses and incorporate tree reconstruction under maximum parsimony (MP) criterion. A total of six clades were identified in the ML topology for independent phylogenetic reconstructions (see below), and all individuals assigned membership to each given clade were realigned with a single outgroup taxon, *X. mougeotii* 907f, in Muscle version 3.7 using the identical parameters described in 2.4.1. Maximum likelihood and BI analyses were conducted for each individually defined clade as described in 2.4.3 under the less complex partitioning strategy. However, independent Bayesian analyses were sampled every 1000 generations for 10,000,000 generations, and independent runs converged from random starting trees. MP heuristic searches were performed in PAUP* v4.0b10 (Swofford, 2002) with tree bisection-reconnection (TBR) branch swapping and 1000 random-addition sequence replicates. All characters were equally weighted, and gaps were treated as missing data. Branch support was evaluated via fast bootstrapping with 10,000 replicates.

Ancestral character state reconstruction—The program Mesquite version 2.72 (Maddison and Maddison, 2007) was implemented to reconstruct ancestral character states. Both ML and MP character states reconstruction methods were used with the complete ML phylogeny. Maximum likelihood optimization used the Markov k-state one-parameter model (Lewis, 2001). In parsimony calculations, character states were treated as unordered. Characters considered were growth-form (coded as 0 = saxicolous attached and 1 = vagrant), expressed

major secondary metabolites (coded as 0 = salazinic acid complex, 1 = stictic acid, 2 = norstictic acid, and 3 = psoromic acid), and production of vegetative reproductive structures (isidia) (coded as 0 = not observed and 1 = present).

Results

Sequence statistics—The resulting molecular dataset representing 432 operational taxonomic units (OTU) was comprised of 2,262 new sequences from a total of six loci consisting of 3583 aligned nucleotide positions. [Table 2](#) summarizes patterns of variation in sampled loci and the resulting best-fit model of evolution selected using the AIC. All ribosomal markers showed length heterogeneity (IGS, 372-381 bp; ITS, 352-541; LSU, 781-842; and group I intron, 293-383), although in some cases trimmed ambiguous nucleotide positions at the 5' or 3' end of ribosomal markers exaggerated length heterogeneity. All representative haplotypes from the six gene fragments were submitted to GenBank under accession numbers HM577516-HM579777 ([Supplementary data S2](#)).

Phylogenetic analyses—Individual gene trees generally showed weak genetic structure ([Supplementary data S3](#)), and phylogenetic reconstructions of single genes were insufficient to resolve topological relationships with strong support. No incongruence was identified between datasets using method identifying conflict with ≥ 70 ML bootstrap values (section 2.4.2), and all loci were combined for subsequent phylogenetic analyses. A comparison of partitioning strategies for the combined dataset indicated that the more complex strategy of the protein-coding fragments generally did not improve nodal support across the topology. Therefore, we opted to present results from the less complex partitioning strategy in order to minimize potential effects of over-parameterization on topological reconstruction and nodal support values (Sullivan

and Joyce, 2005). Partitioned ML analysis of the combined ribosomal and protein-coding genes yielded a single best-score tree ($-\ln = 24,596.17$) presented in a simplified form shown in [Figure 3](#). An expanded version of the same tree is presented in [Supplementary data 4](#). The Bayesian analysis executed from starting topologies yielded a consensus tree with a negative harmonic mean likelihood = 26,024.594, which was summed from four convergent runs. Likelihood scores, ESS statistics, and standard deviation of split frequencies showed independent runs converged within the first 50% of sampled generations, leaving a posterior distribution estimated from 10,000 trees per run (40,000 total post-burn-in sampled trees). Both analyses produced essentially the same topology and no conflict between well-supported clades was identified. Nodal support values for major clades are presented in [Figure 3](#) (support values at all nodes are presented in the expanded tree presented in [Supplementary data 4](#)). Focal group taxa from western North America formed a well-supported monophyletic lineage, with high ML bootstrap (BS) and Bayesian posterior probabilities (PP) (BS = 94 and PP = 1.00). The focal group's relationship to major *Xanthoparmelia* lineages is presented in [Figure 4](#). *X. brachinaensis* was recovered with high support (BS = 84; PP = 0.96) as sister to all focal group samples.

Our results do not support the monophyly of sampled vagrant and saxicolous attached species as defined by traditional taxonomic characters. Six major clades were identified within the focal group: X-I, X-II, X-III, X-IV, X-V, and X-VI ([Fig. 3](#)), although relationships between some strongly supported clades lack support. [Table 3](#) summarizes patterns of variation in the concatenated dataset (IGS, ITS, LSU, group I intron, β -tubulin, and *MCM7*) across the six recovered major clades. All individuals assigned to clade X-VI were identified in previous work and are treated comprehensively in Leavitt, Johnson, and St. Clair (submitted). Two minor well-supported groups were recovered as sister to clades X-III, X-IV, X-V, and X-VI (BS \leq 50; PP =

0.63), and were not included in the reduced clade-specific analyses. One minor clade (clade A, [Fig. 3](#)) represents *X. idahoensis* s. l. (318f and 319f) collected from the type locality in Lemhi County, Idaho, U.S.A., and the other clade (clade B, [Fig. 3](#)) contains two vagrant individuals representing *X. camtschadalis* s. l. (205f and 206f) collected from a single location in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Clade X-I was recovered as a monophyletic clade with strong nodal support (BS = 75 and PP = 0.98) in both ML and BI analyses estimated from the complete dataset. Partitioned ML analysis of the combined clade X-1 dataset yielded a single best-scoring tree (-ln = 5,430.461) shown in [Figure 5A](#). The Bayesian analyses yielded a consensus tree with a negative harmonic mean of likelihood = 5,520.389, summed from four convergent runs, and simultaneous runs were met with an average standard deviation of split frequencies of 0.006678. All parameters converged within the first 25% of sampled generations, leaving a posterior distribution estimated from 7,500 trees per run (30,000 total post-burn-in sampled trees). The combined MP analysis resulted in the 30 most parsimonious trees (L = 201) with a consistency index (CI) of 0.90 and a retention index (RI) of 0.95. The overall topologies recovered from ML, BI, and MP analyses were identical at all well-supported nodes and generally similar across the topology. OTUs representing vagrant *X. camtschadalis* s. l. and *X. idahoensis* s. l., and attached saxicolous *X. stenophylla* s. l. were recovered within clade X-I. Morphologically, all vagrant individuals (*X. camtschadalis* s. l.) with membership in this clade were characterized by a strongly white maculate upper cortex, light-colored spots on the upper surface caused by differences in thickness of the cortex or clumping of algae beneath the cortex; while the upper cortex of the saxicolous attached samples (*X. stenophylla* s. l.) were emaculate to weakly maculate. All individuals recovered in this lineage expressed the salazinic acid complex. Multiple well-

supported lineages representing *X. camtschadalis* s. l. and two well-supported lineages representing *X. stenophylla* s. l. were recovered. Although saxicolous *X. stenophylla* s. l. were recovered as monophyletic in the ML analysis (BS \leq 50), both Bayesian and MP analyses recovered a well-supported clade (ML BS = 100; PP = 1.0; and MP BS = 99) containing *X. stenophylla* 934f, 940f, and 957f as sister to all *X. camtschadalis* s. l. specimens (excluding 334f and 335f) with weak nodal support (PP \leq 0.50 and MP BS \leq 50). *X. camtschadalis* s. l. was not recovered as monophyletic.

Clade X-II was recovered as a monophyletic lineage with strong nodal support in both ML and BI analyses estimated from the complete dataset (ML BS = 87 and PP = 1.00). Partitioned ML analysis of the clade X-II dataset yielded a single best-scoring tree (-ln = 6,717.653) presented in [Figure 5B](#). The Bayesian analyses yielded a consensus tree with a negative harmonic mean of likelihood = 6,801.186, which was summed from four convergent runs. All parameters converged within the first 25% of sampled generations, leaving a posterior distribution estimated from 7,500 trees per run (30,000 total post-burn-in sampled trees), and simultaneous runs were met with an average standard deviation of split frequencies of 0.004095. The combined MP analysis resulted in 2 most parsimonious trees (L = 319) with CI = 0.87 and RI = 0.87. The overall topologies recovered from ML, BI, and MP analyses were identical at all well-supported nodes and nearly identical across the topology. OTUs representing *X. camtschadalis* s. l., *X. dierythra* s. l., *X. idahoensis* s. l., *X. mexicana* s. l., and *X. plittii* s. l. were recovered within clade X-II. Generally, individuals assigned membership in clade X-II were morphologically characterized by weakly to strongly maculate upper surfaces; both vagrant and saxicolous attached taxa; norstic, salazinic, and stictic acid complexes; and two distinct reproductive modes (unspecialized vegetative fragments or production of isidia) were recovered

within this clade. The vagrant taxa (*X. camtschadalis* s. l. and *X. idahoensis* s. l.) were all characterized by a strongly maculate upper cortex, while the isidiate saxicolous taxa (*X. dierythra* s. l., *X. mexicana* s. l., and *X. plittii* s. l.) were characterized by an emaculate to weakly maculate upper cortex. Although some topological relationships were recovered with strong nodal support, relationships between most well-supported lineages generally lacked support.

Clade X-III was also recovered as a monophyletic lineage with strong nodal support in both ML and BI analyses estimated from the complete dataset (BS = 99 and PP = 1.00). Partitioned ML analysis of the combined clade X-III dataset yielded a single best-scoring tree (-ln = 7,371.576) presented in [Figure 5C](#). The Bayesian analyses yielded a consensus tree with a negative harmonic mean of likelihood = 7,444.990, which was summed from four convergent runs. Likelihood scores, ESS statistics, and standard deviations of split frequencies indicated that independent runs converged within the first 25% of sampled generations, leaving a posterior distribution estimated from 7,500 trees per run (30,000 total post-burn-in sampled trees). The combined MP analysis resulted in the 52 most parsimonious trees (L = 410) with CI = 0.72 and RI = 0.68. The overall topologies recovered from ML, BI, and MP analyses provided a generally unresolved view of relationships within this clade, although relationships for all well-supported nodes were identical across all methods. Both salazinic and stictic acid complexes were recovered within this group as polyphyletic. OTUs representing *X. chlorochroa* s. l., *X. dierythra* s. l., *X. lineola* s. l., *X. mexicana* s. l., *X. plittii* s. l., and *X. subplittii* s. l. were recovered within clade X-III. Saxicolous attached specimens with an emaculate to weakly maculate upper surface and the production of isidia generally characterized individuals assigned membership in clade X-III. However, four individuals (070f, 170f, 285f, and 509f) lacked isidia and produced sexual reproductive structures (apothecia); reproductive structures (apothecia or isidia) were not

observed in three individuals (442f, 580f, and 786f); and a single vagrant individual (*X. chlorochroa* s. l., 157f) was also assigned membership in this clade.

Clade X-IV was recovered as a monophyletic lineage with strong nodal support in both ML and BI analyses estimated from the complete dataset (BS = 88 and Pp = 1.00). Partitioned ML analysis of the clade X-IV dataset yielded a single best-scoring tree (-ln = 10,950.703) shown in [Figure 6](#). The Bayesian analyses yielded a consensus tree with a negative harmonic mean of likelihood = 11,255.0624, which was summed from three convergent runs. A single run failed to converge and was not included. Likelihood scores, ESS statistics, and standard deviation of split frequencies indicated that independent runs converged within the first 25% of sampled generations, leaving a posterior distribution estimated from 7,500 trees per run (22,500 total post-burn-in sampled trees). The combined MP analysis resulted in 53,918 most parsimonious trees (L = 929) with CI = 0.52 and RI = 0.82. The overall topologies recovered from ML, BI, and MP analyses were identical at all well-supported nodes and generally similar across the topology. Clade X-IV is a large and diverse group represented by *X. angustiphylla* s. l., *X. chlorochroa* s. l., *X. dierythra* s. l., *X. lineola* s. l., *X. mexicana* s. l., *X. neochlorochroa* s. l., *X. norchlorochroa* s. l., *X. plittii* s. l., *X. psoromifera* s. l., *X. subplittii* s. l., and *X. wyomingica* s.l. Individuals assigned membership in clade X-IV were morphologically and chemically diverse, but characterized by specimens with an emaculate to weakly maculate upper surface.

Clade X-V was recovered as a monophyletic lineage with moderate nodal support in both ML and BI analyses estimated from the combined ribosomal and protein-coding loci dataset (BS = 57 and Pp = 1.0). Partitioned ML analysis of the combined dataset yielded a single best-scoring tree (-ln=7,512.385) presented in [Figure 5D](#). The Bayesian analyses yielded a consensus tree with a negative harmonic mean of likelihood = 7,627.553, which was summed from four

convergent runs. All parameters converged within the first 25% of sampled generations, leaving a posterior distribution estimated from 7,500 trees per run (30,000 total post-burn-in sampled trees). Simultaneous runs were met with an average standard deviation of split frequencies of 0.005652. The combined MP analysis resulted in 5,062 most parsimonious trees ($L = 350$) with $CI = 0.79$ and $RI = 0.84$. The overall topologies recovered from ML, BI, and MP analyses were identical at all well-supported nodes and nearly identical across the topology. Clade X-Va was recovered without support as a monophyletic lineage and with morphologically and chemically similar specimens representing *X. coloradoënsis* s. l. and *X. lineola* s. l. However, clade X-Vb was recovered with strong nodal support in both ML and BI analyses. Two specimens representing *X. coloradoënsis* were recovered with high support (ML BS = 74; PP = 0.99; and MP BS ≤ 50) as sister to a well-supported (ML BS = 97; PP = 1.0; Mp BS = 85) monophyletic lineage represented exclusively by *X. chlorochroa* s. l.

Ancestral state reconstruction—Parsimony-based ancestral state reconstruction results for major chemotypes are shown in [Figure 7](#). Both parsimony and maximum likelihood ancestral character state reconstructions are similar and suggest multiple independent origins of vagrancy, major secondary metabolite complexes, and reproductive patterns.

Discussion

Species delimitations in the morphologically, bio-chemically, and reproductively diverse lichen genus *Xanthoparmelia* in western North America are notoriously challenging. Molecular data from the present study strongly suggest that the current classification system does not reflect natural lineages. Phylogenetic relationships estimated from the analysis of four nuclear ribosomal markers and two low-copy protein-coding fragments reveal a generally well-supported

hypothesis of relationships between *Xanthoparmelia* lineages in western North America (Fig. 3). However, relationships inferred from individual gene topologies generally lacked support or remained unresolved. The lack of a clear phylogenetic signal in individual datasets suggests a recent divergence of sampled lineages (incomplete lineage sorting) or historic or rare ongoing gene flow. Only with concatenation of six loci were we able to provide a robust hypothesis of relationships within the focal group. Repeated evolution of similar morphological and chemical traits and modes of reproduction in *Xanthoparmelia* inhabiting similar environments provides evidence of adaptation, suggesting that environmentally induced selection pressures may generate parallel patterns of diversification within the genus (Endler, 1986; Schluter, 2000). The results presented here, within a molecular phylogenetic framework, provide the most detailed evaluation to date of character evolution and α -level relationships in one of the largest genera of lichenized fungi.

Evolution of the vagrant form—Evolutionary relationships between saxicolous attached and vagrant growth-forms in lichenized ascomycetes have long been disputed. It has been proposed that vagrant forms represent self-perpetuating populations, genetically distinct from those growing on rocks (Mereschkowsky, 1918). Later thinking suggested that vagrant taxa were originally derived from attached forms but have since achieved some level of genetic divergence through reproductive isolation and now represent distinct species (Klement, 1950). However, some vagrant lichen species appear to represent ecomorphs with the same genetic composition as species generally attached to rock substrates (Weber, 1967, 1977; Rosentreter and McCune, 1992). The co-occurrence of vagrant and erratic taxa within higher level taxonomic groups (i.e. genera) provides some evidence for a mechanism which ultimately yields

vagrant taxa; a pattern where erratic individuals may reproduce through fragmentation, subsequently achieving some level of genetic isolation (Rosentreter and McCune, 1992).

Our results provide strong evidence for multiple independent origins of vagrancy in the *Xanthoparmelia* of western North America. Vagrant forms were identified in multiple well-supported monophyletic lineages, most with relatively broad geographic distributions. Specific morphological adaptations to ecological conditions common in habitats supporting vagrant *Xanthoparmelia* (Modenesi et al., 2000; Clark et al., 2001), suggest a similar genetic architecture exhibited within widespread *Xanthoparmelia* populations that could give rise to similar patterns of phenotypic evolution among local populations, thus resulting in parallel morphological evolution under common selective pressures.

Analytical expectations indicate that a substantial amount of time is required after the initial divergence of species before there will be a high probability of observing reciprocal monophyly at a sample of multiple loci (Hudson and Coyne, 2002; Hudson and Turelli, 2003). A direct consequence of clonal reproduction is that each new individual is essentially identical to its parent, and current theory suggests that exclusive asexuality is not viable in the long term. High haplotype diversity (relative to expected haplotype diversity in strictly clonal organisms) and well-supported monophyletic vagrant clades suggest that vagrant lineages in *Xanthoparmelia* may be relatively long lived. The occasional occurrence of sexual reproductive structures (apothecia) in some vagrant *Xanthoparmelia* species, generally characterized by unspecialized vegetative reproduction, suggests that cyclical parthenogenesis, the alternation between sexual and asexual reproduction, may provide an important mechanism for generating genotypic diversity essential for long-term viability. However, additional investigations are required to

explicitly assess the evolutionary significance of gene flow in typically clonal vagrant *Xanthoparmelia* species.

In spite of the wide distribution of most identified vagrant *Xanthoparmelia* lineages, others appear to be threatened with extinction (Rosentreter, 1993). Habitat fragmentation poses a significant threat to vagrant species adapted to relatively continuous open spaces. Agriculture, livestock overgrazing, altered fire frequencies, and invasive plant species have already reduced or extirpated many significant vagrant lichen populations in both North American and the Russian steppe (Rosentreter, 1993), including the type localities of *X. chlorochroa*, *X. neochlorochroa*, and *X. wyomingica* (personal observation).

Extensive homoplasy in morphological, chemical, and reproductive modes—

Traditionally, species descriptions in *Xanthoparmelia* have relied heavily on chemical characters due to confusion surrounding the consistent *diagnosability* and significance of most morphological characters. These results indicate that extensive homoplasy in most characters traditionally used to delimit *Xanthoparmelia* species obscures recognition of natural lineages. Our data indicate that there is not a simple dichotomy between expressed biochemical complexes or reproductive modes in *Xanthoparmelia*. Our data suggest repeated evolution of both the stictic acid and the norstictic acid only (or loss of salazinic and stictic acids) complexes in *Xanthoparmelia*. Nearly all sampled individuals expressed norstictic acid regardless of other expressed major compounds (stictic or salazinic acid), but the expression of both salazinic and stictic acid chemotypes in a single individual was never identified. Our limited sampling of the psoromic acid complex is inadequate to assess the evolution of this compound within *Xanthoparmelia*. However, all diagnostic major secondary metabolites identified in this study are closely related β -orcinal depsidones, and genetic and biological mechanisms influencing the

expression of distinct compounds are uncertain (Asplund and Gauslaa, 2007; Asplund, Solhaug, and Gauslaa, 2009).

Although phylogenetic analyses recovered some well-supported monophyletic lineages exclusively containing individuals expressing the stictic acid complex, other individuals with identical chemotypes were recovered in well-supported lineages intermixed with individuals expressing the salazinic acid complex. Leavitt, Johnson, and St. Clair (submitted) found that although the stictic acid complex was not recovered as monophyletic, population-level analyses recovered most individuals containing stictic acid in a single inferred population cluster. These data suggest that incomplete lineage sorting or rare or historic recombination may obscure phylogenetic signal. Coupled with independent changes of chemical character states, the role of medullary chemistry in identifying natural groups within *Xanthoparmelia* is particularly challenging. Furthermore, the relationship of unsampled major secondary metabolites, including: atranorin, barbatic, dehydroconstipatic, diffractaic, fumaroprotocetraric, hypoprotocetraric, lecanoric, lichesteric, subdecipienic, succinprotocetraric, 3- α -hydroxybarbatic, 4-*O*-demethylnotatic and the evolution of minor and trace compounds also remains unclear (Nash III and Elix, 2004).

Morphological and chemical characters generally employed to infer taxonomic boundaries between vagrant forms appear to have been overemphasized, as multiple independent changes of most diagnostic characters are revealed across the topology. Vagrant samples expressing the salazinic acid complex with an emaculate to weakly maculate upper cortex, treated here as *X. chlorochroa* s. l., were recovered in four major clades identified in this study (X-III, X -IV, X -V, and X -VI); furthermore, evidence of multiple independent origins of vagrancy within some major clades was also identified. The discovery that *X. chlorochroa*

comprises multiple independent lineages in western North America suggests that the true number of vagrant species may be seriously underestimated. However, we were unable to identify fixed morphological or chemical characters corroborating independent *X. chlorochroa* s. l. lineages. In contrast, both the absence of rhizines (*X. norchlorochroa*) and the expression of norstictic acid only (*X. neochlorochroa*) in vagrant growth forms were found to be homoplasious, suggesting that the more conspicuous chemical and morphological characters currently used to differentiate vagrant species do not reflect natural groupings. Adding to the challenge of understanding the role of morphology in defining taxonomic boundaries, vagrant specimens with a strongly maculate upper cortex (*X. camtschadalis* s. l. and *X. idahoensis* s. l.) were restricted to the more basal clades *X* -I and *X* -II and the two minor clades A and B in our analyses, although the phylogenetic position of the two minor clades remains obscure. The absence of vagrant individuals with a maculate upper cortex in other lineages suggests that upper cortical features may provide limited taxonomic utility. The lack of congruence between molecular data and the current classification of vagrant *Xanthoparmelia* species suggest the need for significant taxonomic revision.

Although our sampling strategy emphasized vagrant growth forms, this study provides some insight into the evolution of reproductive patterns in saxicolous *Xanthoparmelia*. The reproductive pattern in nearly two thirds (129) of all sampled attached saxicolous individuals was not observed (sexual or asexual). Isidiate forms were represented by 46 OTUs overall, and the expression of sexual structures (apothecia) was observed in only 40 of the sampled accessions, including four vagrant specimens.

Our results suggest that transitions between reproductive modes within sampled *Xanthoparmelia* occurred several times independently of each other. Taylor et al. (1993)

reported that multigene systems underlie sexual and asexual reproduction in nonlichenized ascomycetes, and our data suggest that reproductive systems in lichenized ascomycetes may also be determined by similar complex genetic systems. The occurrence of perennial structures of multiple reproductive strategies were occasionally found on a single thallus (apothecia/isidia – and apothecia/unspecialized fragmentation) and indicate, that at least in some cases, the underlying genetic structure controlling the expression of reproductive modes is maintained across reproductively diverse groups. Other recent molecular studies also suggest that complex evolutionary patterns in reproductive modes exist across many lichenized ascomycete groups (Lohtander et al., 1998; Myllys et al., 1999; Kroken and Taylor, 2001; Myllys, Lohtander, and Tehler, 2001; Printzen and Ekman, 2003). It has been proposed that the sexual reproductive mode can be considered the baseline reproductive mode found in all species (Buschbom and Barker, 2006) but predominantly vegetative taxa appear to maintain the capacity to periodically reproduce sexually which may accommodate long-term viability. Isidia occur in nearly a third of *Xanthoparmelia* species (Hale, 1990), with significant variation in isidial structure (Kurokawa and Filson, 1975; Elix, 1981). Generally, isidiate specimens included in the present study had morphologically similar subglobose to cylindrical and irregularly branched isidia, although variation in isidial structure was only superficially evaluated in this study. A more detailed investigation of the evolutionary relationships and genetic structure controlling the expression of distinct reproductive modes in lichenized ascomycetes is clearly needed to better understand the underlying mechanisms controlling reproduction.

Conclusions

These results highlight some of the challenges with species delimitation in this notoriously difficult and variable group of lichens. The traditional use of morphological and chemical characters in *Xanthoparmelia*, in particular vagrancy, biochemical variation, and reproductive mode, are obscured by extensive homoplasy, rendering them of limited suitability for species delimitation, and clearly indicate that the interpretation of morphological and chemical diversity found within one of the most speciose genera of lichenized fungi has been too superficial. More detailed investigations of potential mechanisms driving the evolution of morphological, chemical, and reproductive patterns in *Xanthoparmelia* are needed to better understand the biological mechanisms influencing these characters.

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Table 2.1. Primers used for PCR amplification and sequencing of the nuclear ribosomal IGS, ITS, and group I intron markers and low-copy protein-coding markers β -tubulin and *MCM7*.

Marker	Primer name	Forward primer sequence	Annealing temperature (°C)	Reference
IGS	IGS12	5'-AGTCTGTGGATTAGTGGCCG-3'	66- 56 (touchdown)	Carbone & Kohn 1999
	NS1R	5'-GAGACAAGCATATGACTAC-3'		
	X_IGS_R	5'-TAC TGG CAG AAT CAR CCA GG-3'		
ITS/group I intron	ITS1F	5'-CTT GGT CAT TTA GAG GAA GTA A-3'	55-60	(Gardes and Bruns, 1993) (White et al., 1990)
	ITS4	5'- TCC TCC GCT TAT TGA TAT GC-3'		
LSU	LROR	5'-ACC CGC TGA ACT TAA GC-3'	55-60	Vilgalys unpublished Vilgalys unpublished
	LR5	5'-ATC CTG AGG GAA ACT TC-3'		
β-tubulin	Bt3-LM	5'-GAACGTCTACTTCAACGAG-3'	55-60	(Myllys, Lohtander, and Tehler, 2001) (Myllys, Lohtander, and Tehler, 2001)
	Bt10-LM	5'-TCGGAAGCAGCCATCATGTTCTT-3'		
<i>MCM7</i>	BT_rhizo_F	5'-GCA ACA AGT ATG TTC CTC GTG C-3'	66- 56 (touchdown)	Leavitt (2010)
	BT_rhizo_R	5'-GTAAGAGGTGCGAAGCCAACC-3'		
	<i>MCM7</i> -709for	5'-ACI MGI GTI TCV GAY GTH AARCC-3'	56	Schmitt et al., 2009a
	<i>MCM7</i> -1348rev	5'-GAY TTD GCI ACI CCI GGR TCW CCC AT-3'		
	X_ <i>MCM7</i> _F	5'- CGT ACA CYT GTG ATC GAT GTG -3'	66- 56 (touchdown)	Leavitt (2010)
	X_ <i>MCM7</i> _R	5'- GTC TCC ACG TAT TCG CAT TCC-3'		

Table 2.2. Genetic variability of sampled loci - N, number of sequences; aligned basepairs (bp), total alignment length; number of variable sites and parsimony informative (PI) sites for each sampled locus; and model of evolution selected for each locus.

Locus	N	aligned bp	# of variable sites	# PI sites	Model selected
ITS	427	598	224	166	GTR+I+G
LSU	422	851	116	72	GTR+I+G
IGS	391	389	148	102	GTR+G
group I intron	311	417	121	80	SYM+G
β-tubulin	389	787	180	108	GTR+I+G
<i>MCM7</i>	353	541	156	104	GTR+I+G
<i>Total</i>	432	3583	945	632	na

Table 2.3. Genetic variability of defined clades: N, number of OTUs assigned membership in each define clade; aligned basepairs (bp), total clade-specific alignment length; number of variable sites and parsimony informative (PI) sites for each sampled locus.

Clade	N	aligned bp	# of variable sites	# PI sites
X-I	34	3074	77	55
X-II	23	3457	167	126
X-III	34	3459	195	87
X-IV	120	3487	376	231
X-V	52	3476	216	119
X-VI	146	3493	299	161
Total tree	432	3583	945	632

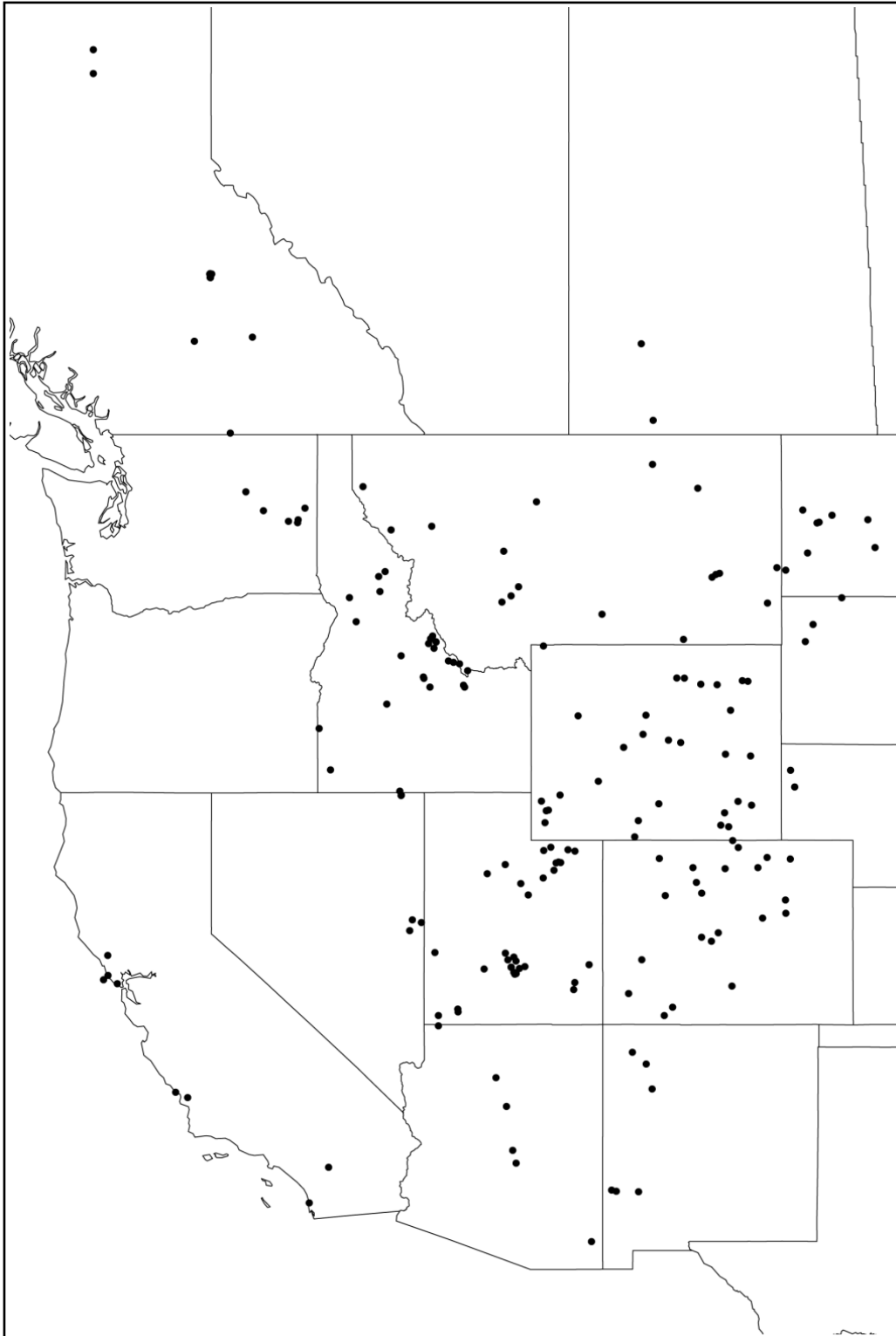


Figure 2.1. Geographic distribution of sampled *Xanthoparmelia* specimens in western North America. Sampled localities not shown include: Cherokee and Rutherford counties, North Carolina and Puebla, Mexico.

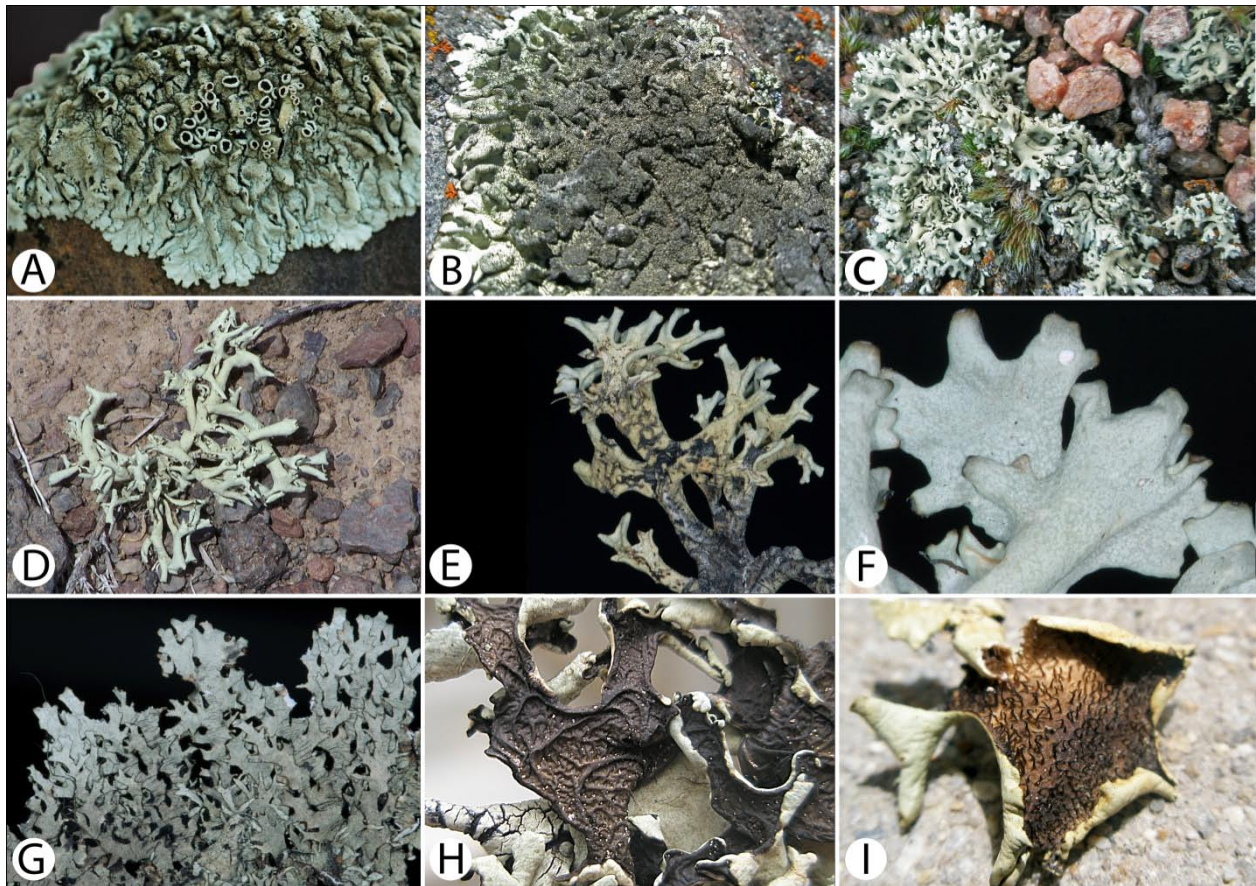


Figure 2.2. Variation in morphology and habit within sampled *Xanthoparmelia* in western North America. (A) saxicolous attached taxon *X. cumberlandia* sensu lato (s. l.) with sexual reproductive structures (apothecia) producing ascospores (B) saxicolous attached taxon *X. mexicana* with specialized vegetative reproductive structures (isidia) containing propagules of both symbionts, (C) terricolous taxon *X. wyomingica* s. l., an intermediate growth-form between attached and vagrant forms, (D) vagrant taxon *X. chlorochroa* s. l., (E) unique morphology of rare vagrant or semi-attached taxon *X. idahoensis* s. l. known from fine calcareous soils, (F) white-maculate upper cortex on *X. camtschadalis* s. l., (G) lobe morphology and emaculate surface on *X. stenophylla*, (H) erhizinate lower surface of vagrant taxon *X. norchlorochroa* s. l., (I) rhizine characters on vagrant taxon *X. chlorochroa* s. l.

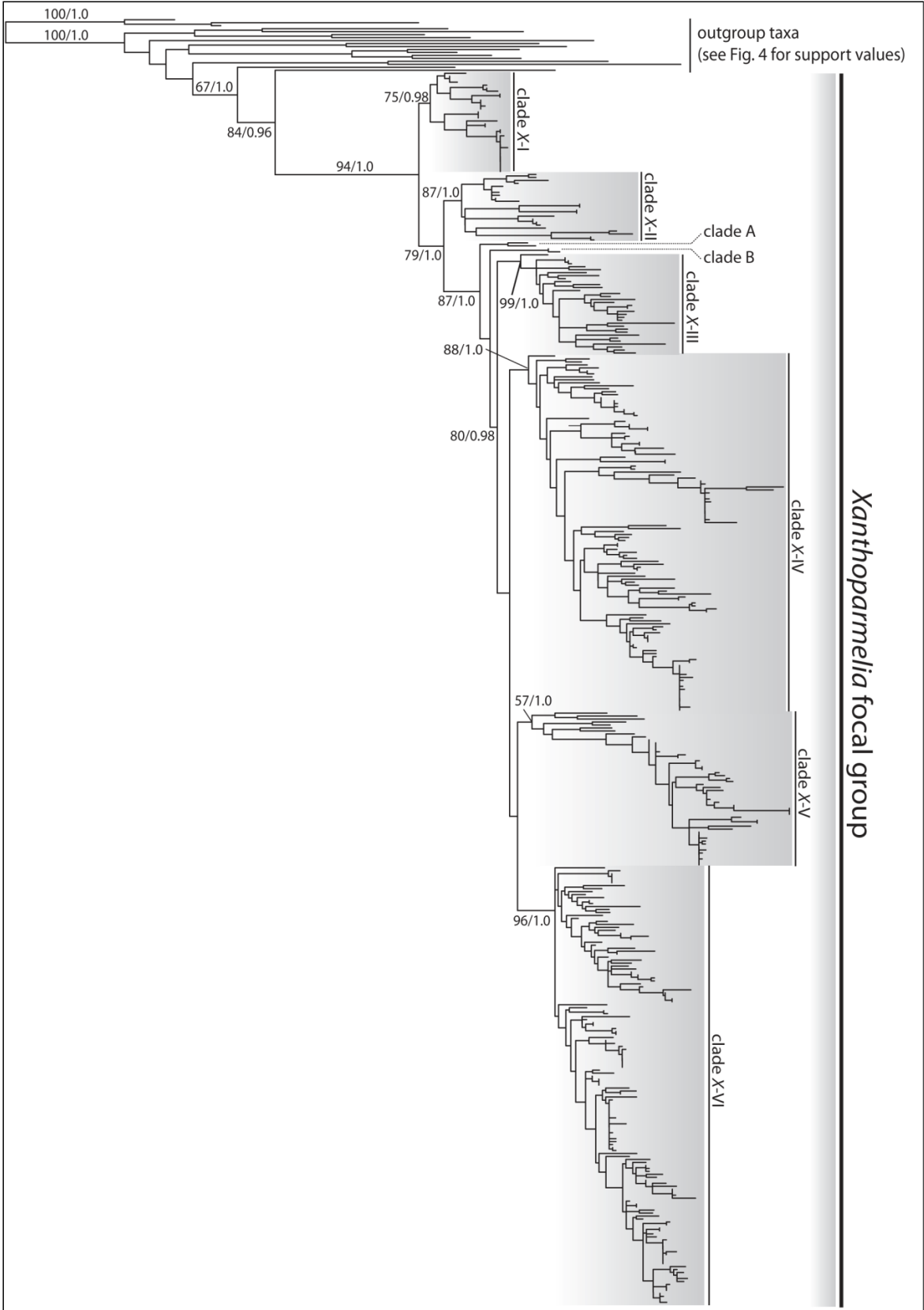


Figure 2.3 (on previous page). Simplified ML topology indicating relationships of *Xanthoparmelia* taxa inferred from a combined analysis of nuclear ribosomal markers ITS, IGS, LSU, and intron and protein-coding fragments from β -tubulin and *MCM7* genes representing 432 OTUs. Values at each major node indicate maximum likelihood non-parametric –bootstrap support (BS) / Bayesian posterior probability (PP); only BS values ≥ 50 and PP ≥ 0.5 are shown; and scale indicates substitutions per site. Clades X-I through X-V are discussed in the text, and detailed relationships within each defined clade are shown in Figures 5 and 6.

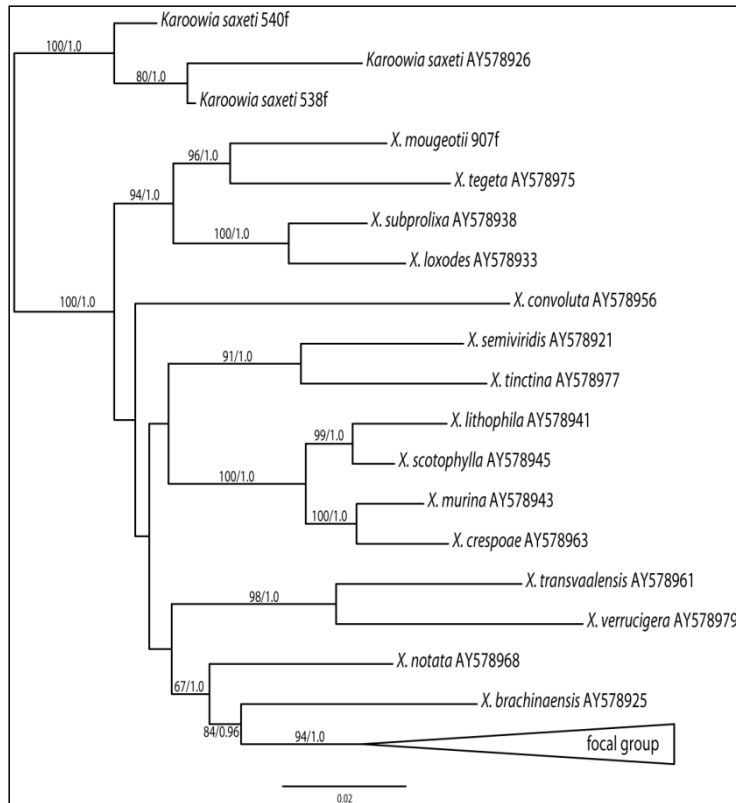


Figure 2.4. ML topology indicating the intrageneric relationship of western North America *Xanthoparmelia* focal group to outgroup taxa. Values at each node indicate maximum likelihood non-parametric bootstrap support (BS) / Bayesian posterior probability (PP); only BS values ≥ 50 and PP ≥ 0.5 are shown; and scale bar indicates substitutions per site.

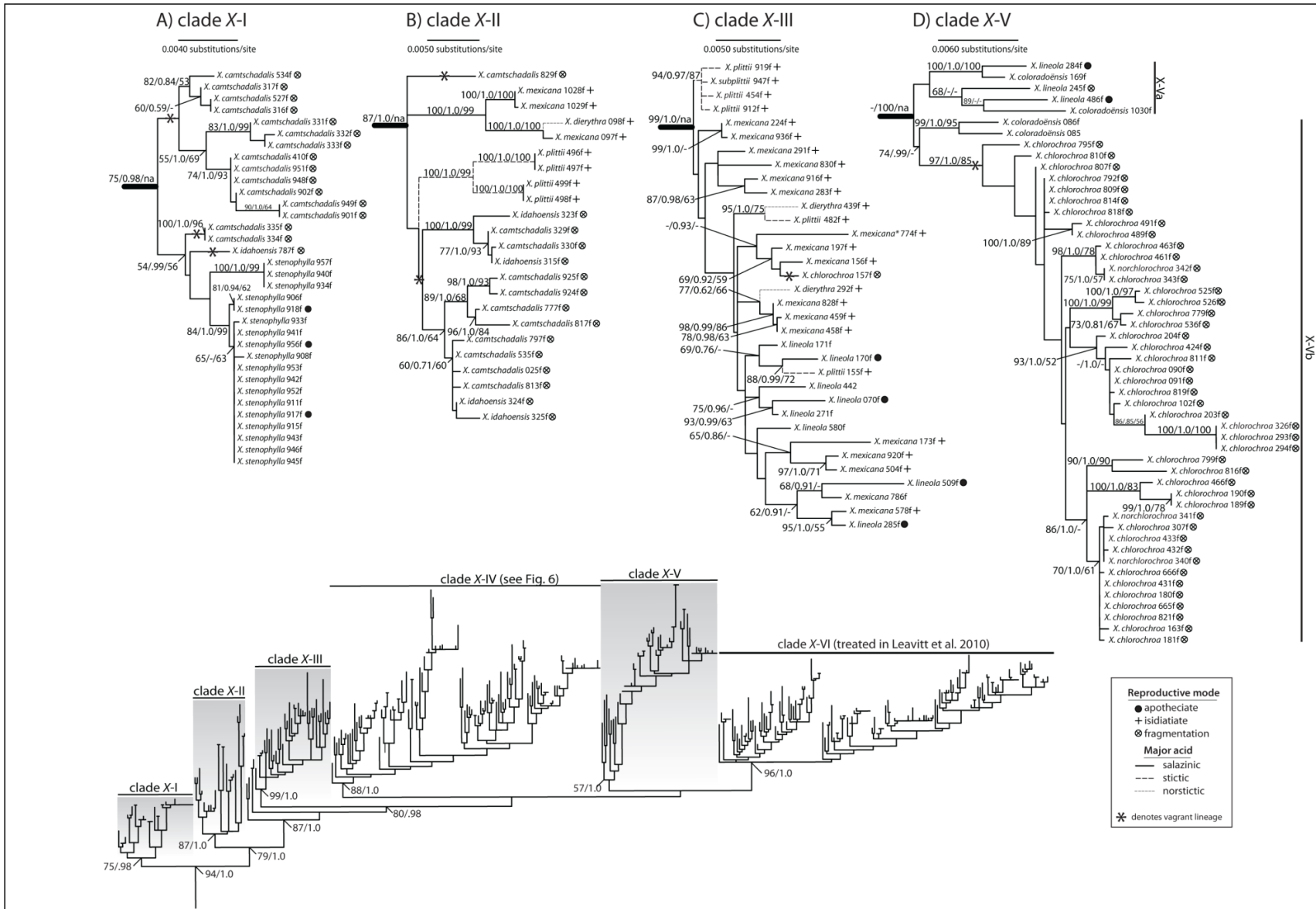


Figure 2.5 (on previous page). ML topology indicating relationships in clade X-I (Fig. 5A), X-II (Fig. 5B), X-III (Fig. 5C), and X-V (Fig. 5D). Values at each node indicate maximum likelihood (ML) non-parametric bootstrap support (BS) / Bayesian posterior probability (PP) / maximum parsimony (MP) non-parametric bootstrap (BS); only ML and MP BS values ≥ 50 and Bayesian PP ≥ 0.5 are shown; and scale bar indicates substitutions per site.

clade X-IV

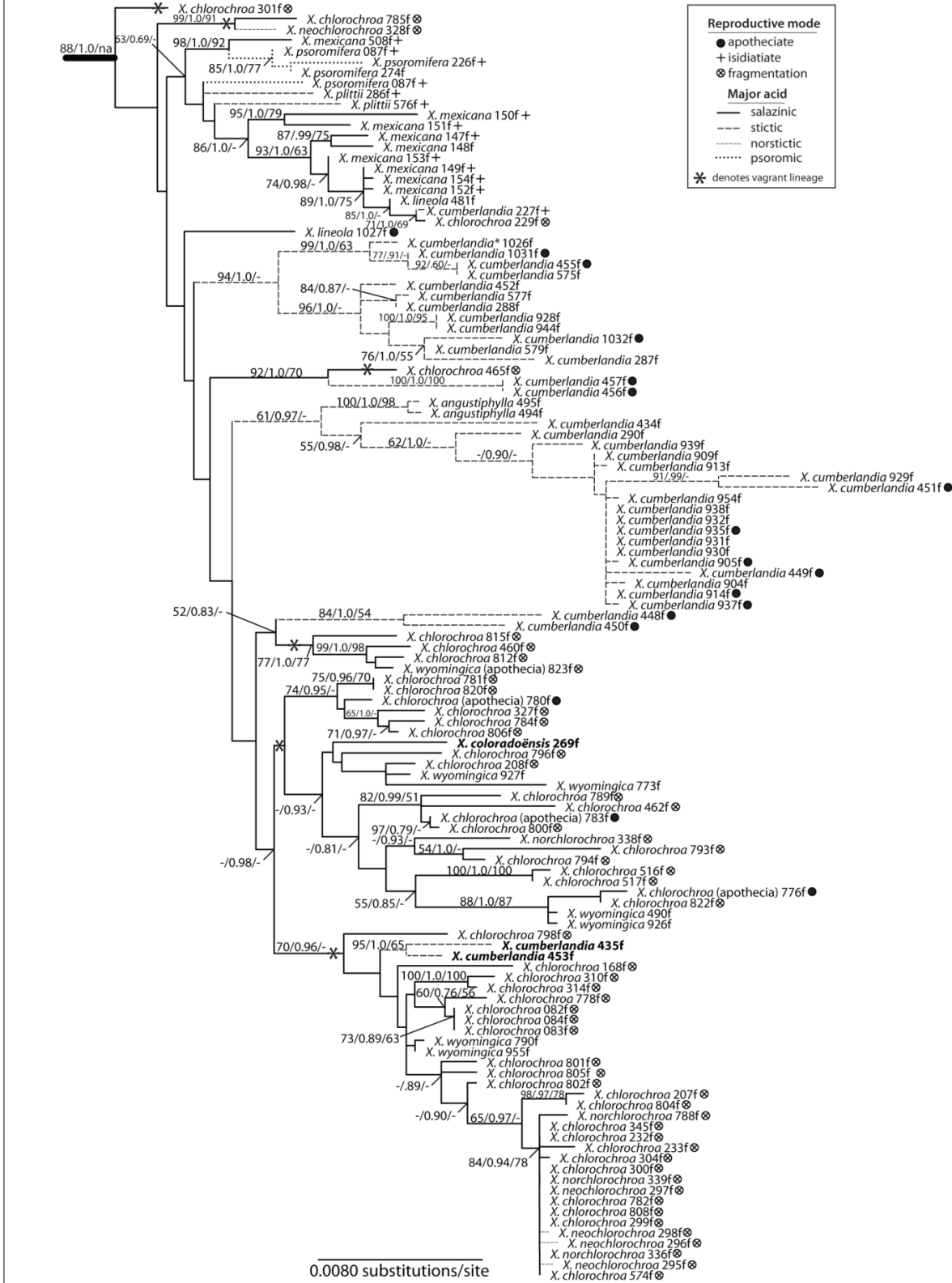


Figure 2.6 (on previous page). ML topology indicating relationships in clade X-IV. Values at each node indicate maximum likelihood (ML) non-parametric bootstrap support (BS) / Bayesian posterior probability (PP) / maximum parsimony (MP) non-parametric bootstrap (BS); only ML and MP BS values ≥ 50 and Bayesian PP ≥ 0.5 are shown; and scale bar indicates substitutions per site.

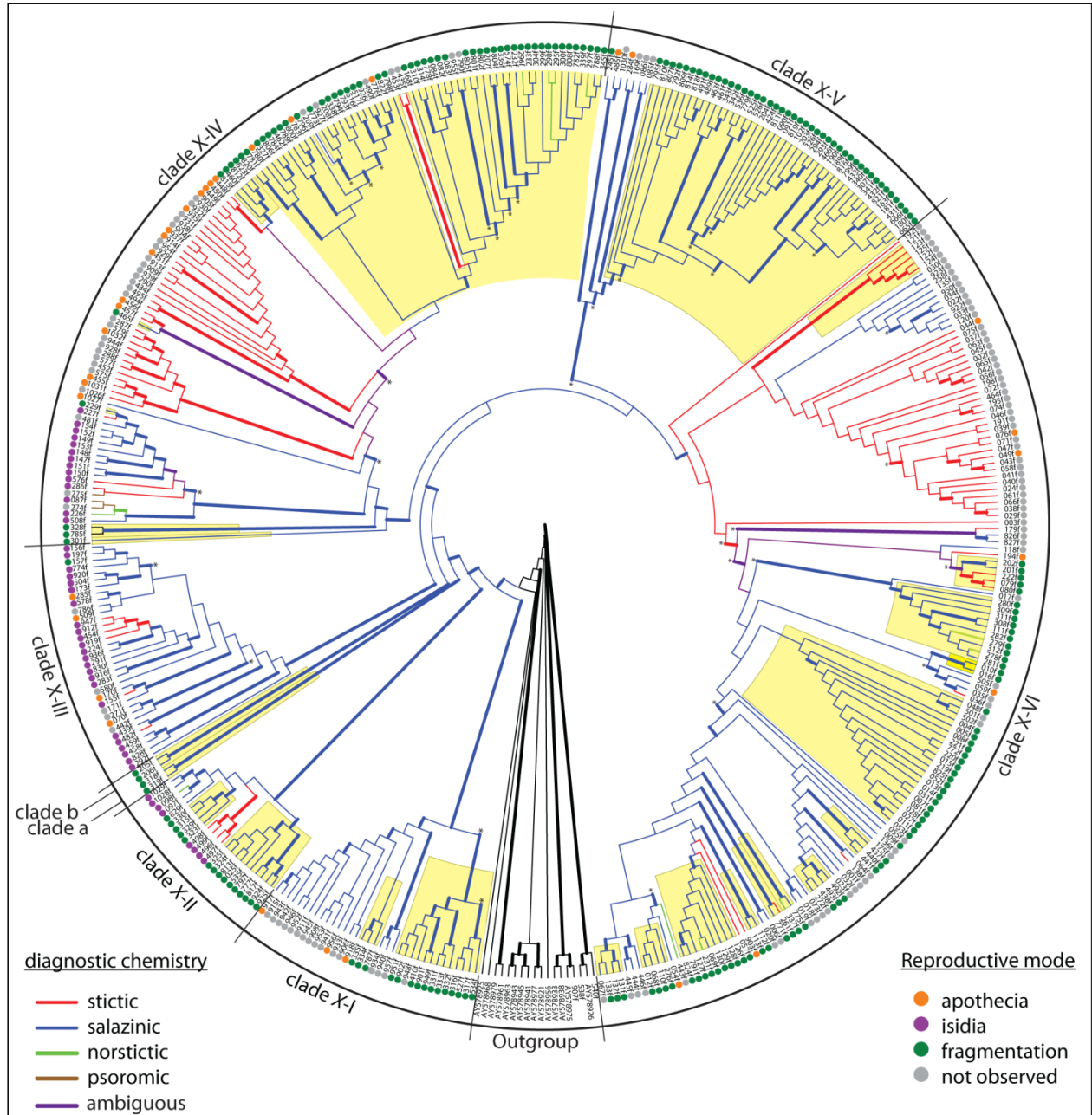


Figure 2.7. Evolution of morphological and chemical characters in the vagrant *Xanthoparmelia* complex mapped on ML topology inferred from a combined analysis of nuclear ribosomal markers ITS, IGS, LSU, and intron and protein-coding fragments from β -tubulin and *MCM7* genes representing 432 OTU. Thickened branches indicate BS and PP values $\geq 70/0.95$; thickened branches marked with “*” indicate PP values ≥ 0.95 and BS < 70 ; clades highlighted in yellow indicate independent origins of vagrant lineages.

Supplementary data 2.1. Collection information for all *Xanthoparmelia* specimens included in the present study: ID, individual code; species; Brigham Young University Herbarium of Non-vascular Cryptogams voucher accession number; major acid, diagnostic secondary chemistry; Location; Lat., latitude; Lon., longitude; Ele., altitude in meters a.s.l.; collector(s).

ID	Species (sensu lato)	Herbarium Accession No.	Major Acid	Reproductive mode	Location	Lat.	Lon.	Ele.	Collector (s)
001f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55151	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
002f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55152	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
003f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55153	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
004f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55154	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
005f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55155	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
006f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55156	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
007f	<i>X. norchlorochroa</i>	BRY-55157	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1626	-111.5352	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
008f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55158	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1626	-111.5352	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
009f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55159	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
010f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55160	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
011f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55161	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
012f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55162	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
013f	<i>X. norchlorochroa</i>	BRY-55163	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1309	-111.4695	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
014f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55164	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1309	-111.4695	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
015f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55165	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.

016f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55166	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
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018f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55168	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1626	-111.5352	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
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020f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55170	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
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023f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55172	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
024f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55173	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
025f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55174	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT, Broadwater Co.	45.9584	-111.6108	1440 m	B. McCune 29230
027f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55175	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1309	-111.4695	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
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029f	<i>X. cumberlandia*</i>	BRY-55177	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
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035f	<i>X. coloradoënsis*</i>	BRY-55183	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
036f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55184	stictic	not observed	USA, UT,	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.

037f	<i>X. californica</i> *	BRY-55185	norstictic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
038f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55186	stictic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
039f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i> *	BRY-55187	stictic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1220	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
040f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55188	stictic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1308	-111.4695	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
041f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55189	stictic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
042f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i> *	BRY-55190	stictic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
043f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55191	stictic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
044f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55192	stictic	apothecia	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
045f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55193	stictic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
046f	<i>X.</i>	BRY-55194	stictic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
047f	<i>neowyomingica</i> *	BRY-55195	stictic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
048f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55196	stictic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
049f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55196	salazinic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
049f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55197	stictic	apothecia	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
052f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55198	salazinic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
053f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55199	salazinic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
054f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55200	salazinic	apothecia	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
055f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i> *	BRY-55201	salazinic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
056f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55202	stictic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.1626	-111.5352	3300 m	Leavitt et al.

057f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55203	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1626	-111.5352	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
058f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55204	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
059f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55205	salazinic	apothecia	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
061f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55206	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
062f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55207	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1309	-111.4695	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
063f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55208	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1309	-111.46945	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
064f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i> *	BRY-55209	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1625	-111.53581	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
065f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55210	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.7743	-109.82444	3410 m	EA 80-1103
066f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55211	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.7743	-109.82444	3410 m	EA 80-1104
067f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55212	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8047	-110.0213	3360 m	EA 80-1108
068f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55213	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Uinta Co.	41.3769	-110.6621	2057 m	SDL, LLS
069f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55214	salazinic	fragmentation	UT, Duchesne Co.	40.3699	-110.41279	2005 m	SDL, MFR
070f	<i>X. lineola</i>	BRY-55215	salazinic	Apothecia	UT, Duchesne Co.	40.3698	-110.41282	2005 m	SDL, MFR
071f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55216	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.5812	-111.7700	3040 m	Leavitt et al.
072f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55217	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.5812	-111.7700	3040 m	Leavitt et al.
073f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55218	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
074f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55219	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
075f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55220	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
076f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55221	stictic	apothecia	USA, UT,	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	Leavitt et al.

079f	<i>X. vagans</i>	BRY-55222	stictic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
080f	<i>X. vagans</i>	BRY-55223	stictic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
081f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55224	salazinic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
082f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55225	salazinic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.2757	-111.6081	2347 m	Leavitt et al.
083f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55226	salazinic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.2757	-111.6081	2347 m	Leavitt et al.
084f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55227	salazinic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.2757	-111.6081	2347 m	Leavitt et al.
085f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55228	salazinic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.2757	-111.6081	2347 m	Leavitt et al.
086f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55229	salazinic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.2757	-111.6081	2347 m	Leavitt et al.
087f	<i>X. lavicola</i>	BRY-55230	psoromic	isidia	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.2757	-111.6081	2347 m	Leavitt et al.
090f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55231	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.	44.6812	-113.3623	1820 m	Leavitt et al.
091f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55232	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.	44.6812	-113.3623	1820 m	Leavitt et al.
097f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55233	salazinic	isidia	Mex, Puebla	19.2990	-97.1193	1740 m	Leavitt et al.
098f	<i>X. dierythra</i>	BRY-55234	norstictic	isidia/apothecia	Mex, Puebla	19.2990	-97.1193	1740 m	Leavitt et al.
102f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55235	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Lemhi Co:	44.6811	-113.3623	1820 m	Leavitt et al.
110f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55236	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Uinta Co.	41.3769	-110.6621	2057 m	Leavitt et al.
111f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55237	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Uinta Co.	41.3769	-110.6621	2057 m	Leavitt et al.
112f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55238	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Owyhee Co.	43.3202	-116.9795	1271 m	Leavitt et al.
113f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55239	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Owyhee Co.	43.3202	-116.9795	1271 m	Leavitt et al.
118f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55240	salazinic	not observed	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.	44.6812	-113.3623	1820 m	SDL, LLS, KBK

120f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55241	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
121f	<i>X. neowyomingica</i>	BRY-55242	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
122f	<i>X. neowyomingica</i>	BRY-55243	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
123f	<i>X. neowyomingica</i>	BRY-55244	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
124f	<i>X. neowyomingica</i>	BRY-55245	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
125f	<i>X. neowyomingica</i>	BRY-55246	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
126f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55247	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
127f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55248	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
128f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55249	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
129f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55250	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
130f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55251	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
131f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55252	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
132f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55253	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
133f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55254	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
135f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55255	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
136f	<i>X. wyominigica</i>	BRY-55256	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
138f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55257	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Utah Co.	40.0847	-111.3401	1750 m	SDL, MJF
147f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55258	salazinic	isidia	USA, AZ, Mojave Co.	36.9739	-113.6444	890 m	Leavitt et al.
148f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55259	salazinic	isidia	USA, AZ,	36.9739	-113.6444	890 m	Leavitt et al.

149f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55260	salazinic	isidia	Mojave Co. USA, AZ,	36.9739	-113.6444	890 m	Leavitt et al.
150f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55261	salazinic	isidia	Mojave Co. USA, AZ,	36.9739	-113.6444	890 m	Leavitt et al.
151f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55262	salazinic	isidia	Mojave Co. USA, AZ,	36.9739	-113.6444	890 m	Leavitt et al.
152f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55263	salazinic	isidia	Mojave Co. USA, AZ,	36.9739	-113.6444	890 m	Leavitt et al.
153f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55264	salazinic	isidia	Mojave Co. USA, AZ,	36.9739	-113.6444	890 m	Leavitt et al.
154f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55265	salazinic	isidia	Mojave Co. USA, AZ,	36.9739	-113.6444	890 m	Leavitt et al.
155f	<i>X. plittii</i>	BRY-55266	stictic	isidia	Mojave Co. USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.2879	-111.2274	1641 m	Leavitt et al.
156f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55267	salazinic	isidia	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.2879	-111.2274	1641 m	Leavitt et al.
157f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55268	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, NM, McKinley Co.	35.5500	-107.6666	2060 m	BRY- SL10275
163f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55269	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, AZ, Coconino Co.	35.8083	-112.0325	1950 m	BRY-C21648
168f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55270	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Sweetwater Co.	41.9861	110.0417	1950 m	BRY-C18517
169f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55271	salazinic	not observed	USA, NM, Grant Co.	33.2187	-108.7988	1560 m	BRY-C32565
170f	<i>X. lineola</i>	BRY-55272	salazinic	apothecia	USA, NM, Grant Co.	33.1915	-108.6682	1770 m	BRY-C32565
171f	<i>X. lineola</i>	BRY-55273	salazinic	apothecia	USA, NM, Grant Co.	33.1797	-108.0465	2048 m	EA49-519
173f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55274	salazinic	isidia	USA, UT, Washington Co.	37.2047	-113.6417	1030 m	EA49-525
175f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55275	stictic	apothecia	USA, ID, Elmore Co.	43.8167	-115.0861	1682 m	EA69-949
179f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55276	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.7882	-110.6982	3060 m	EA80-1118
180f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55277	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Toole Co.	40.2967	-112.2785	1653 m	EA50-535

181f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55278	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Toole Co.	40.2967	-112.2785	1653 m	EA50-544
189f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55279	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Montrose Co.	38.4377	-107.9560	1880 m	EA49-526
190f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55280	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Montrose Co.	38.4377	-107.9560	1880 m	EA49-526
191f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55281	stictic	not observed	USA, CO, Dolores Co.	37.6939	-108.3233	2622 m	EA53-602
192f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55282	stictic	not observed	USA, CO, Dolores Co.	37.6939	-108.3233	2622 m	EA53-598
194f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55283	stictic	apothecia	USA, CO, Saguache Co.	37.8564	-105.4317	3030 m	EA55-634
195f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55284	stictic	not observed	USA, CO, Archuleta Co.	37.3884	-107.0918	2657 m	EA57-681
197f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55285	salazinic	isidia	USA, UT, San Juan Co.	37.7807	-109.8587	2133 m	EA67-899
198f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55286	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, San Juan Co.	37.7807	-109.8587	2133 m	EA67-893
201f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55287	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT, Beaverhead Co.	44.6225	-113.0520	2715 m	St. Clair et al.
202f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55288	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT, Beaverhead Co.	44.6225	-113.0520	2715 m	St. Clair et al.
203f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55289	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.	44.6516	-113.2238	1971 m	St. Clair et al.
204f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55290	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.	44.6516	-113.2238	1971 m	St. Clair et al.
205f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55291	salazinic	fragmentation	Canada, Saskatchewan.	50.6432	-107.9702	569 m	de Vries, B., s.n.
206f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55292	salazinic	fragmentation	Canada, Saskatchewan.	50.6432	-107.9702	569 m	de Vries, B., s.n.
207f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55293	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Carbon Co.	41.7708	-107.4778	2040 m	s.n.
208f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55294	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Carbon Co.	41.7708	-107.4778	2040 m	s.n.
219f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55295	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	SDL
220f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55296	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT,	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	SDL

221f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55297	salazinic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	SDL
222f	<i>X. vagans</i>	BRY-55298	stictic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	SDL
224f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55299	salazinic	isidia	Wayne Co. USA, CA,	33.7491	-116.7146	1660 m	Leavitt et al.
226f	<i>X. dierythra</i>	BRY-55300	norstictic	isidia	Riverside Co. USA, UT,	38.2736	-111.6106	2340 m	SDL
227f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55301	stictic	isidia	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.2736	-111.6106	2340 m	SDL
229f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55302	salazinic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.4941	-111.5357	2471 m	SDL
231f	<i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	BRY-55303	norstictic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.4941	-111.5357	2471 m	SDL
232f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55304	salazinic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.4347	-111.6992	2330 m	SDL
233f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55305	salazinic	fragmentation	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.4347	-111.6992	2330 m	SDL
245f	<i>X. lineola</i>	BRY-55306	salazinic	apothecia	Wayne Co. USA, AZ,	32.0055	-109.3610	5400 m	EA31-259
247f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55307	stictic	apothecia	Cochise Co. USA, ID, Idaho	46.3353	-115.3145	640 m	EA32-280
258f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55308	salazinic	not observed	Co. USA, ID, Custer	44.7833	-114.6875	2479 m	EA46-467
261f	<i>X. vagans</i>	BRY-55309	stictic	fragmentation	Co. USA, ID, Lemhi	44.1578	-113.8794	2069 m	EA47-485
269f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55310	salazinic	not observed	Co. USA, UT,	37.2845	-113.0966	1540 m	SDL
271f	<i>X. lineola</i>	BRY-55311	salazinic	not observed	Washington Co. USA, UT,	37.3474	-113.1010	2110 m	Leavitt et al.
272f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55312	salazinic	not observed	Washington Co. USA, UT,	37.3474	-113.1010	2110 m	Leavitt et al.
274f	<i>X. psoromifera</i>	BRY-55313	psoromic	not observed	Washington Co. USA, UT,	38.2757	-111.6081	2347 m	Leavitt et al.
275f	<i>X. psoromifera</i>	BRY-55314	psoromic	not observed	Wayne Co. USA, UT,	38.2757	-111.6081	2347 m	Leavitt et al.

276f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55315	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Lincoln Co.	41.6257	-110.6270	2050 m	SDL, JHL
278f	<i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	BRY-55316	norstictic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Lincoln Co.	41.6387	-110.5699	2018 m	SDL, JHL
279f	<i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	BRY-55317	norstictic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Lincoln Co.	41.6254	-110.6270	2050 m	SDL, JHL
280f	<i>X. lipochlorochroa</i> *type locality	BRY-55318	fatty acids	fragmentation	USA, WY, Lincoln Co.	41.6388	-110.5699	2018 m	SDL, JHL
281f	<i>X. lipochlorochroa</i> *type locality	BRY-55319	fatty acids	fragmentation	USA, WY, Lincoln Co.	41.6388	-110.5699	2018 m	SDL, JHL
282f	<i>X. lipochlorochroa</i> *type locality	BRY-55320	fatty acids	fragmentation	USA, WY, Lincoln Co.	41.6254	-110.6270	2050 m	SDL, JHL
283f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55321	salazinic	isidia	USA, CA, Sonoma Co.	38.5309	-122.8947	99 m	Leavitt et al.
284f	<i>X. lineola</i>	BRY-55322	salazinic	apothecia	USA, CA, Sonoma Co.	38.5309	-122.8947	99 m	Leavitt et al.
285f	<i>X. lineola</i>	BRY-55323	salazinic	apothecia	USA, CA, Sonoma Co.	38.5309	-122.8947	99 m	Leavitt et al.
286f	<i>X. plittii</i>	BRY-55324	stictic	isidia	USA, CA, Sonoma Co.	38.5309	-122.8947	99 m	SDL
287f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55325	stictic	not observed	USA, CA, Sonoma Co.	38.5309	-122.89465	99 m	SDL
288f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55326	stictic	not observed	USA, CA, Sonoma Co.	38.5309	-122.89465	99 m	SDL
290f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55327	stictic	not observed	USA, WA, Spokane Co.	47.6385	-117.37667	99 m	HCL, JHL, DJH
291f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55328	salazinic	isidia	USA, NV, Elko Co.	41.9421	114.688278	1569 m	SDL
292f	<i>X. dierythra</i>	BRY-55329	norstictic	isidia	USA, NV, Elko Co.	41.9421	114.688278	1569 m	SDL
293f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55330	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, NV, Elko Co.	41.9494	-114.68194	1577 m	SDL
294f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55331	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, NV, Elko Co.	41.9494	-114.68194	1577 m	SDL

295f	<i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	BRY-55332	norstictic	fragmentation	USA, NV, Elko Co.	41.9494	-114.68194	1577 m	SDL
296f	<i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	BRY-55333	norstictic	fragmentation	USA, NV, Elko Co.	41.9494	-114.68194	1577 m	SDL
297f	<i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	BRY-55334	norstictic	fragmentation	USA, NV, White Pine Co.	39.0699	-114.4472	1760 m	SDL
298f	<i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	BRY-55335	norstictic	fragmentation	USA, NV, White Pine Co.	39.0699	-114.4472	1760 m	SDL
299f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55336	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, NV, White Pine Co.	39.0699	-114.4472	1760 m	SDL
300f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55337	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, NV, White Pine Co..	39.0699	-114.4472	1760 m	SDL
301f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55338	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.	44.1944	-112.9424	1951 m	A. DeBolt 754
304f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55339	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Custer Co.	44.3323	-114.0501	2490 m	Rosentreter 4385
307f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55340	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, San Juan Co.	37.9346	-109.8296	1524 m	A. DeBolt 754
308f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55341	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT, Beaverhead Co.	44.4876	-112.8269	2120 m	McCune 21280
309f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55342	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT, Beaverhead Co.	44.4876	-112.8269	2120 m	McCune 21280
310f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55343	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Park Co.	44.9779	-110.7047	1920 m	Rosentreter 13610
311f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55344	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Fremont Co.	43.5774	-109.73670	2469 m	Rosentreter 15445
312f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55345	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Fremont Co.	43.5774	-109.7370	2469 m	Rosentreter 15445
314f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55346	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Park Co.	44.9779	-110.7047	1920 m	Rosentreter 13610
315f	<i>X. idahoensis</i>	BRY-55347	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.	44.9316	-113.7674	1858 m	Rosentreter 13897
316f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55348	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.	45.0536	-113.7065	1420 m	Rosentreter 4520
317f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55349	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.	45.0536	-113.7065	1420 m	Rosentreter 4520
318f	<i>X. idahoensis</i>	BRY-55350	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Lemhi	45.1204	-113.8624	1219 m	Rosentreter

	*type locality				Co.				3828
319f	<i>X. idahoensis</i>	BRY-55351	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Lemhi	45.1204	-113.8624	1219 m	Rosentreter
	*type locality				Co.				3828
323f	<i>X. idahoensis</i>	BRY-55352	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Grand	40.1093	-106.4262	2320 m	Rosentreter
					Co.				9339
324f	<i>X. idahoensis</i>	BRY-55353	salazinic	fragmentation	Canada,	49.2666	-107.6369	8310 m	Rosentreter,
					Saskatchewan.				s.n.
325f	<i>X. idahoensis</i>	BRY-55354	salazinic	fragmentation	Canada,	49.2666	-107.6369	8310 m	Rosentreter,
					Saskatchewan.				s.n.
326f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55355	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Twin	42.0340	-114.7219	1888 m	Rosentreter
					Falls Co.				8205
327f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55356	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Weld	40.4249	-104.7092	1420 m	Rosentreter
					Co.				7135
328f	<i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	BRY-55357	norstictic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Weld	40.4249	-104.7092	1420 m	Rosentreter
					Co.				7135
329f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55358	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, Lemhi Co.	45.1738	-113.8064	1340 m	Rosentreter
									16240
330f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55359	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, Lemhi Co.	45.1738	-113.8064	1340 m	Rosentreter
									16240
331f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55360	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT,	45.8385	-111.8674	1620 m	Rosentreter
					Jefferson Co.				14671
332f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55361	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT,	45.8385	-111.8674	1620 m	Rosentreter
					Jefferson Co.				14671
333f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55362	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Grand	40.4058	-105.6246	2600 m	Rosentreter
					Co.				14787
334f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55363	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID,	42.4737	-116.6630	1600 m	Rosentreter
					Owyhee Co.				15083
335f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55364	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID,	42.4737	-116.6630	1600 m	Rosentreter
					Owyhee Co.				15083
336f	<i>X. norchlorochroa</i>	BRY-55365	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY,	41.4193	-108.0524	2100 m	Rosentreter,
					Sweetwater Co.				s.n.
337f	<i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	BRY-55366	norstictic	fragmentation	USA, WY,	41.2916	-105.5245	2137 m	Rosentreter,
					Laramie Co.				s.n.
338f	<i>X. norchlorochroa</i>	BRY-55367	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Clark	44.1567	-112.9093	1860 m	Rosentreter,
					Co.				s.n.
339f	<i>X. norchlorochroa</i>	BRY-55368	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Clark	44.1567	-112.9093	1860 m	Rosentreter,
					Co.				s.n.

340f	<i>X. norchlorochroa</i>	BRY-55369	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, San Juan Co.	38.3291	-109.4298	1780 m	Belnap, J., s.n.
341f	<i>X. norchlorochroa</i>	BRY-55370	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, San Juan Co.	38.3291	-109.4298	1780 m	Belnap, J., s.n.
342f	<i>X. norchlorochroa</i>	BRY-55371	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, San Juan Co.	38.3839	-109.4529	1580 m	Rosentreter 8230
343f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55372	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.	45.0237	-113.9190	1280 m	Rosentreter 8230
345f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55373	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Custer Co.	44.3590	-114.0649	1646 m	Rosentreter 4974
410f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55374	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT, Broadwater Co.	46.1364	-111.4045	1200 m	B. McCune 29198
424f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55375	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.	44.6812	-113.3623	1820 m	BRY-34402
431f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55376	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Toole Co.	40.2967	-112.2785	1650 m	SDL, LLS
432f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55377	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Toole Co.	40.2967	-112.2785	1650 m	Leavitt et al.
433f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55378	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Toole Co.	40.2967	-112.2785	1650 m	Leavitt et al.
434f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55379	stictic	not observed	USA, ID, Idaho Co.	45.4549	-115.9448	603 m	Leavitt et al.
435f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55380	stictic	not observed	USA, ID, Idaho Co.	45.4549	-115.9448	603 m	Leavitt et al.
437f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55381	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Duchesne Co.	40.2039	-110.7130	2088 m	SDL, LLS, GS
438f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55382	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Duchesne Co.	40.2039	-110.7130	2088 m	SDL, LLS, GS
439f	<i>X. dierythra</i>	BRY-55383	norstictic	isidia	USA, UT, near Weasel Point	40.2039	-110.7130	2060 m	Leavitt et al.
440f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55384	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Duchesne Co.	40.5444	-110.2852	2517 m	Leavitt et al.
441f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55385	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Duchesne Co.	40.5444	-110.2852	2517 m	Leavitt et al.
442f	<i>X. lineola</i>	BRY-55386	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Duchesne Co.	40.5260	-110.3529	2426 m	Leavitt et al.
443f	<i>X. californica</i>	BRY-55387	norstictic	not observed	USA, UT,	40.2052	-110.7133	2088 m	Leavitt et al.

444f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i> *	BRY-55388	stictic	not observed	Duchesne Co. USA, UT,	40.5351	-110.2233	2413 m	Leavitt et al.
445f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i> *	BRY-55389	salazinic	not observed	Duchesne Co. USA, UT,	40.5351	-110.2233	2413 m	Leavitt et al.
446f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i> *	BRY-55390	salazinic	not observed	Duchesne Co. USA, UT,	40.5351	-110.2233	2413 m	Leavitt et al.
448f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55391	stictic	apothecia	Duchesne Co. USA, ID, Idaho	46.4301	-115.1341	814 m	Leavitt et al.
449f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55392	stictic	apothecia	Co. USA, ID, Idaho	46.4301	-115.1341	814 m	Leavitt et al.
450f	<i>X. subcumberlandia</i>	BRY-55393	stictic	apothecia	Co. USA, ID, Idaho	46.0425	-115.2767	750 m	Leavitt et al.
451f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55394	stictic	apothecia	Co. USA, ID, Idaho	46.0425	-115.2767	750 m	Leavitt et al.
452f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55395	stictic	not observed	Co. USA, ID, Idaho	45.9254	-116.1305	974 m	Leavitt et al.
453f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55396	stictic	not observed	Co. USA, ID, Idaho	45.9254	-116.1305	974 m	Leavitt et al.
454f	<i>X. plittii</i>	BRY-55397	stictic	isidia	Co. USA, ID, Idaho	45.4549	-115.9448	603 m	Leavitt et al.
455f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55398	stictic	apothecia	Co. USA, ID, Idaho	45.4549	-115.9448	603 m	Leavitt et al.
456f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55399	stictic	apothecia	Co. USA, CA, Marin	38.0929	-122.8860	308 m	Leavitt et al.
457f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55400	stictic	apothecia	Co. USA, CA, Marin	38.0929	-122.8860	308 m	Leavitt et al.
458f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55401	salazinic	isidia	Co. USA, ID, Lemhi	45.0611	-113.7130	1362 m	Leavitt et al.
459f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55402	salazinic	isidia	Co. USA, ID, Lemhi	45.0611	-113.7130	1362 m	Leavitt et al.
460f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55403	salazinic	fragmentation	Co. USA, ID, Lemhi	45.0611	-113.7130	1362 m	Leavitt et al.
461f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55404	salazinic	fragmentation	Co. USA, ID, Lemhi	45.0611	-113.7130	1362 m	Leavitt et al.
462f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55405	salazinic	fragmentation	Co. USA, ID, Lemhi	45.0611	-113.7130	1362 m	Leavitt et al.

463f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55406	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.	45.0611	-113.7130	1362 m	Leavitt et al.
464f	<i>X. neowyomingica*</i>	BRY-55407	stictic	not observed	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3645 m	Leavitt et al.
465f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55408	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, NM, San Juan Co.	36.1167	-107.8333	1940 m	BRY-10272
466f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55409	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, NM, Navajo Indian Reservation.	36.3833	-108.2167	1910 m	BRY-10274
481f	<i>X. lineola</i>	BRY-55410	salazinic	not observed	USA, UT, Utah Co.	40.4897	-111.7747	1740 m	Leavitt et al.
482f	<i>X. plittii</i>	BRY-55411	stictic	isidia	USA, UT, Utah Co.	40.4897	111.7747	1740 m	Leavitt et al.
486f	<i>X. lineola</i>	BRY-55412	salazinic	apothecia	USA, AZ, Gila Co.	34.1437	-111.5646	1650 m	EA7-58
489f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55413	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT, McCone Co.	48.0100	-106.3888	732 m	B. McCune 29318
490f	<i>X. wyomingica</i>	BRY-55414	salazinic	not observed	USA, MT, Phillips Co.	48.4568	-107.6567	720 m	B. MCCune 29317
491f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55415	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT, Fallon Co.	46.5050	-104.1770	1036 m	McCune 28170
492f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55416	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Utah Co.	39.8426	-111.1298	2393 m	SDL & JHL
493f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55417	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Utah Co.	39.8426	-111.1298	2393 m	SDL & JHL
494f	<i>X. angustiphylla</i>	BRY-55418	stictic	not observed	USA, NC, Cherokee Co.	35.0316	-83.2387	1029 m	SDL
495f	<i>X. angustiphylla</i>	BRY-55419	stictic	not observed	USA, NC, Cherokee Co.	35.0316	-83.2387	1029 m	SDL
496f	<i>X. plittii</i>	BRY-55420	stictic	isidiate	USA, NC, Rutherford Co.	35.4327	-82.2505	680 m	Leavitt et al.
497f	<i>X. plittii</i>	BRY-55421	stictic	isidiate	USA, NC, Rutherford Co.	35.4327	-82.2505	680 m	Leavitt et al.
498f	<i>X. plittii</i>	BRY-55422	stictic	isidiate	USA, NC, Avery Co.	36.0953	-81.8292	1530 m	Leavitt et al.
499f	<i>X. plittii</i>	BRY-55423	stictic	isidiate	USA, NC, Avery Co.	36.0953	-81.8292	1530 m	Leavitt et al.

501f	<i>X. wyomingica</i>	BRY-55424	salazinic	not observed	USA, WA, Lincoln Co.	47.3894	-117.8357	689 m	HCH, DJH
502f	<i>X. wyomingica</i>	BRY-55425	salazinic	not observed	USA, WA, Lincoln Co.	47.3894	-117.8357	689 m	HCH, DJH
504f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55426	salazinic	isidia	USA, AZ, Coconino Co.	37.7117	-111.5944	1955 m	J. Hollinger 20080608.18
505f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55427	salazinic	not observed	USA, AZ, Coconino Co.	35.1534	-111.7409	2220 m	J. Hollinger 20080624.27
508f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55428	salazinic	isidia	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.2454	-111.3768	2127 m	J. Hollinger 20080606.64
509f	<i>X. lineola</i>	BRY-55429	salazinic	apothecia	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.2454	-111.3768	2127 m	J. Hollinger 20080606.63
516f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55430	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ND, Slope Co.	46.4564	-103.9277	830 m	J. Hertz 2075
517f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55431	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ND, Slope Co.	46.4564	-103.9277	830 m	J. Hertz 2075
525f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55432	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ND, Dunn Co.	47.3721	-102.9963	610 m	Esslinger 16617
526f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55433	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ND, Dunn Co.	47.3721	-102.9963	610 m	Esslinger 16617
527f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55434	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT, Stillwater Co.	45.6011	-109.0660	1110 m	Esslinger 12685
534f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55435	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ND, Dunn Co.	47.5048	-102.6341	730 m	G. Lind 1213
535f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55436	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ND, Dunn Co.	47.5048	-102.6341	730 m	G. Lind 1213
536f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55437	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ND, Dunn Co.	47.5048	-102.6341	730 m	G. Lind 1213
574f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55438	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Millard Co.	38.5945	-113.7430	760 m	Leavitt et al.
575f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55439	stictic	not observed	USA, CA, San Diego Co.	32.9185	-117.2553	90 m	SDL, DHL, AB
576f	<i>X. plittii</i>	BRY-55440	stictic	isidia	USA, CA, San Diego Co.	32.9185	-117.2553	90 m	Leavitt et al.
577f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55441	stictic	not observed	USA, CA, Marin Co.	37.9111	-122.6243	592 m	SDL
578f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55442	salazinic	not observed	USA, CA, Marin	37.9111	-122.6243	605 m	SDL

579f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55443	stictic	not observed	Co. USA, CA, Marin	37.9978	-123.0118	142 m	SDL
580f	<i>X. lineola</i>	BRY-55444	salazinic	not observed	Co. USA, AZ, Maricopa Co.	33.8474	-111.4720	1150 m	R. Fuller
665f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55445	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Archuleta Co.	37.2051	-107.3274	1995 m	SDL & HCL
666f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55446	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Archuleta Co.	37.2051	-107.3274	1995 m	SDL & HCL
771f	<i>X. norchlorochroa</i>	BRY-55447	norstictic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Rio Blanco Co.	39.8278	-107.2985	3020 m	SDL, LLS, GS
772f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55448	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, UT, Piute/Beaver Co.	38.2328	-112.3652	3035 m	M. Greenwood
773f	<i>X. wyomingica</i>	BRY-55449	salazinic	not observed	USA, MT, Lewis and Clark Co.	46.8206	-111.8160	1280 m	LLS, RCS, GS, SDL
774f	<i>X. mexicana*</i>	BRY-55450	salazinic	isidia	USA, MT, Lewis and Clark Co.	46.8206	-111.8160	1280 m	LLS, RCS, GS, SDL
775f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55451	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Summit Co.	39.8790	-106.2781	2447 m	SDL
776f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i> (<i>apotheciate</i>)	BRY-55452	salazinic	apothecia/frag mentation	USA, CO, Teller Co.	38.9275	-106.2824	2545 m	SDL
777f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55453	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, SD, Perkins Co.	45.9230	-102.3628	760 m	SDL
778f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55454	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, SD, Harding Co.	45.3998	-103.1636	991 m	SDL
779f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55455	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, SD, Butte Co.	45.0651	-103.3813	890 m	SDL
780f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i> (<i>apotheciate</i>)	BRY-55456	salazinic	apothecia/frag mentation	USA, ND, Dunn Co.	47.3578	-103.0523	751 m	SDL
781f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55457	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ND, Billings Co.	46.7874	-103.3164	847 m	SDL
782f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55458	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, NV, White Pine Co.	39.3035	-114.3727	1706 m	SDL and LLS
783f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i> (<i>apotheciate</i>)	BRY-55459	salazinic	apothecia/frag mentation	USA, NE, Souix Co.	42.1191	-103.6791	1431 m	SDL
784f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55460	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, NE, Souix Co.	42.4657	-103.7942	1423 m	SDL

785f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55461	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ND, Morton Co.	46.8908	101.4294	650 m	SDL
786f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55462	salazinic	isidia	USA, ND, Mercer Co.	47.4202	-101.6317	641 m	SDL
787f	<i>X. idahoensis</i>	BRY-55463	salazinic	not observed	USA, WY, Albany Co.	41.3240	-105.7434	2240 m	SDL
788f	<i>X. norchlorochroa</i>	BRY-55464	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Sweetwater Co.	41.0765	-108.1540	1576 m	J. Munsha
789f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55465	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Hot Springs Co.	43.5916	-107.8383	1576 m	J. Munsha
790f	<i>X. wyomingica</i>	BRY-55466	salazinic	not observed	USA, WY, Johnson Co.	44.3385	-106.7656	1581 m	SDL
791f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55467	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Lincoln Co.	41.8246	-110.7632	2019 m	SDL
792f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55468	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT, Custer Co.	46.3748	-105.8818	673 m	J. Munsha
793f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55469	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT, Custer Co.	46.3955	-105.7800	853 m	J. Munsha
794f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55470	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT, Bighorn Co.	45.1064	-106.7873	1058 m	SDL
795f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55471	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, MT, Custer Co.	46.3187	-105.9884	814 m	SDL
796f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55472	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Arapahoe Co.	39.7319	-103.9356	1585 m	SDL
797f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55473	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Larimie Co.	40.8532	-105.2568	1920 m	SDL
798f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55474	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Elbert Co.	39.4477	-103.9247	1674 m	SDL
799f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55475	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Elbert Co.	39.3425	-104.5777	2013 m	SDL
800f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55476	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Weld Co.	40.6403	-104.4489	1519 m	SDL
801f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55477	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Sweetwater Co.	42.2370	-109.1712	2112 m	SDL
802f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55478	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Crook Co.	44.2751	-104.9885	1293 m	SDL
804f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55479	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY,	43.2021	-107.9202	1569 m	SDL

805f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55480	salazinic	fragmentation	Fremont Co. USA, WY,	43.0346	-106.8668	1713 m	SDL
806f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55481	salazinic	fragmentation	Natroma Co. USA, WY,	41.7412	-104.8854	1661 m	SDL
807f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55482	salazinic	fragmentation	Albany Co. USA, WY,	42.7963	-105.6146	1584 m	SDL
808f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55483	salazinic	fragmentation	Converse Co. USA, WY,	41.9526	-110.2440	2046 m	SDL
809f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55484	salazinic	fragmentation	Lincoln Co. USA, WY,	44.2165	-106.3028	1418 m	SDL
810f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55485	salazinic	fragmentation	Johnson Co. USA, WY,	44.2854	-105.1447	1304 m	SDL
811f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55486	salazinic	fragmentation	Cambell Co. USA, WY,	42.7607	-104.9120	1535 m	SDL
812f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55487	salazinic	fragmentation	Niobara Co. USA, WY,	42.9370	-108.4622	1576 m	SDL
813f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55488	salazinic	fragmentation	Fremont Co. USA, WY,	40.9999	-105.4130	2310 m	SDL
814f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55489	salazinic	fragmentation	Albany Co. USA, WY,	44.2052	-105.8470	1417 m	SDL
815f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55490	salazinic	fragmentation	Cambell Co. USA, WY,	41.3239	-105.7434	2235 m	SDL
816f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55491	salazinic	fragmentation	Albany Co. USA, WY,	43.6905	-105.4714	1497 m	SDL
817f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55492	salazinic	not observed	Converse Co. USA, WY, Platte Co.	41.8191	-105.2622	2150 m	SDL
818f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55493	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Natroma Co.	43.0836	-107.2107	1862 m	SDL
819f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55494	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, WY, Albany Co.	41.5827	-105.6372	2177 m	SDL
820f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55495	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Weld Co.	40.6097	-103.8026	1431 m	SDL
821f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55496	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Park Co.	39.0254	-105.8137	2733 m	SDL
822f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55497	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Chaffee Co.	38.8411	106.0059	2673 m	SDL

823f	<i>X. wyominigica</i> (with apothecia)	BRY-55498	salazinic	apothecia	USA, CO, Chaffee Co.	38.8411	-106.0059	2673 m	SDL
824f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55499	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Moffat Co.	40.6206	-107.4658	1942 m	SDL
825f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55500	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, CO, Jackson Co.	40.4252	-106.5233	2553 m	SDL
826f	<i>X. wyomingica</i> (type)	BRY-55501	salazinic	not observed	USA, WY, Johnson Co.	44.3394	-106.9768	2462 m	SDL
827f	<i>X. wyomingica</i> (type)	BRY-55502	salazinic	not observed	USA, WY, Johnson Co.	44.3394	-106.9768	2462 m	SDL
828f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55503	salazinic	isidia	USA, WY, Johnson Co.	44.3394	-106.9768	2462 m	SDL
829f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55504	salazinic	fragmentation	USA, ND, Billings Co.	47.6020	-103.4499	740 m	SDL
830f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55505	salazinic	isidia	USA, NV, White Pine Co.	39.2478	-114.1195	2326 m	LLS and SDL
901f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55506	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Kamloops.	50.7607	-118.8457	2080 m	C. Bjork 2008, s. n.
902f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55507	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Kamloops.	50.7607	-118.8457	2080 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
903f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55508	stictic	apothecia	Canada, BC, Osoyoos	49.0320	-119.4660	1300'	C. Bjork 2007-15213
904f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55509	stictic	not observed	Canada, BC, Table Mountain	51.8643	-119.9833	1027 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
905f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55510	stictic	apothecia	Canada, BC, Frogpond Trail	51.8654	-120.0405	692 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
906f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55511	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Edgewood	51.8686	-120.0215	714 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
908f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55512	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Boulder City	51.8699	-120.0257	715 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
909f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55513	stictic	not observed	Canada, BC, Table Mtn	51.8643	-119.9833	1027 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
911f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55514	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Fage Bluffs	51.8024	-120.0295	640 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
912f	<i>X. plittii</i>	BRY-55515	stictic	Isidia	Canada, BC, Kamloops.	50.7607	-118.8457	2080 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
913f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55516	stictic	not observed	Canada, BC,	51.8024	-120.0295	640 m	T. Goward

914f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55517	stictitic	apothecia	Fage Bluffs Canada, BC,	51.8686	-120.0215	714 m	2008, s.n. T. Goward
915f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55518	salazinic	not observed	Edgewood Canada, BC,	51.8024	-120.0295	640 m	2008, s.n. T. Goward
916f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55519	salazinic	isidia	Fage Bluffs WA, Spokane	47.4189	-117.5688	700 m	2008, s.n. C. Bjork
917f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55520	salazinic	apothecia	Co. Canada, BC,	51.8706	-120.0305	714 m	17714 J. Hollinger
918f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55521	salazinic	apothecia	Edgewood West Canada, BC,	51.8686	-120.0215	714 m	17714 T. Goward
919f	<i>X. plittii</i>	BRY-55522	stictitic	isidia	WGP: Edgewood USA, MT,	47.2254	-114.9657	820 m	2008, s.n. T. Goward
920f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55523	salazinic	isidia	Mineral Co. USA, MT, Carter	45.8192	-104.4400	1100 m	2008, s.n. T. Wheeler
922f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55524	salazinic	not observed	Co. USA, MT,	48.0413	-115.7517	1630 m	1875 T. Wheeler
923f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55525	salazinic	not observed	Sanders Co. USA, MT, Lake	47.2952	-113.8312	2370 m	1371 T. Wheeler
924f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55526	salazinic	fragmentation	Co. Canada, BC,	55.1945	-123.2966	970 m	1409 C. Bjork
925f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55527	salazinic	fragmentation	Canada, Saskatchewan	55.5717	-123.2966	1280 m	16372 McCintosh
926f	<i>X. wyomingica</i>	BRY-55528	salazinic	not observed	USA, MT, Russell Co	47.7561	-110.8991	830 m	8828e T. Wheeler
927f	<i>X. wyomingica</i>	BRY-55529	salazinic	not observed	USA, MT, Russell Co	47.7561	-110.8991	830 m	2006, s.n. T. Wheeler
928f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55530	stictitic	not observed	Canada, BC, Blue Bluffs	51.8000	-120.0203	496 m	2006, s.n. T. Goward
929f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55531	stictitic	not observed	Canada, BC, WGP: Edgewood	51.8706	-120.0305	714 m	2008, s.n. T. Goward
930f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55532	stictitic	not observed	USA, WA, Spokane Co.	47.4189	-117.5688	700 m	2008, s.n. C. Bjork
931f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55533	stictitic	not observed	Canada, BC, Kamloops	50.7607	-118.8457	2080 m	17719 T. Goward
932f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55534	stictitic	not observed	USA, WA, Spokane Co.	47.3631	-117.5804	700 m	2008, s.n. C. Bjork
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933f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55535	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Edgewood	51.8686	-120.0215	714 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
934f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55536	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Boulder City	51.8699	-120.0257	715 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
935f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55537	stictic	apothecia	Canada, BC, Fage Bluffs	51.8024	-120.0295	640 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
936f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55538	salazinic	isidia	USA, WA, Grand Co.	47.9449	-119.0282	510 m	C. Bjork 17707
937f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55539	stictic	apothecia	Canada, BC, Frogpond Trail	51.8654	-120.0405	692 m	J. Hollinger, s.n.
938f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55540	stictic	not observed	Canada, BC, Edgewood	51.8686	-120.0215	714 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
939f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55541	stictic	not observed	Canada, BC, Boulder City	51.8699	-120.0257	715 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
940f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55542	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Boulder City	51.8699	-120.0257	715 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
941f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55543	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Boulder City	51.8699	-120.0257	715 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
942f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55544	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Edgewood	51.8686	-120.0215	714 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
943f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55545	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Boulder City	51.8699	-120.0257	715 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
944f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55546	stictic	not observed	Canada, BC, Frogpond Trail	51.8654	-120.0405	692 m	J. Hollinger, s.n.
945f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55547	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Frogpond Trail	51.8654	-120.0405	692 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
946f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55548	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Edgewood West	51.8706	-120.0305	714 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
947f	<i>X. subplittii</i>	BRY-55549	stictic	isidia	Canada, BC, Fage Bluffs	51.8024	-120.0295	640 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
948f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55550	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Kamloops.	50.6880	-120.4685	410 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
949f	<i>X. camtschadalis</i>	BRY-55551	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC, Kamloops.	50.6880	-120.4685	410 m	T. Goward 2008, s.n.
950f	<i>X. wyomingica</i>	BRY-55552	salazinic	not observed	USA, WA, Lincoln Co.	47.5902	-118.5359	670 m	C. Bjork 2008 15542
951f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55553	salazinic	not observed	Canada, BC,	50.6880	-120.4685	670 m	T. Goward

952f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55554	salazinic	not observed	Kamloops. Canada, BC,	51.8686	-120.0215	715 m	2008, s.n. T. Goward
953f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55555	salazinic	not observed	Edgewood Canada, BC,	51.8706	-120.0305	714 m	2008, s.n. T. Goward
954f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55556	stictic	not observed	Edgewood West Canada, BC,	51.8643	-119.9833	1027 m	2008, s.n. T. Goward
955f	<i>X. wyomingica</i>	BRY-55557	salazinic	not observed	Table Mtn USA, MT,	47.7561	-110.8991	830 m	2008, s.n. T. Wheeler
956f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55558	salazinic	apothecia	Russell Co. Canada, BC,	51.8706	-120.0305	714 m	2006 s.n. T. Goward
957f	<i>X. stenophylla</i>	BRY-55559	salazinic	not observed	Edgewood West Canada, BC,	51.8706	-120.0305	714 m	2008, s.n. T. Goward
1026f	<i>X. cumberlandia*</i>	BRY-55560	stictic	not observed	Edgewood West USA, CA, San	35.3566	-120.6558	710 m	2008, s.n. SDL & LG
1027f	<i>X. lineola</i>	BRY-55561	salazinic	apothecia	Luis Obispo Co. USA, CA, San	35.3566	-120.6558	710 m	SDL & LG
1028f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55562	salazinic	isidia/apothecia	Luis Obispo Co. USA, CA, San	35.4778	-120.9923	20 m	SDL & LG
1029f	<i>X. mexicana</i>	BRY-55563	salazinic	isidia	Luis Obispo Co. USA, CA, San	35.4778	-120.9923	20 m	SDL & LG
1030f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55564	salazinic	not observed	Luis Obispo Co.: USA, CA, San	35.4778	-120.9923	20 m	SDL & LG
1031f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55565	stictic	apothecia	Luis Obispo Co. USA, CA, San	35.4778	-120.9923	20 m	SDL & LG
1032f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55566	stictic	apothecia	Luis Obispo Co. USA, CA, San	35.4778	-120.9923	20 m	SDL & LG
<u>Outgroup taxa</u>									
	<i>Karoowia saxeti</i>		-	-	Taiwan, Pingtung Co.	-	-	-	
538f	<i>Karoowia saxeti</i>	BRY-55567	-	-	Uruguay, Florida	34.20576	-55.97073		Leavitt et al.
540f	<i>Karoowia saxeti</i>	BRY-55568	-	-	Uruguay, Florida	34.20576	-55.97073		Leavitt et al.
-	<i>X. brachinaensis</i>	CANB	-	-	Australia, Flinders Ranges	-	-	-	GenBank
-	<i>X. convoluta</i>	GZU 46511	-	-	Namibia, Swakopmund	-	-	-	GenBank
-	<i>X. crespoae</i>	MAF 7524	-	-	Australia, New	-	-	-	GenBank

-	<i>X. lithophila</i>	MAF 6900	-	-	south Wales Australia, New	-	-	-	GenBank
-	<i>X. loxodes</i>	MAF 6206	-	-	Spain, Zamora	-	-	-	GenBank
907f	<i>X. mougeotii</i>	BRY-55569	-	-	USA, WA, Spokane Co.	47.41892	-117.56883	700 m	C. Bjork 17756
-	<i>X. murina</i>	MAF 9915	-	-	Australia, Norton National Park	-	-	-	GenBank
-	<i>X. notata</i>	CANB	-	-	Australia, Australian Capital Territories	-	-	-	GenBank
-	<i>X. scotophylla</i>	CANB	-	-	Australia, Mount Remarkable National Park	-	-	-	GenBank
-	<i>X. semiviridis</i>	MAF 6876	-	-	Australia, New South Wales	-	-	-	GenBank
-	<i>X. subprolixa</i>	MAF 7667	-	-	Australia, Australian Capital Territory	-	-	-	GenBank
-	<i>X. tegeta</i>	MAF 7523	-	-	Australia, Australian Capital Territories	-	-	-	GenBank
-	<i>X. tinctina</i>	MAF 6070	-	-	Spain, Gerona	-	-	-	GenBank
-	<i>X. transvaalensis</i>	MAF 9841	-	-	Spain, Zaragoza	-	-	-	GenBank
-	<i>X. verrucigera</i>	MAF 9920	-	-	Spain, Gerona	-	-	-	GenBank

Supplementary data 2.2. GenBank accession numbers for all *Xanthoparmelia* specimens included in the present study: ID, individual code; Brigham Young University Herbarium of Non-vascular Cryptogams (BRY) voucher accession number; GenBank accession numbers for LSU, ITS, IGS, group I intron, *MCM7*, and β -tubulin markers.

ID	Species (sensu lato)	Herbarium Acc. No.	LSU	ITS	IGS	intron	<i>MCM7</i>	β -tubulin
001f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55151	HM579019	HM578607	HM577905	HM578296	HM579426	HM577516
002f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55152	HM579020	HM578608	HM577906	HM578297	HM579427	HM577517
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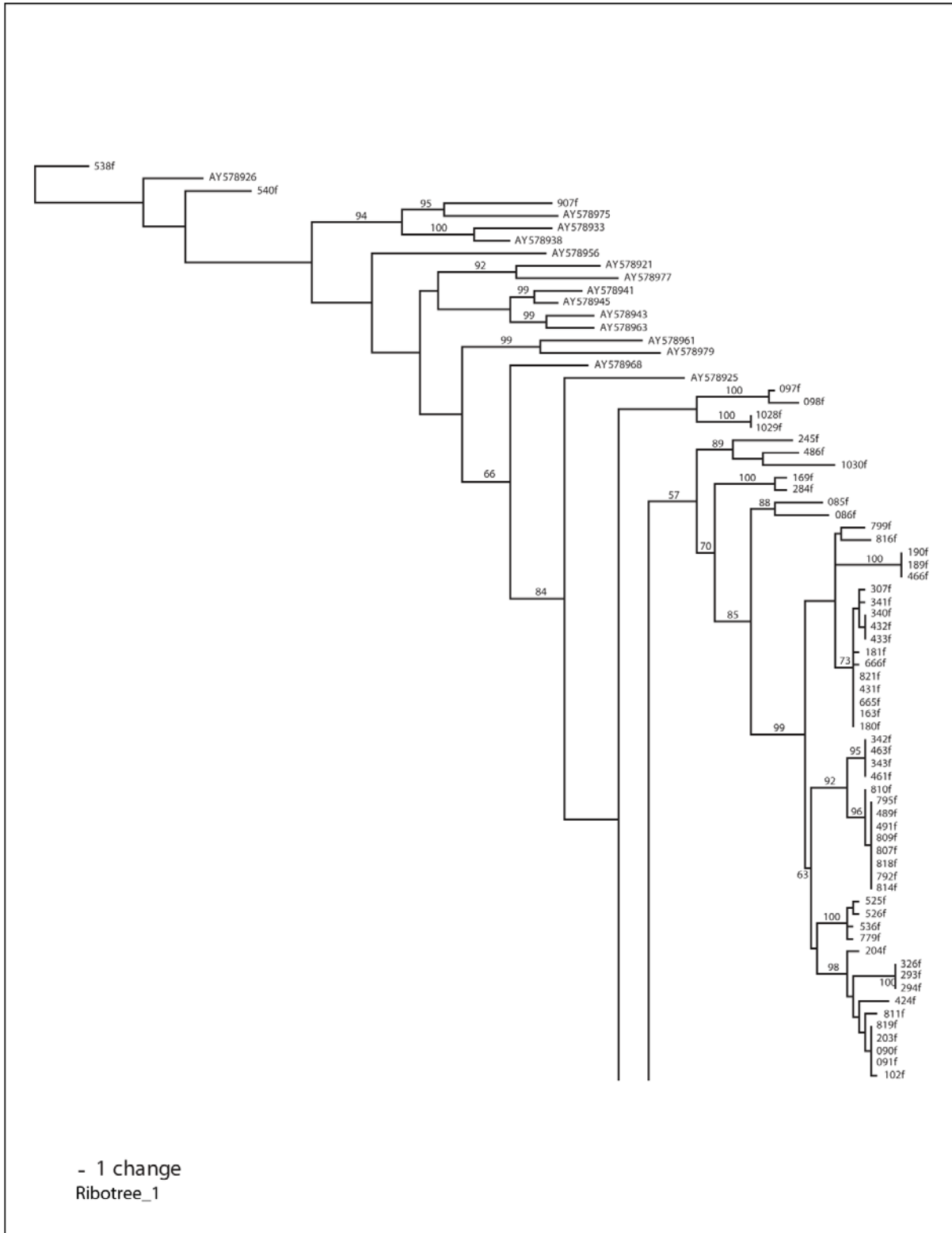
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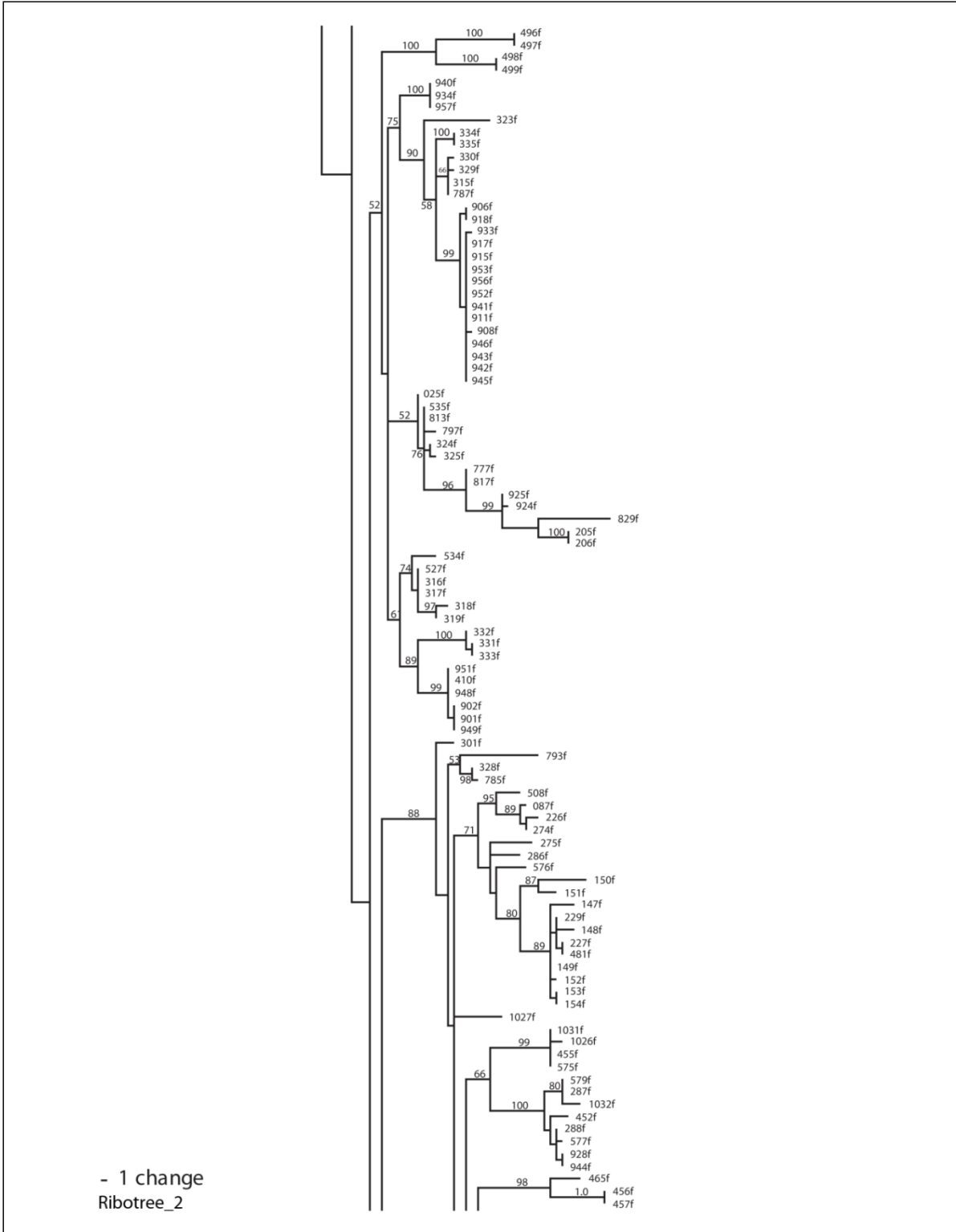
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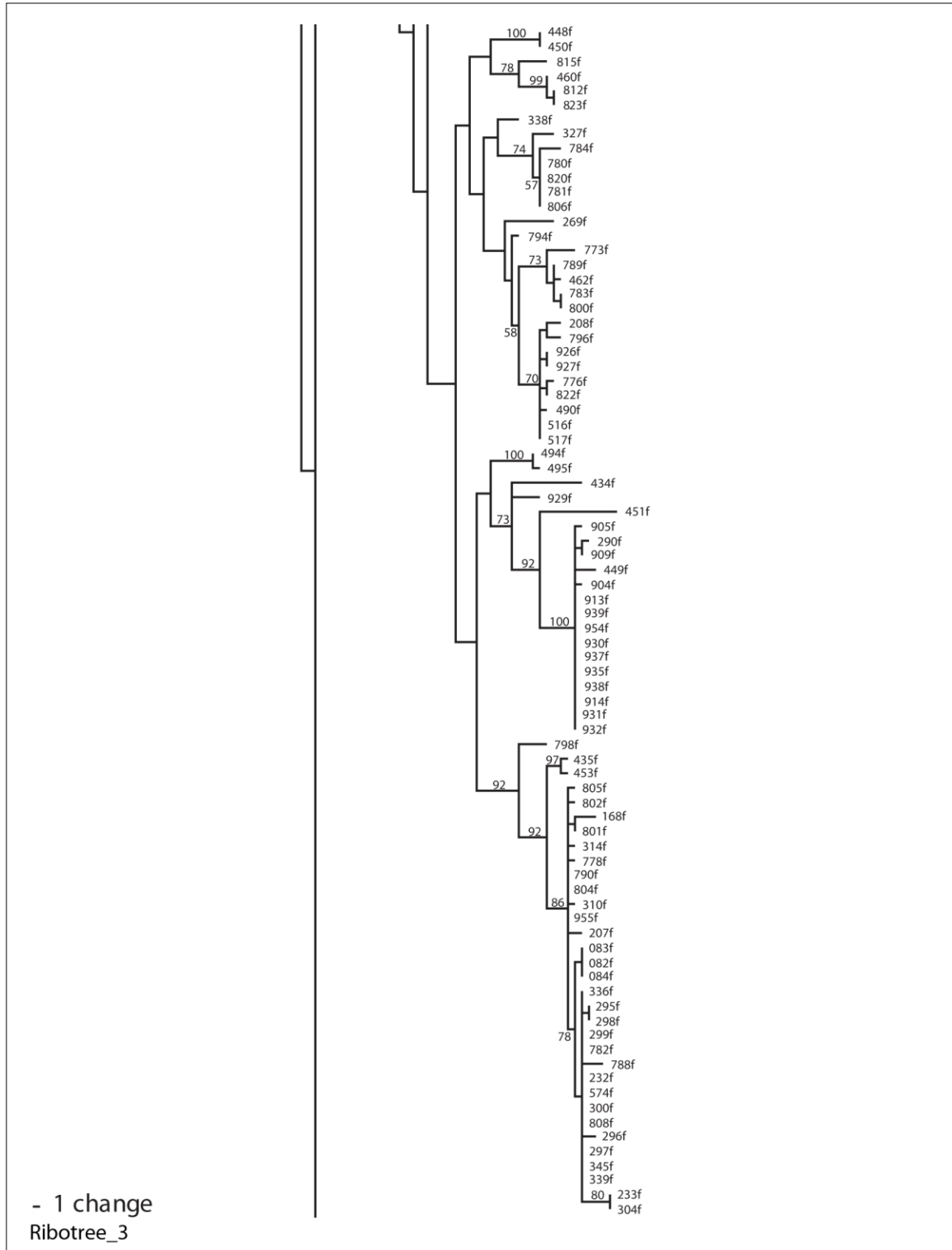
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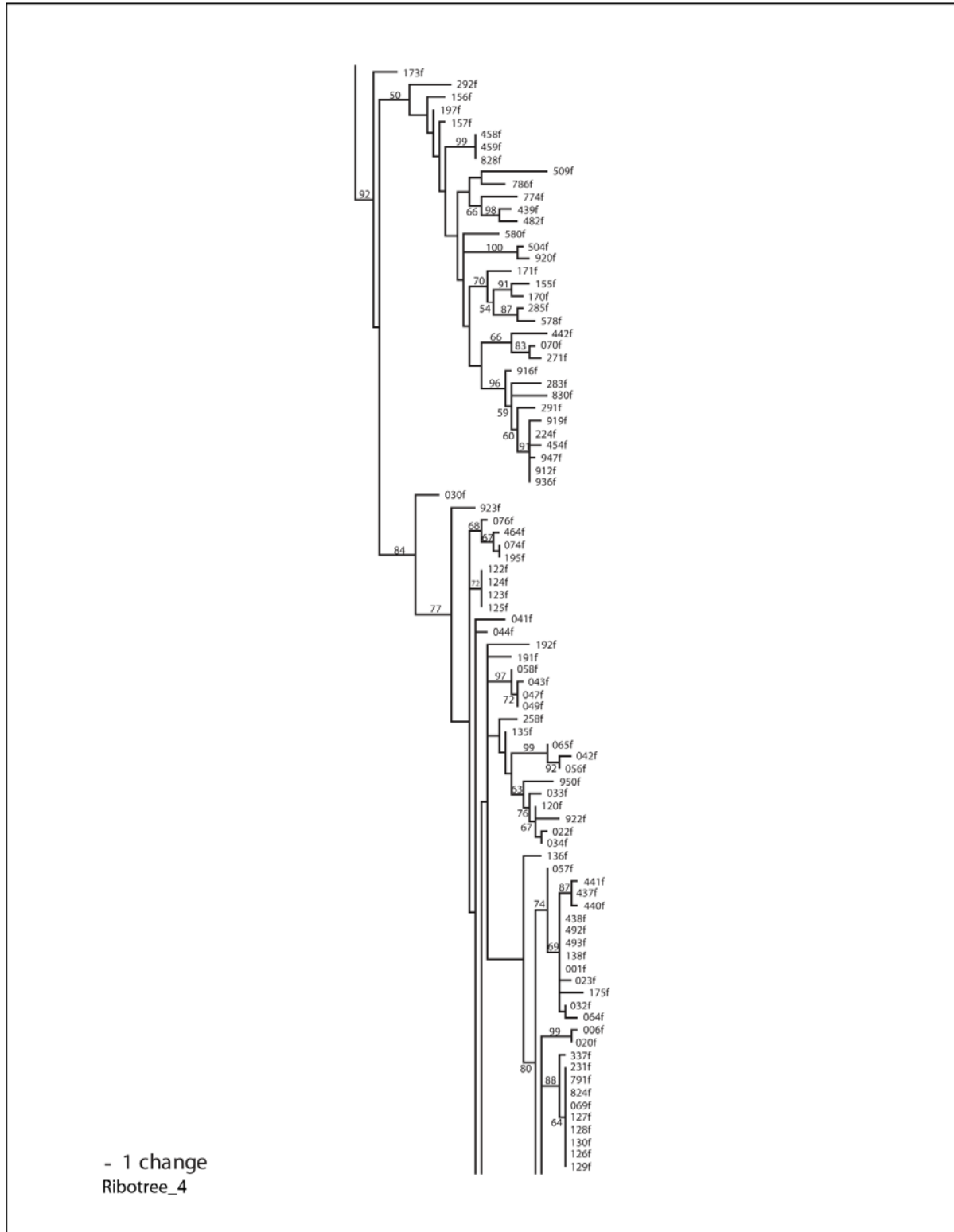
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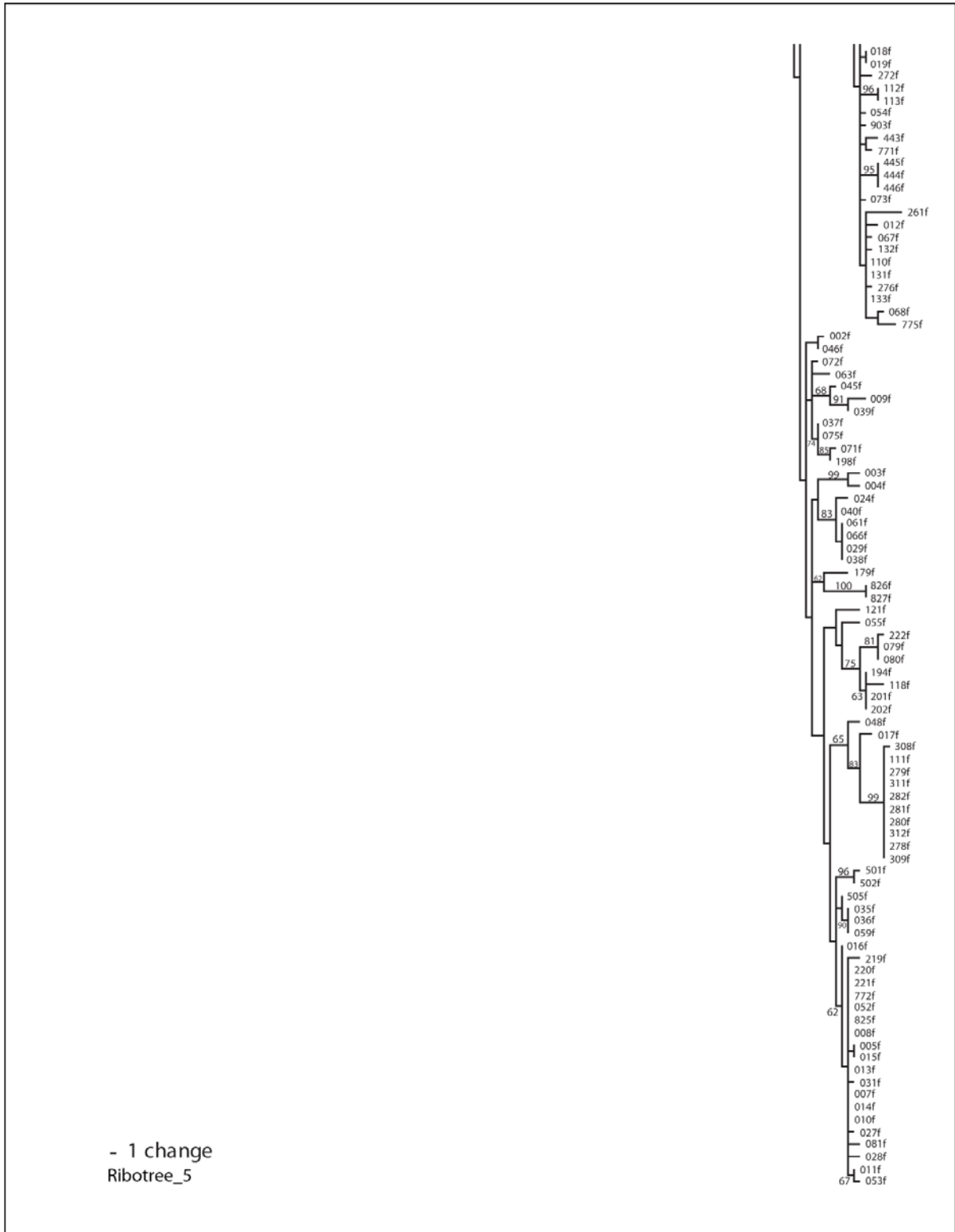
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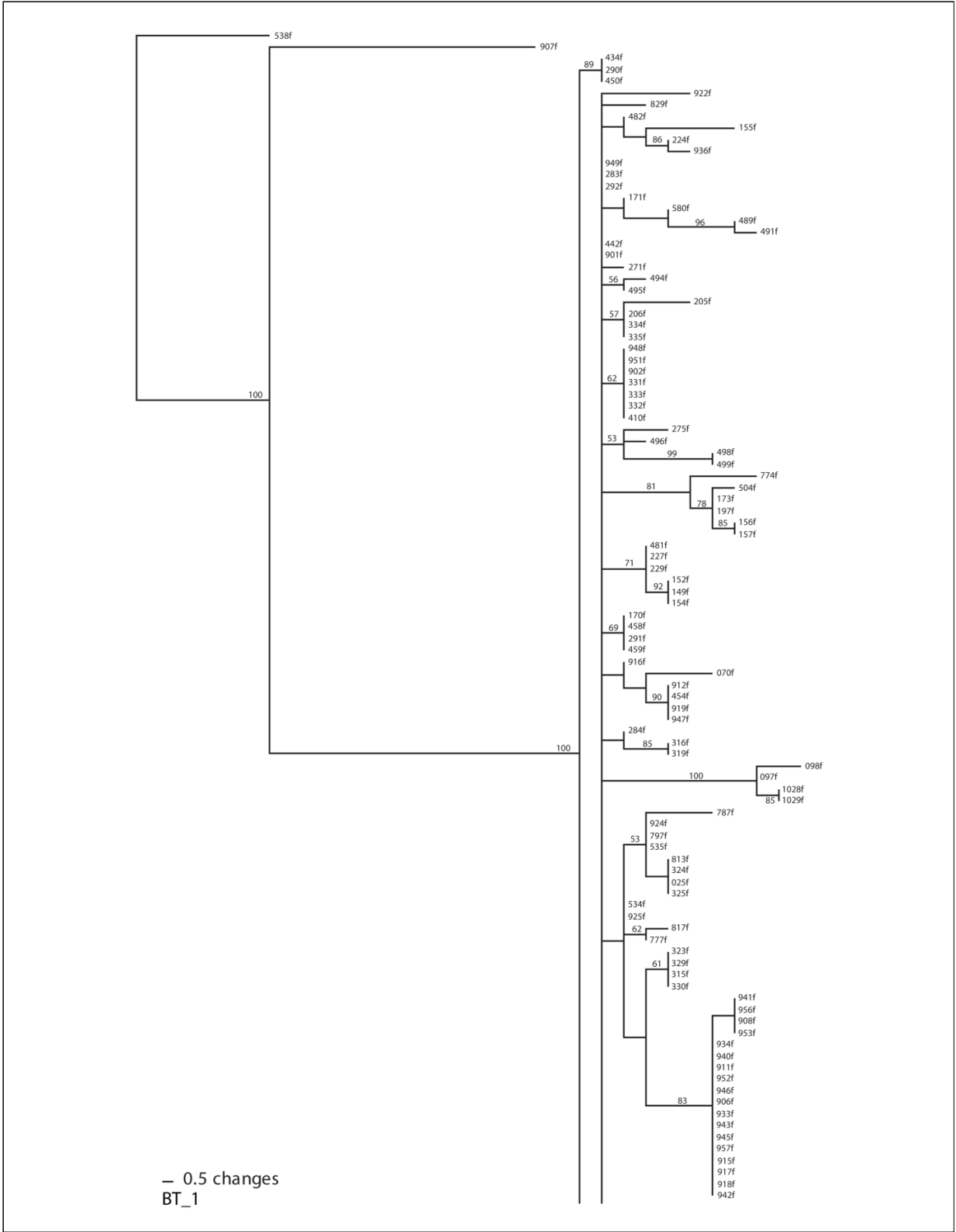
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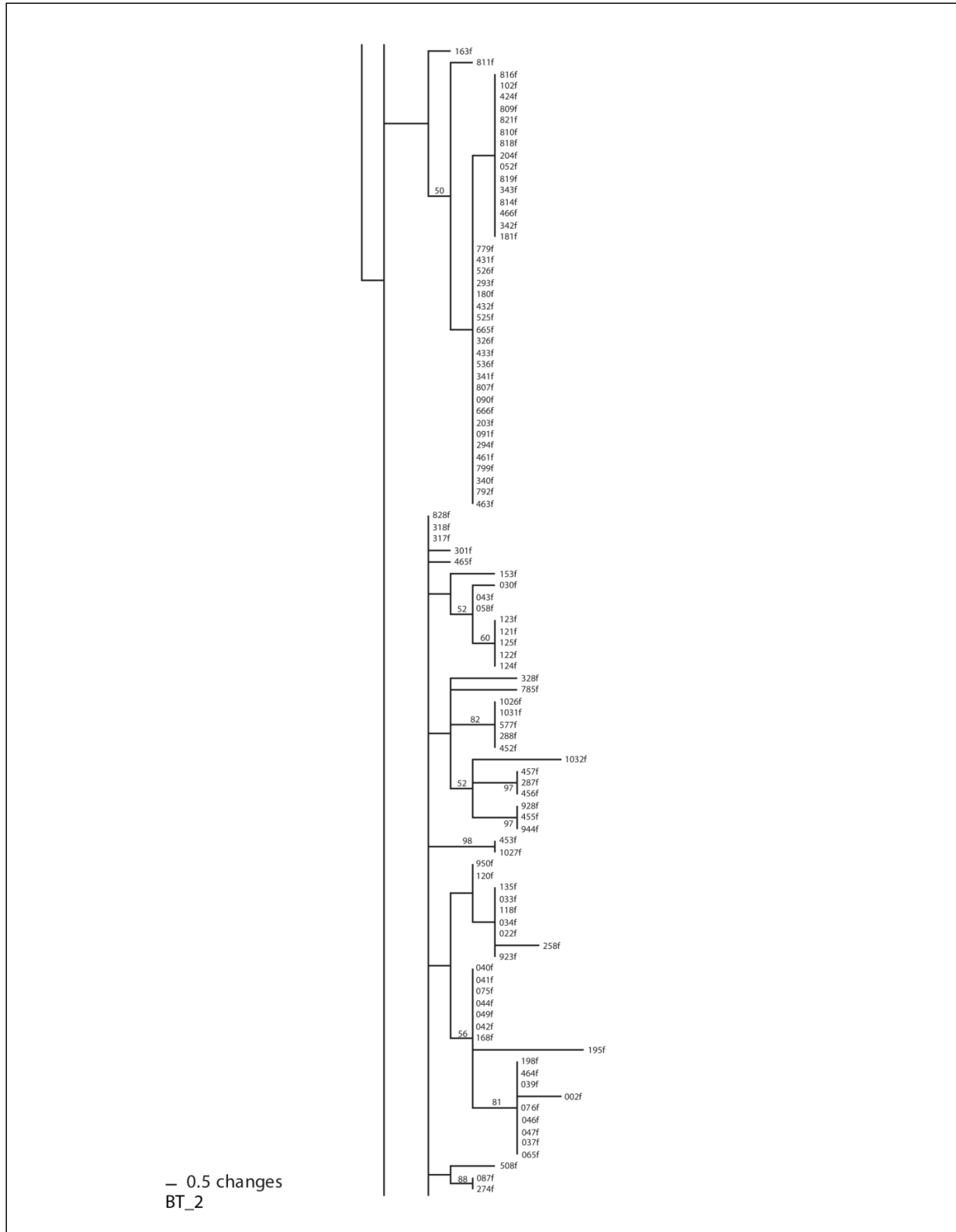
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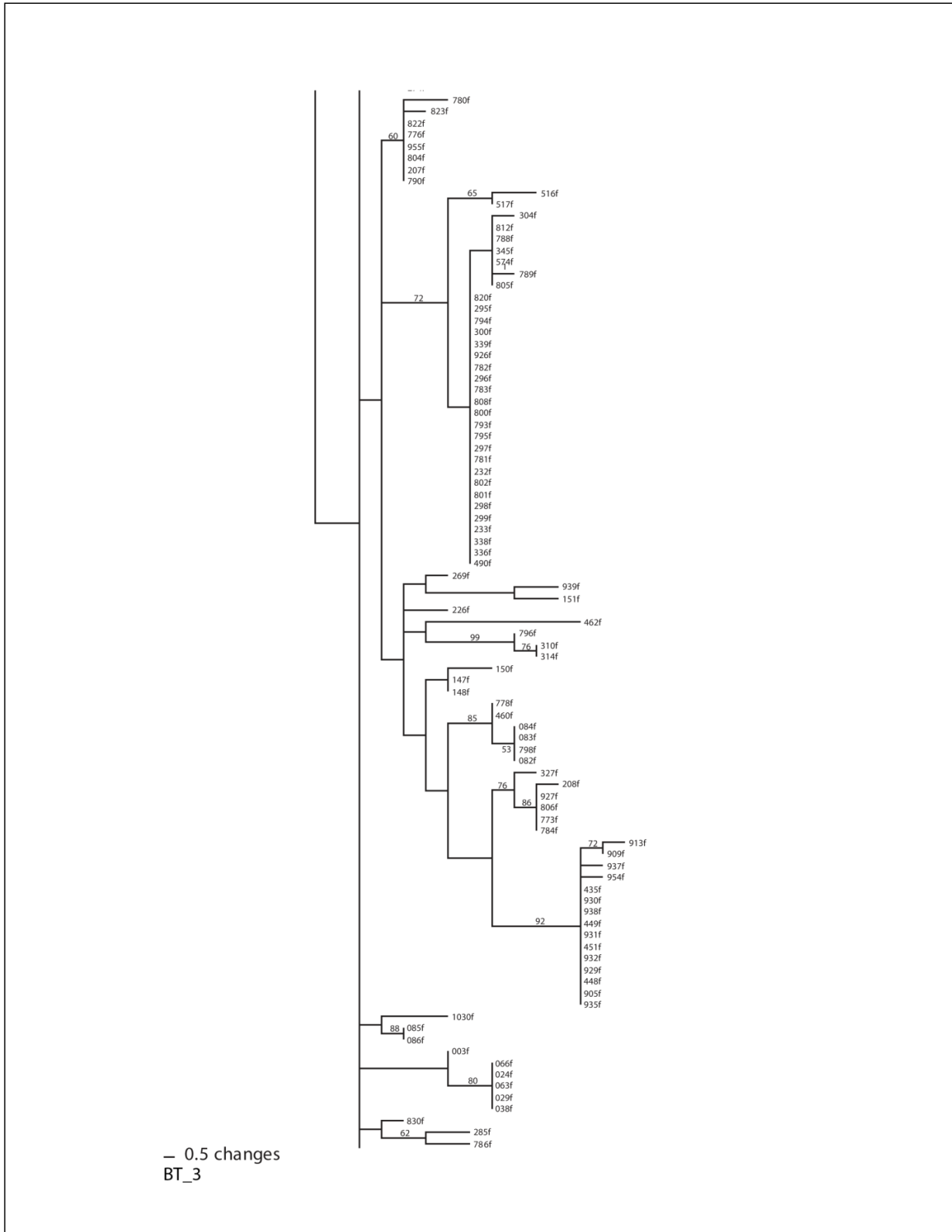
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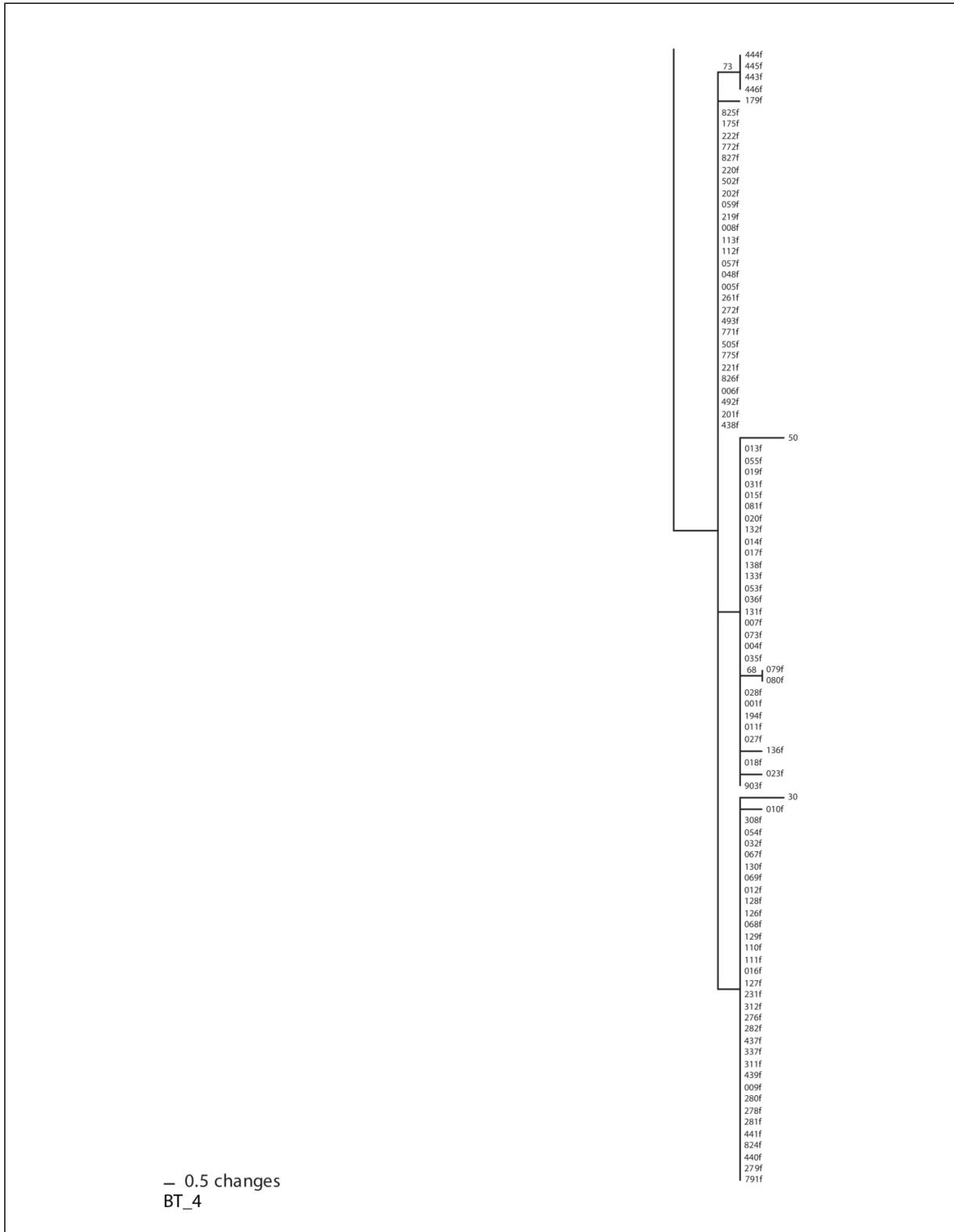
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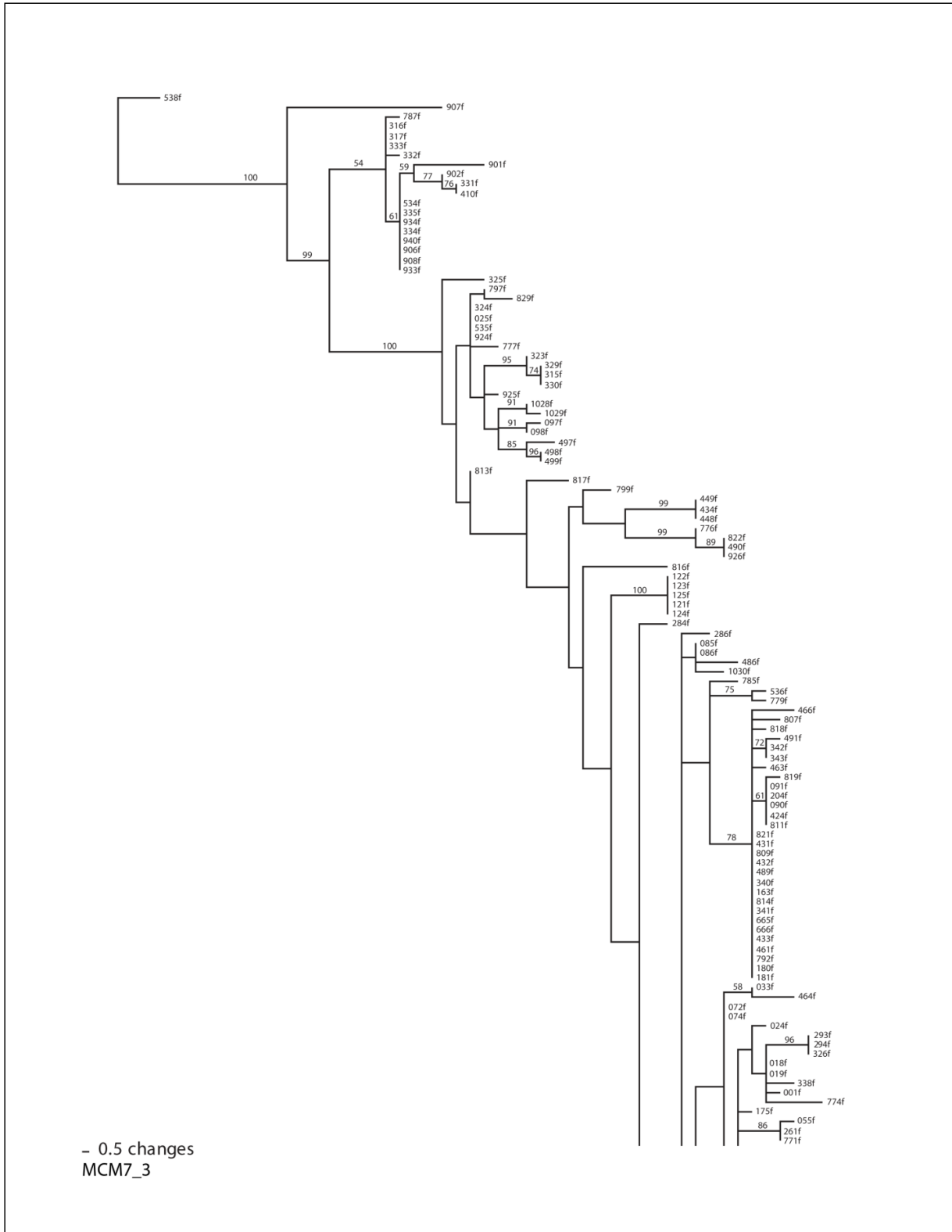
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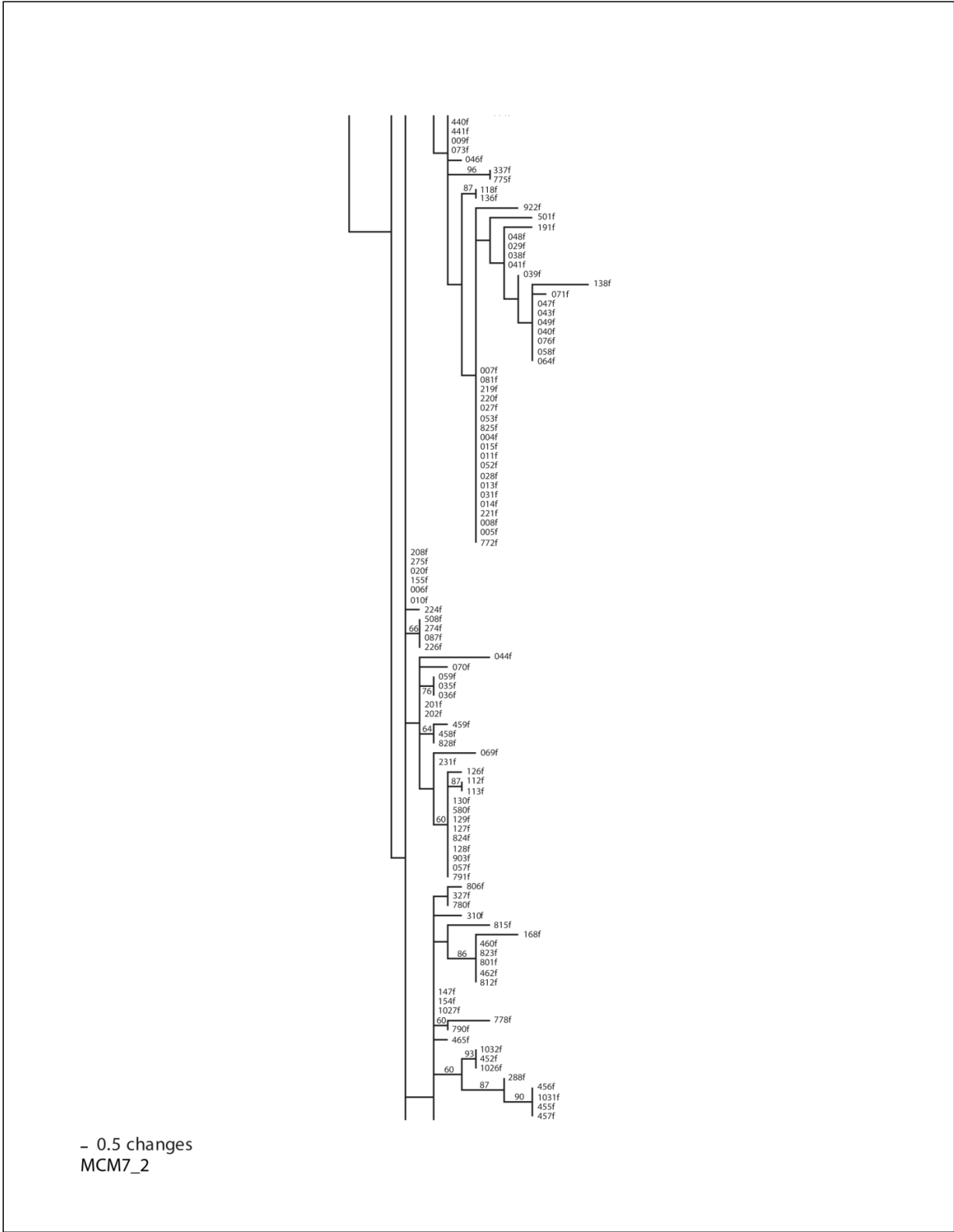
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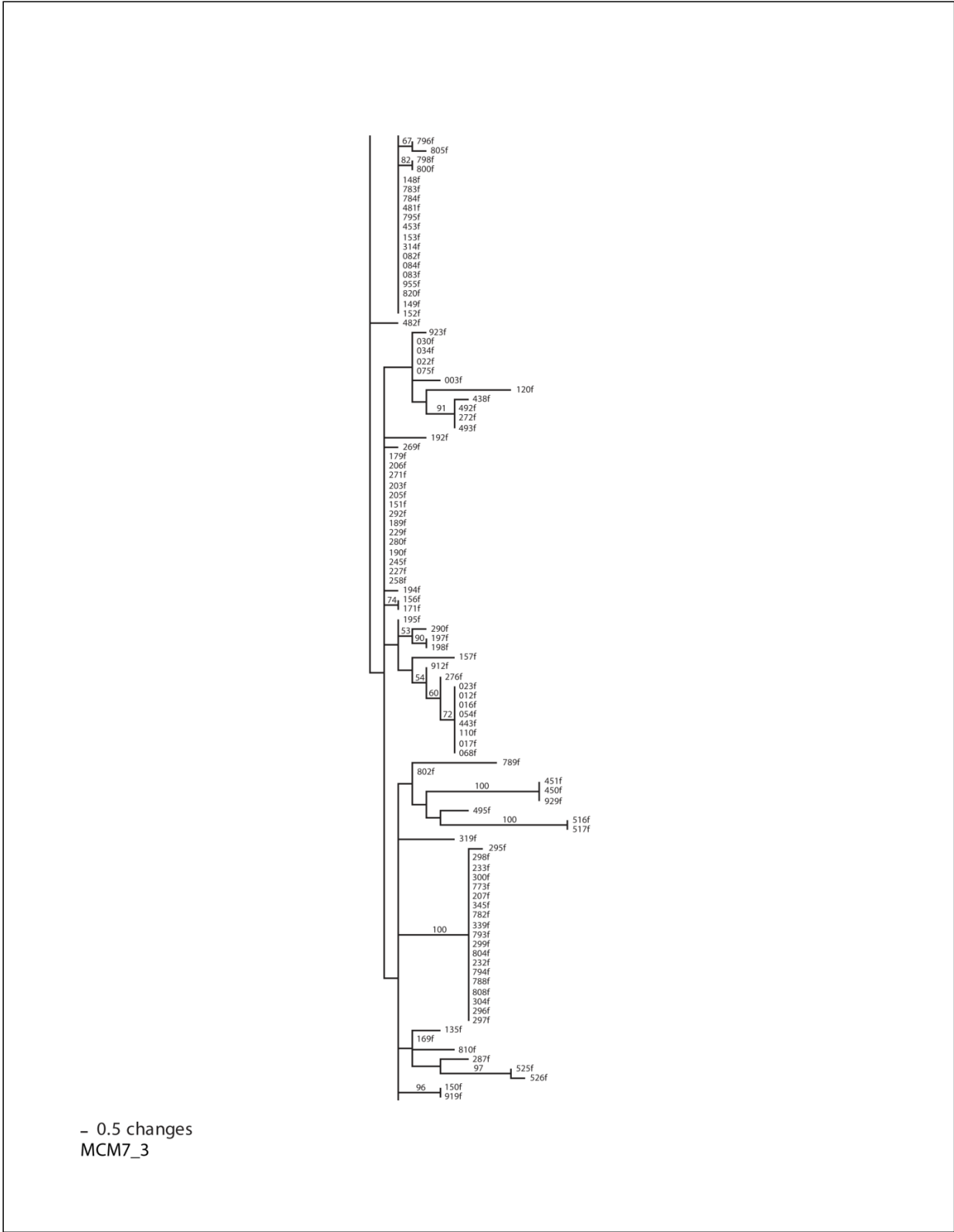
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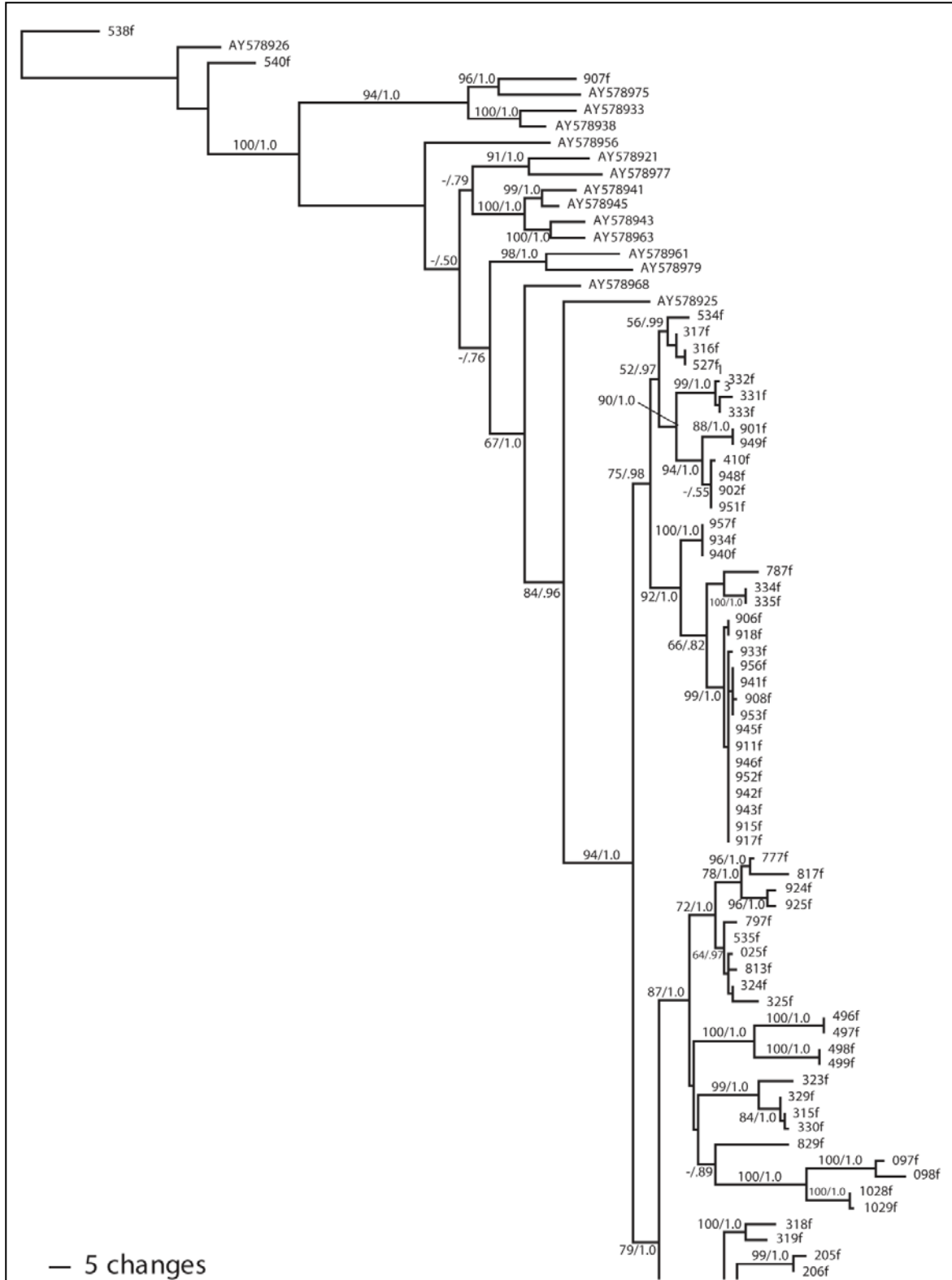


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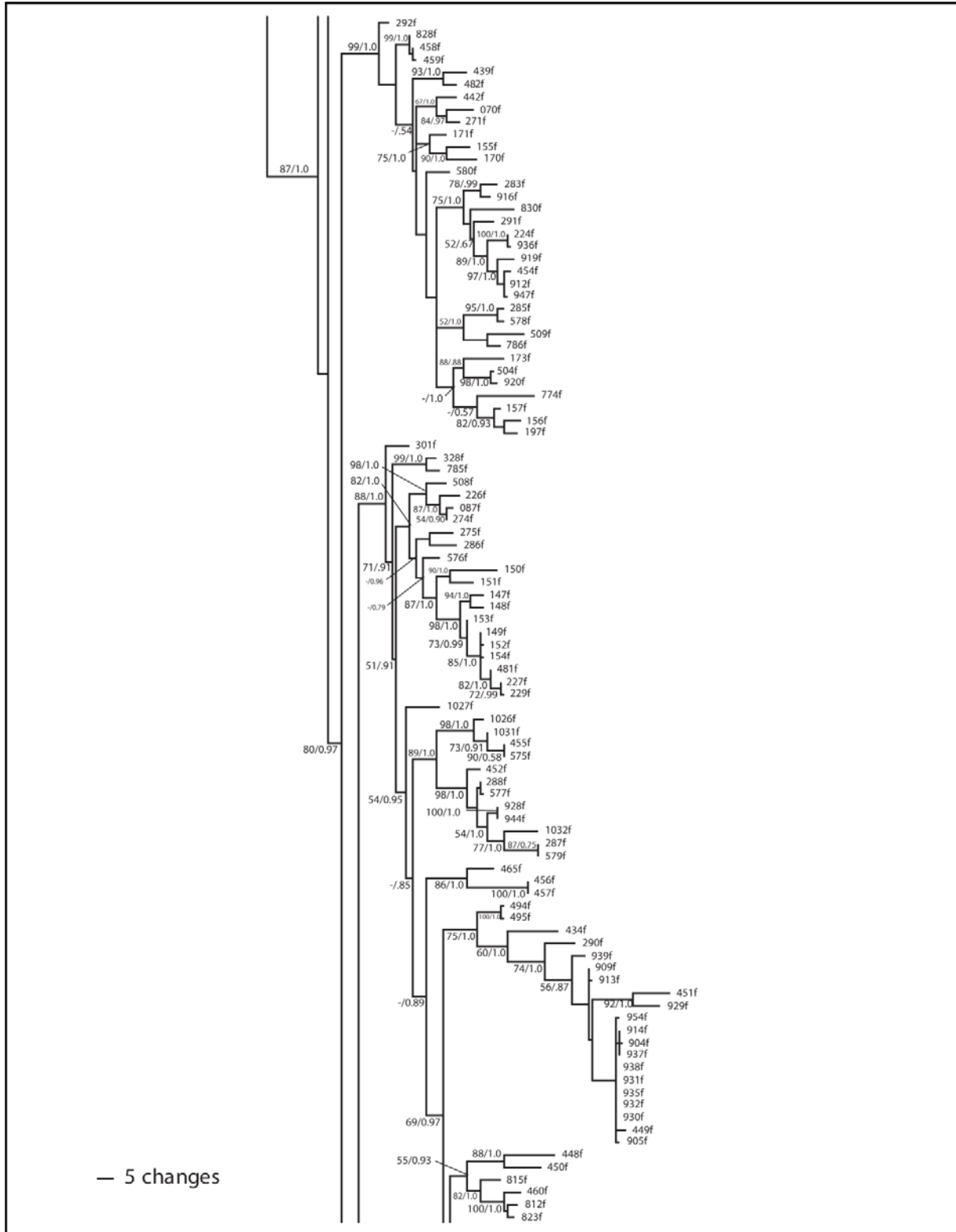


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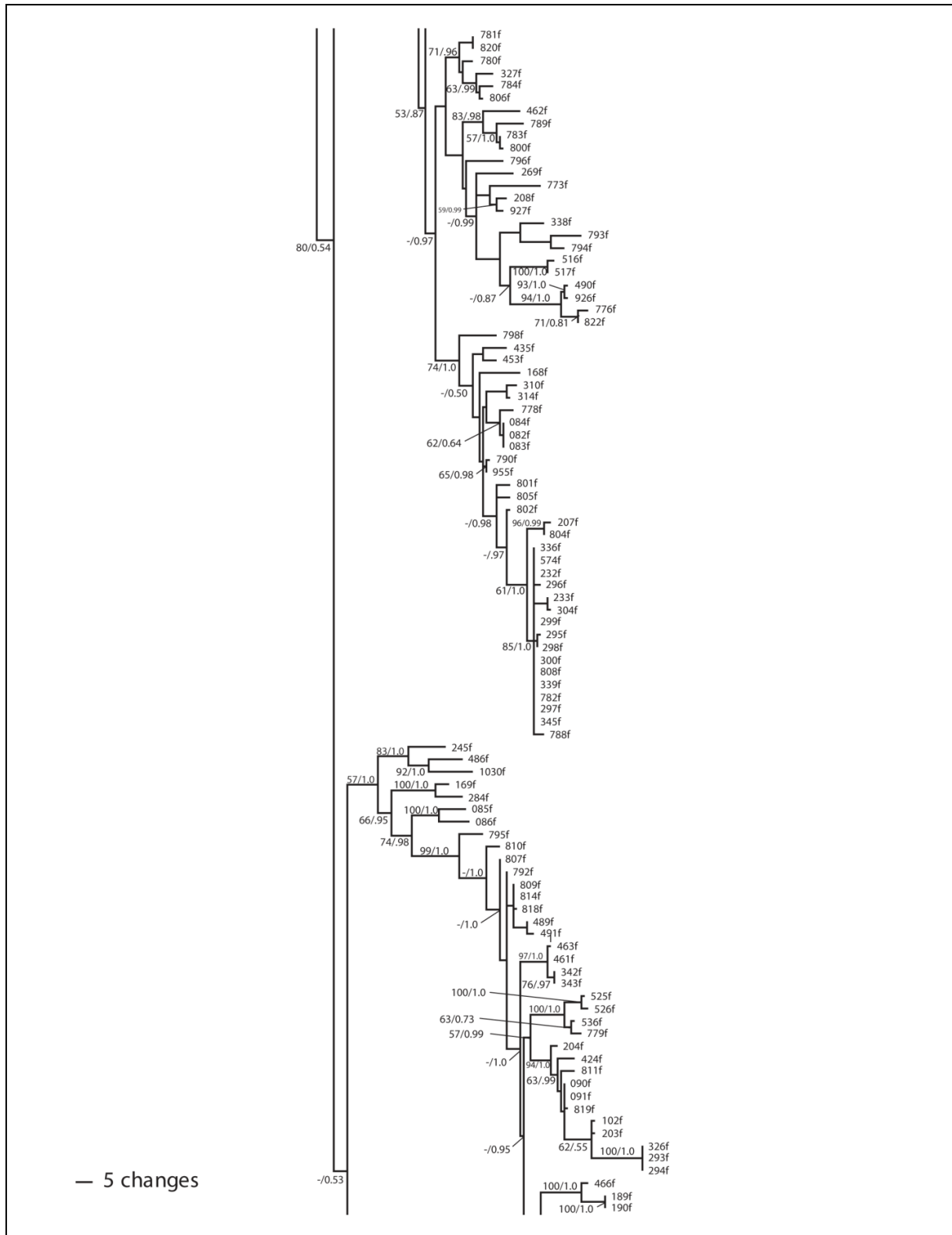
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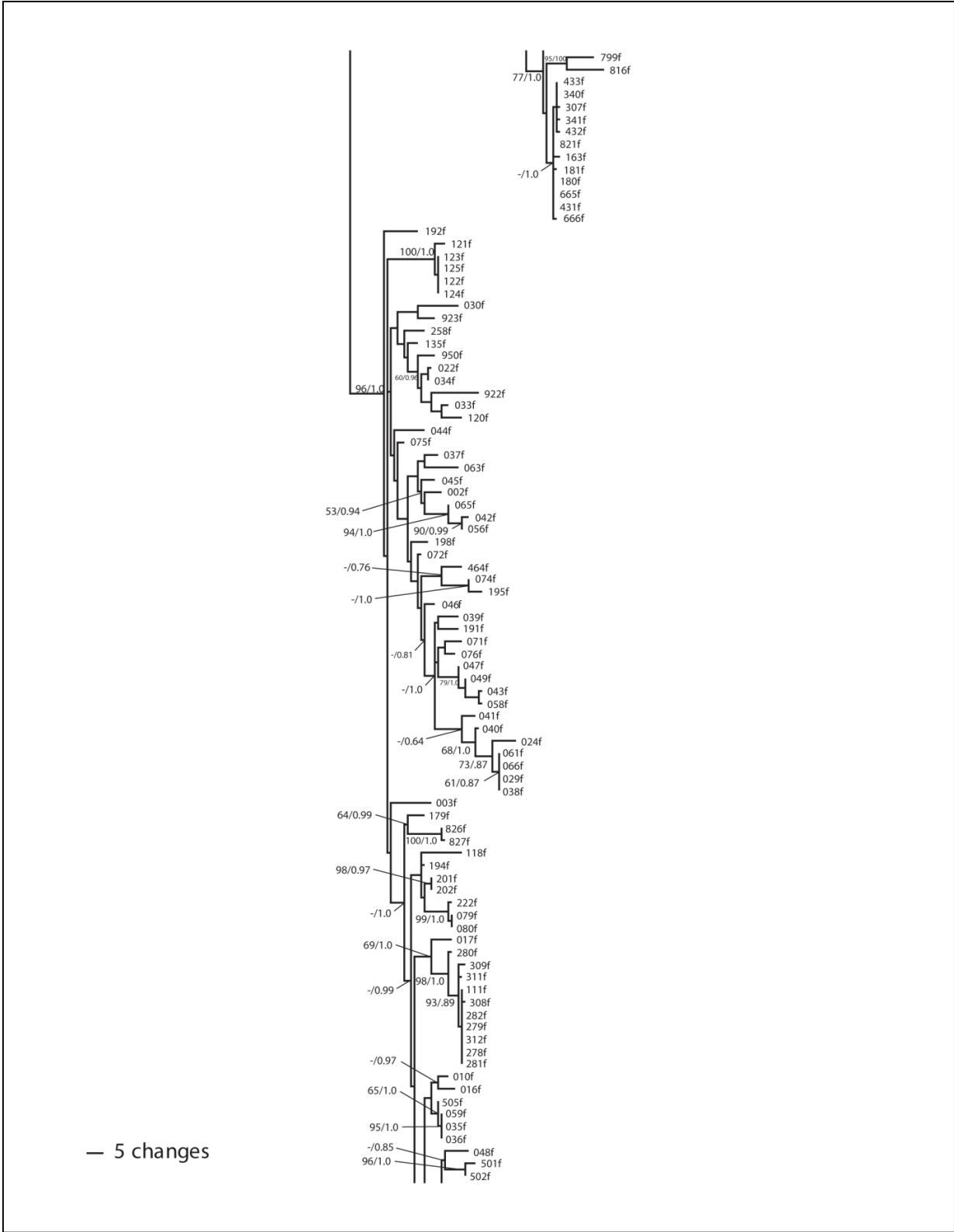
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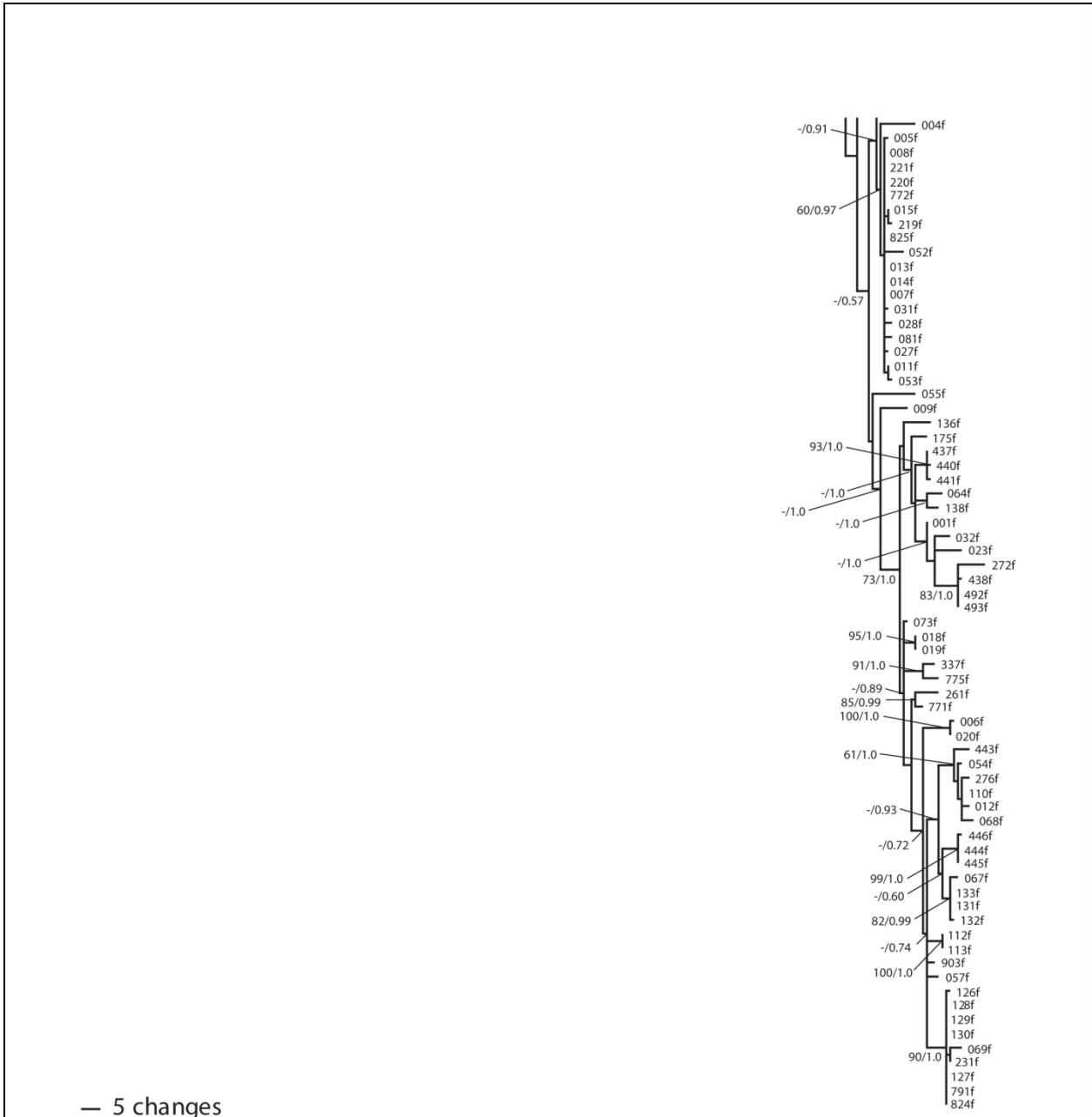
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Supplementary Figure 2.4-4. Full ML tree with Bayesian posterior probabilities (PP) and maximum likelihood bootstrap values (BS) > 0.50/50 indicated at nodes.



Supplementary Figure 2.4-5. Full ML tree with Bayesian posterior probabilities (PP) and maximum likelihood bootstrap values (BS) > 0.50/50 indicated at nodes.

CHAPTER THREE

Species delimitation and evolution in morphologically and chemically diverse communities of the lichen-forming genus *Xanthoparmelia* (Parmeliaceae, Ascomycota) in western North America¹

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Abstract

Premise of the study

Accurate species delimitation is important for understanding the factors that drive the diversification of biota and has critical implications for ecological and conservation studies. However, a growing body of evidence indicates that morphology-based species circumscription in lichenized fungi misrepresents fungal diversity. The foliose lichen genus *Xanthoparmelia* (Vainio) Hale. includes over 800 described species displaying a complex array of morphological and secondary metabolite diversity, and provides a model system to assess lichen species delimitation

Methods

In this study we used a multifaceted approach, applying phylogenetic, population genetic, and genealogical analyses to delimit species in a single well-supported monophyletic clade containing ten morphologically and chemically diverse *Xanthoparmelia* species in western North America. Specifically, sequence data from 4 ribosomal and 2 nuclear loci, along with chemical and morphological were used to assess species diversity.

Key results

We find that traditionally circumscribed species were not supported by molecular data. Rather, all sampled taxa were better represented by three polymorphic population clusters supported, in part, by multiple analytical approaches. Our results suggest that secondary metabolite variation may have limited utility in diagnosing lineages within this group, while identified populations clusters did not reflect major phylogeographic or ecological patterns.

Conclusions

In contrast to other studies revealing previously undiscovered fungal lineages masked within lichen species circumscribed by traditional morphological and chemical concepts, the present study suggests that species diversity has been overestimated in the species rich genus *Xanthoparmelia*. A concordance approach using multiple lines of evidence and analytical tools provides an effective approach to delimit lichenized fungi species in notoriously challenging groups.

Key words: character evolution; morphology, secondary metabolites; species delimitation, vagrant lichens; *Xanthoparmelia*.

Introduction

Lichens are stable, self-supporting, and self-reproducing obligate symbiotic associations consisting of an alga and/or cyanobacterium inhabiting the extracellular cavities within a fungal partner (DePriest, 2004). Evolutionarily and ecologically diverse, lichens involve one-fifth of all known extant fungal species globally distributed from tropic to the polar regions (Brodo, 2001; Lutzoni, Pagel, and Reeb, 2001). The co-evolution of lichen symbionts has resulted in the expression of a wide array of secondary metabolites and morphological structures not found in non-lichenized fungi that promote the overall success of the lichen association (Elix, 1996; Sanders, 2001). Morphological and chemical characters of the complete lichen structure have traditionally been used to delimit species boundaries in lichenized fungi. However, many of these characters provide little basis for inferring evolutionary histories, and the possibility of convergence poses a substantial problem for studies based solely on morphological and chemical data (Myllys, Lohtander, and Tehler, 2001; Gaya et al., 2003; Söchting and Lutzoni, 2003; Lumbsch et al., 2007; Amtoft, Lutzoni, and Miadlikowska, 2008). The widespread use of molecular data for testing current morphology- and chemistry-based species classifications in lichenized fungi has generally indicated that traditional taxonomic boundaries are in conflict with molecular reconstructions at all taxonomic levels (Crespo and Pérez-Ortega, 2009; Printzen, 2009). Here, we present a multifaceted approach, using multiple independent lines of data and various analytical methods to empirically delimit species within a common, conspicuous lichen-forming fungal genus in western North America. Diversification processes in lichenized fungi are not yet well understood, and these data provide important insights into challenges in assessing and delimiting lichen species boundaries.

Although the systematic value of morphological and chemical characters delimiting lichen-forming fungal species has been evaluated within a molecular context in only a limited number of cases, these studies suggest that lichen species diversity has been greatly misrepresented (Kroken and Taylor, 2001; Molina et al., 2004; Divakar et al., 2005; Buschbom and Mueller, 2006; Argüello et al., 2007; Wirtz, Printzen, and Lumbsch, 2008; O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009; Wedin et al., 2009). Incongruence between traditional lichen species boundaries and molecular phylogenetic reconstructions suggests that one of the greatest challenges in empirical species delimitation of lichenized fungi is finding and using the appropriate character sets and analytical tools (Crespo and Pérez-Ortega, 2009). In spite of the contentious efforts to conceptually define species, an apparent consensus has formed around the view that species are segments of separately evolving metapopulation lineages, termed the general lineage concept (GLC; de Queiroz, 1998, 1999, 2007). This approach allows investigators to delimit species using different operational criteria, data sets, and analytical methods (Sites and Marshall, 2004; de Queiroz, 2007). Under the GLC, the use of multiple operational criteria to delimit species can be used as lines of evidence to corroborate putative lineages (Sites and Marshall, 2004; de Queiroz, 2007). Furthermore, a rapidly growing interest in species delimitation methods has resulted in novel approaches to assess species boundaries (Knowles and Carstens, 2007; Groeneveld et al., 2009; Liu et al., 2009; O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009; Vieites et al., 2009; O'Meara, 2010; Weisrock et al., 2010; Yang and Rannala, 2010). An integrative approach to species delimitation using multiple independent data sets and analytical methods has been increasingly recognized as essential for rigorously testing species boundaries, particularly in the case of recent speciation events (Will, Mishler, and

Wheeler, 2005; Roe and Sperling, 2007; Groeneveld et al., 2009; Ruiz-Sanchez and Sosa, 2010; Weisrock et al., 2010).

Xanthoparmelia (Vainio) Hale is one of the best-studied and most species-rich genera in the Parmeliaceae (Ascomycota), including more than 800 described species worldwide (Crespo et al., 2007). The diversity of this genus is manifest in a wide array of morphological characters as well as the production of distinct secondary metabolite patterns, which traditionally have been used to diagnose species (Hale 1990). This approach has been problematic and many of the current groupings are disputed (Blanco et al., 2004a; Blanco, Crespo, and Elix, 2005; Blanco et al., 2006; Thell, Elix, and Søchting, 2009; Del-Prado et al., 2010). In recent years, systematic revisions within the Parmeliaceae have broadened the generic circumspection of *Xanthoparmelia*, and several major clades have been identified (Blanco et al., 2004a; Crespo et al., 2007; Del Prado et al., 2007). However, within this well-studied genus, α -level diversity and population-level dynamics remain relatively unexplored (Thell, Elix, and Søchting, 2009; Del-Prado et al., 2010; Hodkinson and Lendemer, 2010). Extensive species diversity within *Xanthoparmelia* provides a model system for evaluating current morphology and chemistry-based species boundaries in lichenized ascomycetes. In addition, many *Xanthoparmelia* species are broadly distributed both geographically and ecologically; and by defining population structure, identifying dispersal barriers, and characterizing ecological preference within these broadly distributed lineages will aid in identifying mechanisms that generated and maintain genetic diversity within the genus.

In this study we investigated α -level relationships in commonly occurring *Xanthoparmelia* species containing β -orcinol depsidone compounds in western North America as individuals with distinct chemistries and morphologies often co-occur in a wide range of

ecological settings, including, shrub-steppe, subalpine, and alpine communities (Hale, 1990; Rosentreter, 1993; Leavitt and St. Clair, 2008). Species within this complex differ markedly in vegetative morphology (Hale, 1990). The genus is generally characterized by various saxicolous species with some taxa showing some degree of attachment to soil surfaces, while other species are vagrant, or obligatory unattached. Vagrant taxa are commonly found in many deserts, steppes, and high plain areas of western North America. The relationship between vagrant and attached *Xanthoparmelia* species has long been in question (Mereschkowsky, 1918; Klement, 1950; Hale, 1990; Rosentreter, 1993). Recent studies indicate that the vagrant growth form has evolved multiple times independently in *Xanthoparmelia* (Leavitt, 2010). Although in some cases vegetative morphology provides important diagnostic characters, other species may be morphologically indistinguishable, and the expression of distinct secondary metabolites has traditionally been used to delimit both saxicolous and vagrant species within this group (Hale, 1990). Three major chemotypes are commonly used to delimit species within the β -orcinol depsidone containing complex in western North America: taxa containing stictic and accessory acids; taxa containing salazinic and accessory acids; and less commonly, taxa lacking both stictic and salazinic acid, but expressing norstictic acid. Chemical characters have also been shown to be highly homoplasious within *Xanthoparmelia* (Blanco et al., 2004a; Thell, Elix, and S ochting, 2009; Leavitt, 2010). However, reproductive barriers between different chemotypes in closely related *Xanthoparmelia* species have not been explicitly tested.

The primary focus of this study is on the delimitation of closely related lichen-forming fungal species, and here we present our analyses of species delimitation in the species-rich genus *Xanthoparmelia* as a working example typifying some of the inherent challenges related to the process of speciation in a complex and problematic taxonomic group. The current study

involves evaluating current species boundaries within the lichen genus *Xanthoparmelia*, while ultimately providing a basic knowledge about the evolution of those morphological and chemical characters commonly used to delimit species. Specifically we investigate the relationship between ten chemically and morphologically diverse *Xanthoparmelia* species from a single, well-supported clade (Leavitt, 2010). We are particularly interested in: 1) empirically delimiting species within this diverse clade using multiple analytical methods; 2) evaluating character evolution and the utility of morphological and chemical characters for delimiting species; 3) inferring distribution patterns, dispersal barriers, and ecological preferences within this group; and 4) providing insights into the origins of the vagrant life form at a local scale. Using the general metapopulation lineage concept (de Queiroz, 1998; Mayden, 1999; de Queiroz, 2007) and multiple sources of data, we apply multiple analytical methods to empirically assess species boundaries and evolution of major diagnostic characters within the focal group. We evaluate putative lineages, including currently accepted *Xanthoparmelia* species and two alternative classifications, within a population-level framework designed to assess gene flow and genetic differentiation (O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009). We also analyze molecular data within a phylogenetic framework to assess monophyly of currently accepted taxa; assess putative lineages across gene haplotype networks to identify groups that exhibit genealogical exclusivity (an expected pattern for divergent lineages; (Avice and Ball, 1990; Baum and Shaw, 1995; Hudson and Coyne, 2002a). Furthermore, we use multi-locus sequence data to identify genetic clusters without a priori assignment of individuals (Groeneveld et al., 2009; Weisrock et al., 2010). The use of multiple datasets, along with the specified combination of analytical methods, provides a robust approach for assessing putative lineages and delimiting species within closely related *Xanthoparmelia* lineages.

Materials and Methods

Taxon sampling—We investigated the relationship between a total of 146 morphologically, chemically, and ecologically diverse *Xanthoparmelia* accessions collected from 47 populations in the Intermountain western United States. Samples were limited to a single, well-supported lineage identified in Leavitt (2010). To more specifically assess potential gene flow between sympatric congeners, and infer distribution patterns and dispersal barriers between populations, we sampled individuals from six sites distributed across the summit of Boulder Mountain Plateau, Garfield and Wayne Counties, and eight locations in the Uinta Mountain Range in Duchesne and Summit Counties, Utah, USA. A total of 1528 specimens were collected from these sites for initial morphological, chemical, and molecular analyses. Fifty-nine individuals from Boulder Mountain Plateau and 30 from the Uinta Mountain Range were selected to represent the overall chemical and morphological diversity of the baseline sample. In addition, 57 accessions recovered in the same monophyletic lineage in Leavitt (2010), were also included in this study. The geographic distribution of the ingroup accessions is shown in [Fig. 1](#). Eleven closely related individuals identified in Leavitt (2010), were chosen as outgroups, and detailed collection information for all accessions included in the present study are listed in [Appendix S1](#). Voucher material used for this study is housed at the Brigham Young University Herbarium of Nonvascular Cryptogams, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

Secondary metabolite data were generated for all vouchers using thin layer chromatography (TLC). Lichen compounds were extracted in acetone using 0.02 grams of thallus material; an acetone wash was subsequently used for chromatography in solvents C and G (Orange, James, and White, 2001). Taxonomic assignments were based on morphological and chemical data following Hale (1990) and Nash and Elix (2004) and are summarized in [Table 1](#).

Based on current taxonomy, these individuals represent ten described taxa, including five vagrant taxa: *X. chlorochroa* (Tuck.) Hale (51 individuals), *X. lipochlorochroa* Hale & Elix (3), *X. neochlorochroa* Hale (4), *X. norchlorochroa* Hale (3), and *X. vagans* (Nyl.) Hale (4); and five saxicolous (or terricolous) taxa: *X. californica* Hale (2), *X. coloradoënsis* (Gyelnik) Hale (28), *X. cumberlandia* (Gyelnik) Hale (40), *X. neowyomingica* Hale (7), and *X. wyomingica* (Gyelnik) Hale (6). However, confusion surrounding the *diagnosability* and significance of most vegetative morphological characters has been reported (Blanco et al., 2004a; Thell, Elix, and Sjøchting, 2009; Del-Prado et al., 2010; Leavitt, 2010), and we therefore chose to represent all taxonomic assignments *sensu lato* (s. l.).

Molecular data—Total genomic DNA was extracted using either the DNeasy Plant Mini Kit (Qiagen, Valencia, California, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions, or the Prepease DNA Isolation Kit (USB, Cleveland, Ohio, USA), following the plant leaf extraction protocol. Fungal specific primers were used to amplify six nuclear markers, including four nuclear ribosomal loci: the entire internal transcribed spacer (ITS: ITS1, 5.8S, ITS2), a fragment of the intergenic spacer (IGS), a fragment of the large subunit (LSU), and a group I intron located in the small subunit (Gutiérrez et al., 2007). In addition, fragments from two low-copy protein coding loci, β -tubulin and *MCM7* were amplified. While low levels of intragenomic variation in fungal rDNA repeats suggests convergent evolution in which homogenization effectively maintaining highly similar repeat arrays (Ganley and Kobayashi, 2007), previous studies have confirmed the utility of the sampled ribosomal loci for species and population-level studies in lichenized ascomycetes (Thell, 1999; Kroken and Taylor, 2001; Blanco et al., 2004a; Blanco O and et al., 2004; Buschbom and Mueller, 2006; Lindblom and Ekman, 2006; Brunauer et al., 2007; Gutiérrez et al., 2007; Wirtz, Printzen, and Lumbsch, 2008; O'Brien, Miadlikowska,

and Lutzoni, 2009; Wedin et al., 2009). Although a duplication of the β -tubulin gene has occurred within Ascomycota, the paralogs are easily distinguishable within the analyzed group and the marker has been successfully used to investigate α -level relationships in lichenized ascomycetes (Buschbom and Mueller, 2006; O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009; Wedin et al., 2009).

Standard polymerase chain reactions (PCR) were used to amplify targeted loci. Fungal-specific primers used in PCR amplifications and in the cycle sequencing reactions are shown in [Table 2](#). PCR cycling parameters used for amplifying the ITS, group I intron, LSU, and β -tubulin loci followed the methods of Blanco et al. (2004a); while cycling parameters for amplifying the IGS followed the 66-56° touchdown reaction described in (Lindblom and Ekman, 2006). PCR cycling parameters for amplifying the *MCM7* fragment followed (Schmitt et al., 2009). PCR products were quantified on 1% agarose gel and stained with ethidium bromide. In those cases where no PCR products were visualized for the β -tubulin, *MCM7*, and IGS fragments, internally nested PCR reactions were performed using 0.3 ul of the PCR product from the original reaction with newly designed primers; namely, 'BT-RhizoF' and 'BT-RhizoR' for the β -tubulin fragment, 'XMCM7f' and 'XMCM7r' for the *MCM7* fragment, and IGS rDNA: IGS12a-5' (Carbone and Kohn, 1999) and 'XIGSr' for the IGS fragment, using the touchdown PCR cycling parameters described above used to amplify the IGS marker. PCR fragments were cleaned using the PrepEase PCR Purification Kit, following the manufacturer's protocol (USB, Cleveland, OH), and complementary strands were sequenced using the same primers used for amplification. Sequencing reactions were performed using the Big Dye3 Termination Sequencing Kit (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, California) at 1/8 the standard reaction

volume. Products were run on an AB 3730xl automated sequencer at the DNA Sequencing Center at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.

Sequences were assembled and edited using Sequencher version 4.2 (Gene Codes Corporation, Ann Arbor, Michigan) and Se-Al v2.0a11 (Rambault, 1996). Sequence identity was checked using the ‘megablast’ search option in GenBank (Wheeler et al., 2006). All sequences were aligned with outgroup taxa identified in preliminary phylogenetic analyses using defaults settings in Muscle v3.7 because of the improved speed and alignment accuracy as compared with other currently available programs (Edgar, 2004).

Nucleotide diversity and gene-flow estimation—Basic nucleotide polymorphism statistics, including number of polymorphic sites and estimates of θ (Watterson, 1975) and average pairwise differences (π ; Nei, 1987) were calculated using DnaSP version 5.10.01 (Librado and Rozas, 2009) for each putative species, three major chemotypes (norstictic, salazinic, and stictic), and populations clusters recovered in the STRUCTURE analyses (see below). Genetic differentiation between putative species, chemotypes, and population clusters was assessed by counting the number of fixed nucleotide differences (O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009) and calculating F_{ST} values using Arelequin v 3.11 (Laurent, Guillaume, and Stefan, 2005), with 10,000 permutations to determine significance. Pairwise species comparisons were limited to the seven most common putative species recovered in this clade, *X. chlorochroa* (51 individuals), *X. coloradöensis* (28), *X. cumberlandia* (40), *X. neochlrochroa* (4), *X. neowyomingica* Hale (7), *X. vagans* (4), and *X. wyomingica* (6).

Phylogenetic analysis—Preliminary phylogenetic reconstructions were performed independently for each sampled marker. However, a weak phylogenetic signal was generally identified across all markers, and we opted to concatenate all markers for phylogenetic

reconstructions to resolve important relationships and improve nodal support (Wiens, 1998; Rokas and Carroll, 2005). Heterogeneity in phylogenetic signal between sampled markers was assessed before combining the six datasets (Lutzoni et al., 2004). Maximum likelihood (ML) analyses were performed for the concatenated ribosomal dataset (ITS, IGS, LSU, and group I intron), while β -tubulin, and *MCM7* markers separately using the program RAxML 7.0.4 (Stamatakis, 2006). Support was assessed using 1000 “fastbootstrap” replicates implemented in the CIPRES Web Portal (Stamatakis, 2006; Stamatakis, Hoover, and Rougemont, 2008). RAxML allows partitioned analyses implementing the general time reversible (GTR) substitution model for all partitions (Stamatakis, 2006). We compared two partition strategies for protein-coding gene fragments. First, we treated the entire marker as a single partition. Second, we used a 3-partition approach using the first, second, and third codon positions as separate model partitions for the *MCM7* marker, and a 4-partition strategy for the β -tubulin marker using the first, second, and third codon positions and a 55 base pair intron located within the fragment as separate model partitions. We assumed that partitions within genes had the same overall model as the entire gene, as simulations show there may be frequent errors in supporting complex models from a sample of limited characters (Posada and Crandall, 2001a). We implemented the GTRGAMMA model, which includes a parameter (Γ) for rate heterogeneity among sites, but chose not to include a parameter for estimating the proportion of invariable sites following the recommendations of Stamatakis (2006). Support values for the ribosomal, β -tubulin, and *MCM7* phylogenies were examined for well-supported ($\geq 70\%$ bootstrap values) conflict between datasets (Lutzoni et al., 2004). Given no conflict was identified; we combined all datasets for subsequent phylogenetic analyses.

Phylogenetic relationships were estimated from the combined dataset using mixed-model Bayesian Inference (BI) as implemented in Mr.Bayes ver. 3.1.2 (Huelsenbeck and Ronquist, 2001). We used MrModeltest2 version 2.3 (Nylander et al., 2004) to identify the appropriate model of evolution for each marker using the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) see (Posada and Buckley, 2004). The combined dataset was analyzed using locus-specific model partitions. Exploratory analyses indicated that nodal support was generally improved across the topology (comparisons not shown), and each ribosomal marker was treated as a separate partition, and protein-coding markers were partitioned using the 3-partition strategy for the *MCM7* marker, and the 4-partition strategy for the β -tubulin marker as described above. Four independent replicate searches were executed with eight chains; each run started from randomly generated trees and involved sampling every 1000 generations for 20,000,000 generations. To evaluate stationarity and convergence between runs, log-likelihood scores were plotted using TRACER version. 1.5 (Drummond et al., 2003), effective sample size (ESS) statistics were evaluated, and the average standard deviation in split frequencies was assessed at the end of the run. Trees generated prior to stationarity were discarded as burn-in (Huelsenbeck et al., 2001), and results were summarized with a majority-rule consensus tree from the remaining trees from the four independent runs. Bayesian posterior probabilities (PP) were assessed at all nodes and clades with $PP \geq 95$ were considered strongly supported (Huelsenbeck and Rannala, 2004).

Because BI may resolve bifurcations with strong support when relationships are really unresolved (Kolaczkowski and Thornton, 2007), we conducted a ML analysis implemented RAxML 7.0.4 using the concatenated data set (ITS, LSU, group I intron, IGS, *MCM7* and β -tubulin loci). Data were partitioned as described for the BI analysis. We used the GTRGAMMA model, which includes a parameter (Γ) for rate heterogeneity among sites. Following the

recommendations of Stamatakis (2008) we did not include a parameter for the proportion of invariable sites because Γ accounts for this source of rate heterogeneity by using 25 rate categories. Analyses proceeded by combining 200 separate maximum likelihood searches (to find the optimal tree) and 1000 bootstrap pseudoreplicates to evaluate support for each node was conducted.

Testing alternative hypotheses—We compared three alternative topologies to the best ML hypothesis generated in this study; specifically: 1) constraining the tree search to recover each putative species as monophyletic; 2) constraining the search to recover the three diagnostic chemotypes recovered in this lineage, norstictic, salazinic, and stictic acids respectively, as monophyletic; and 3) constraining the search to recover each population detected in the STRUCTURE analysis (described below) as monophyletic. In the second alternative topology we left the relationship of *X. lipochlorochroa* unresolved because this taxon does not contain any of the three diagnostic chemotypes, but rather is characterized by the occurrence of fatty acids. In the third alternative topology we left relationship of individuals assigned to a population cluster with < 0.70 probability unresolved. Alternative hypotheses were constructed in Mesquite version 4.03 (Maddison and Maddison, 2007). Constrained topologies were estimated in RAxML using the partitioning strategies described above. We used the Shimodaira and Hasegawa (SH; 1999) likelihood comparison test as implemented in RAxML to test our best-scoring ML topology against the three alternative topologies.

Haplotype networks—Phylogenetic reconstruction methods, such as maximum likelihood (ML), maximum parsimony (MP), and Bayesian inference (BI), estimate interspecific relationships and often lead to poor resolution or inadequate portrayals of genealogical relationships in cases of low divergence, extant ancestral nodes, multifurcations, and

reticulations (Templeton, Crandall, and Sing, 1992; Posada and Crandall, 2001b). Therefore, we used statistical parsimony to assess the genealogical relationships of every individual and to compare the relationships of putative lineages between genes. Because recombination within nuclear genes can lead to errors in the estimated topology (Posada, Crandall, and Holmes, 2002), we tested for recombination events in the low-copy protein-coding markers using methods implemented in Recombination Detection Program (RPD3; (Martin, Williamson, and Posada, 2005; Heath et al., 2006). Networks were constructed from the concatenated ribosomal sequences (ITS, LSU, IGS, intron), as well as the β -tubulin and the *MCM7* fragments under a 95% statistical parsimony criteria using the program TCS version 1.21 (Clement, Posada, and Crandall, 2000). In order to reduce network uncertainties due to missing data, individuals missing one of the four ribosomal markers were removed, and gaps within markers were treated as missing data for the ribosomal network reconstruction. All protein-coding sequences were trimmed to the length of the fragment generated by the nested PCR reactions in the network calculations. Network uncertainties (i.e., closed loops) were treated following Templeton and Sing (1993). Relationships of putative species, chemotypes, and population clusters were evaluated within and between individual gene trees to identify lineages that exhibited genealogical exclusivity across multiple loci (Avice and Ball, 1990; Hudson and Coyne, 2002b). The presence of the same groups in the majority of single-locus genealogies can be taken as evidence that the groups represent reproductively isolated lineages (Dettman et al., 2003; Pringle et al., 2005).

Population genetic clustering—Individual-based approaches provide an alternative for identifying genetic structure and barriers to gene flow, as analyses based on predefined delineations of groups can obscure patterns of differentiation (Latch et al., 2006; Rowe and

Beebee, 2007). We used a multilocus Bayesian population assignment test implemented in STRUCTURE 2.32 (Pritchard, Stephens, and Donnelly, 2000; Falush, Stephens, and Pritchard, 2003) to determine the most likely number of population clusters within the focal group. Studies suggest that STRUCTURE can provide an accurate portrayal of the uppermost level of hierarchical structure in a wide array of scenarios, and ‘populations’ inferred by STRUCTURE should be viewed as networks of local populations connected by patterns of gene flow over long timescales (Evanno, Regnaut, and Goudet, 2005). This approach had been useful in identifying lineages in the early stages of species divergence (Weisrock et al., 2010). The six sampled loci in our study were estimated to be sufficient to provide an overview of the highly differentiated groups (Saisho and Purugganan, 2007; Groeneveld et al., 2009; Weisrock et al., 2010). Based on our exploratory studies, we implemented ten replicate runs for each K value, from 1-12, with burn-in generations set to 15,000, followed by 30,000 iterations for each run using the admixture options. The median log likelihood of each K value was calculated from the 10 runs. Following the procedure outlined by Evanno et al. (2005), the modal value (ΔK) based on the second order rate of change of the likelihood function, with respect to K , was used to estimate the most likely number of clusters within the sample. We classified individuals with posterior probabilities < 0.70 to any cluster into an “admixed” group.

Results

Molecular data—Over the course of this study we obtained 885 new sequences from six loci. Variation in the six sampled loci consist of 3503 aligned nucleotide positions in the combined analyses representing 157 individuals is summarized in [Table 3](#). All representative haplotypes of the six gene fragments were submitted to GenBank ([Appendix 1](#)).

Nucleotide diversity and gene-flow estimation—Nucleotide diversity statistics for putative lineages are reported in [Table 4](#). Pairwise F_{ST} comparisons indicate that generally population structure is not maintained between putative species, although statistically significant F_{ST} values were estimated between *X. chlorochroa* and *X. cumberlandia*; *X. neochlorochroa* and *X. neowyomingica*; *X. neowyomingica* and *X. vagans*; and *X. neowyomingica* and *X. wyomingica* ([Table 5](#)). Significant F_{ST} values reveal genetic differentiation between the two most common major chemotypes (i.e. salazinic and stictic acids) and also between population clusters inferred in the STRUCTURE analyses ([Table 6](#)). However, fixed nucleotide differences were not identified between putative species, chemotypes, or population clusters.

Phylogenetic analyses—Individual gene trees generally showed only weak genetic structure, particularly for the protein-coding and the group I intron topologies (see [Appendix S2](#)). Preliminary analyses indicated that nodal support generally improved across the topology when the data set was considered with additional partitioning of the protein-coding fragments. We opted to use the more complex partitioning strategy in subsequent analyses to provide a better estimate of the phylogeny (Ronquist and Deans, 2009). No incongruence was identified between loci using the ≥ 70 ML support incongruence test; therefore all loci were combined for phylogenetic analyses.

The partitioned Bayesian analyses, summed from four independent runs, yielded a negative harmonic mean \ln likelihood=11 517.6284. All parameters converged within the first 25% of sampled generations, leaving a posterior distribution estimated from 15 000 trees per run (60 000 total post-burn-in sampled trees). Partitioned ML analyses yielded a single best-score tree $-\ln$ likelihood=11 156.9153. The ML and BI topologies from the combined dataset of six gene regions were highly similar, exceptions being restricted to minor differences in the

arrangement of some terminals, but relationships at all deeper nodes and well-supported clades were identical. We chose to present the ML topology ([Fig. 2](#)). A single well-supported clade (bootstrap support BS=99, Bayesian posterior probability PP=1.00) with 146 individuals, representing ten taxa was identified as the focal group for this study, called hereafter the Intermountain *Xanthoparmelia* group. Species assigned to this group include five described vagrant taxa, *X. chlorochroa*, *X. lipochlorochroa*, *X. neochlorochroa*, *X. norchlorochroa*, and *X. vagans*; and five saxicolous taxa *X. californica*, *X. coloradoënsis*, *X. cumberlandia*, *X. neowyomingica*, and *X. wyomingica*. A well-supported lineage (BS=93, PP=1.00), comprised of geographically broadly distributed representatives of *X. cumberlandia*, *X. mexicana*, and *X. wyomingica*, was recovered as sister to the focal group with weak support (BS=50, PP=0.73). Within the Intermountain *Xanthoparmelia* group, *X. coloradoënsis* 030f was supported as sister to the remaining group with a high PP value (1.00), although BS support was < 50. Many relationships within this group lacked strong statistical support and were unresolved, and all putative species were found to be poly- or paraphyletic.

[Table 7](#) shows the results of the SH tests comparing our best topology to three potential alternative classifications. Both constrained topologies representing currently accepted species and chemotypes represented significantly worse alternatives to our best tree. However, the constrained topology representing population clusters identified in the STRUCTURE analysis was not significantly different from the best unconstrained topology recovered in this study. Therefore, we determined that the population clusters defined in this study serve as a reasonable working hypothesis of relationships among the sampled individuals representing the Intermountain *Xanthoparmelia* group.

Haplotype network analyses—Evidence of recombination was not detected in the nuclear genes and genealogical relationships inferred by statistical parsimony are shown in [Fig. 3](#). Thirty-one individuals missing at least one of the ribosomal markers were removed from the dataset and the ribosomal network with the remaining 114 *Xanthoparmelia* individuals grouped in 74 unique haplotypes within a single network. The β -tubulin network with 137 individuals was grouped in 22 unique haplotypes within a single network, while the *MCM7* network including 138 individuals was grouped in 58 unique haplotypes within a single network. The most common haplotypes for all sampled loci were found in the most commonly represented taxa, *X. chlorochroa*, *X. coloradöensis*, and *X. cumberlandia*. Individuals representing *X. californica*, *X. lipochlorochroa*, *X. neochlorochroa*, and *X. vagans* shared haplotypes with representatives of the more common taxa or were separated by a single mutation event in all haplotype networks. Individuals (0-3 individuals/locus) beyond the 95% statistical parsimony confidence limit were not identical across loci and were not represented in haplotype networks. The genealogical concordance criterion was not fulfilled for putative species, chemotypes, or population clusters. However, apart from a single individual in the ribosomal haplotype network, population cluster No. 1 exhibited genealogical exclusivity in both the ribosomal and β -tubulin haplotype networks, and general concordance was found between the ribosomal haplotype network and the population clusters inferred from the STRUCTURE analysis.

Population genetic clustering—The median ML values of the Bayesian clustering analysis using STRUCTURE with estimates of $K=1-12$ are shown in [Fig. 4a](#), and the ΔK method (Evanno et al. 2005) indicates that a $K=3$ model best fits the data ($\Delta K=30.00$ for $K=3$; $\Delta K<12.0$ for all other K values; [Fig. 4b](#)). STRUCTURE plots for $K>3$ generally did not yield additional population clusters with high membership coefficients for more exclusive sets of populations or

clusters. Therefore, we examined the phenotypic expressions and geographic distributions of population clusters within the $K=3$ model. The identified groupings were not consistent with any of the putative species, nor is there clear phylogeographic pattern in the distribution of the inferred population cluster. The assignment of current species to inferred population clusters and the geographic distributions of individual assignments are shown in [Fig. 1](#). In the $K=3$ model, individuals assigned to population cluster No. 1 generally expressed the stictic acid chemotype, although a few individuals representing salazinic acid chemotypes were also assigned to this cluster. However, none of the vagrant taxa were assigned to this group. Individual accessions containing salazinic acid chemotypes (*X. chlorochroa*, *X. coloradoënsis*, and *X. wyomingica*) were primarily assigned to population clusters No. 2 and 3; although multiple representatives of the most common species, *X. chlorochroa*, *X. coloradoënsis*, and *X. cumberlandia*, were recovered within both population clusters No. 2 and 3. Vagrant specimens representing *X. chlorochroa* with membership in cluster No. 2 were generally collected in the vicinity of the Uinta Mountain Range in northeastern Utah, including both the northern slopes in southwestern Wyoming and the south slopes in Duchesne County, Utah. However, *X. chlorochroa* from western Idaho (Owyhee County), and two locations in Colorado (Moffat and Summit Counties) were also included in this cluster. Individuals representing *X. neochlorochroa*, *X. norchlorochroa*, *X. vagans*, and *X. wyomingica* were also assigned to population cluster No. 2 with posterior probabilities ≥ 0.95 . The majority of individuals assigned to population cluster No. 3 represent vagrant taxa, including individuals of *X. chlorochroa*, *X. lipochlorochroa*, *X. norchlorochroa*, *X. neochlorochroa*, *X. vagans*, and *X. wyomingica*. Although all vagrant taxa sampled on Boulder Mountain, Utah were assigned to population cluster No. 3, this group showed the greatest geographic distribution of vagrant taxa with individuals collected from

Colorado, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Relatively few saxicolous individuals (7 of 38) were assigned membership to this group. Individuals from all inferred population clusters were found across the geographic distribution of the Intermountain *Xanthoparmelia* group; although those assigned to population cluster No. 2 generally occurred in areas with geographic proximity to the Uinta Mountain Range in northeastern Utah ([Fig. 1](#)). Admixed individuals included *X. chlorochroa* (004f and 009f), *X. coloradoënsis* (055f and 118f), and *X. wyomingica* collected from the type locality in the Bighorn Mountains, Wyoming, USA (826f and 827f).

Discussion

In contrast to recent molecular studies showing previously undiscovered fungal lineages masked within lichen species circumscribed by traditional morphological and chemical concepts (Kroken and Taylor, 2001; Goffinet, Miadlikowska, and Goward, 2003; Blanco et al., 2004b; Molina et al., 2004; Argüello et al., 2007; Wirtz, Printzen, and Lumbsch, 2008; O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009; Vondrák et al., 2009; Wedin et al., 2009), the present study suggests that species diversity has been overestimated in the large and species diverse lichen genus *Xanthoparmelia*. Our analysis of 146 morphologically and chemically diverse *Xanthoparmelia* specimens using six nuclear loci did not support any of the currently described species reported for western North America. The application of species delimitation criteria to identify lineages in the early stages of divergence suggests that the Intermountain *Xanthoparmelia* species complex may be more appropriately represented by three polymorphic lineages. Although previous studies have indicated that *Xanthoparmelia* species diversity has been misrepresented (Blanco et al., 2004a; Thell, Elix, and Söchting, 2009; Del-Prado et al.,

2010; Hodkinson and Lendemer, 2010), our results provide one of the first empirical investigations into species delimitation in closely related species complexes in the genus.

Species delimitation—We used a multifaceted approach, combining molecular systematics with methods derived from population genetics to identify lineages in the early stages of divergence (Groeneveld et al., 2009; O'Brien, Miadlikowska, and Lutzoni, 2009; Weisrock et al., 2010). By examining populations in the earlier stages of speciation mechanisms driving divergence become more evident and informative (Wiens, 2004; Knowles and Carstens, 2007; Weisrock et al., 2010).

Although the results of this study did not support currently described *Xanthoparmelia* species, our data do show strong partitioning into three differentiated population clusters inferred from the STRUCTURE analysis. These three groups were supported, in part, from other lines of evidence assembled from the analysis of multi-locus sequence data and chemical and morphological characters. Generally, basic polymorphisms statistics, including number of polymorphic sites and estimates of θ and π , show that the population clusters inferred in this showed similar or less nucleotide diversity within groups, compared to values calculated from the ten putative species. This pattern suggests that the more inclusive population clusters may more accurately portray natural groupings with less taxonomic subdivision. Population cluster No. 2 was concordant with a well-supported, monophyletic lineage recovered in the both the ML and BI phylogenetic reconstructions ([Fig. 2B](#)), while clusters No. 1 and 3 did not correspond to monophyletic lineages recovered in either topology. However, SH tests of alternative hypotheses indicate that population clusters inferred from STRUCTURE provide a reasonable working hypothesis of relationships within the Intermountain *Xanthoparmelia* group, relative to the best-scoring ML topology. In contrast, currently accepted species boundaries or a simple

subdivision of chemotypes provided significantly weaker alternative hypotheses of relationships, and were therefore not considered as reasonable alternatives. Generally, population clusters were concordant with the ribosomal haplotype network (Fig. 3), and general concordance was identified between the ribosomal and β -tubulin haplotype networks for population cluster No. 1.

Although boundaries between these population clusters are often ‘fuzzy’, lacking distinct discordance between characters sets (Sites and Marshall, 2004; Cardoso and Vogler, 2005), some level of concordance between methods and independent datasets indicates these clusters represent species-level lineages in the early stages of divergence. The assignment of taxonomic rank to a given lineage is not straightforward, particularly in cases where diagnostic morphological or chemical characters and phylogeographic patterns are ambiguous. In our study, traditional diagnostic characters were somewhat variable within population clusters, and the concordance approach did not unambiguously support any of the putative lineages. A potential criticism is that these methods excessively subdivide a single lineage, or, in contrast, it may be argued that molecular taxonomic approaches may fail to uncover genetic variation that correlates with the phenotypic variation used to diagnose species, particularly when closely related species co-occur or have diverged only recently (Wood and Nakazato, 2009). We contend that based on the general metapopulation lineage concept and multiple sources of data, this approach exhibits at least one layer of evidence for lineage divergence within the Intermountain *Xanthoparmelia* group (Sites and Marshall, 2004; de Queiroz, 2007; Weisrock et al., 2010).

Importance of biochemical characters—Morphological and secondary chemical patterns offered limited support for inferred lineages, and these characters were polymorphic within each of the inferred population clusters. However, general trends in the expression of secondary

metabolites suggest at least some level of reproductive isolation between salazinic and stictic acid chemotypes. Population cluster No. 1 was primarily characterized by specimens expressing stictic acid, while clusters No. 2 and 3 were characterized by specimens expressing salazinic acid. However, each population cluster also contained some accessions expressing the opposing chemotype. Average individual cluster memberships coefficients for conflicting chemotypes in each population cluster were relatively high (>0.90), showing limited signs of admixture. Whether polymorphic accessions in the inferred population clusters indicate ongoing or recent gene flow rather than incomplete lineage sorting remains unclear.

Chemically variable *Xanthoparmelia* species complexes have shown a strong correlation of chemotypes with ecological preferences (Nash and Zavada, 1977; Benedict and Nash, 1990). However, a chemically distinct group of *Xanthoparmelia* specimens collected across a relatively homogenous environment on Boulder Mountain, Utah demonstrated a level of reproductive isolation, suggesting microhabitat variation may be an important factor driving divergence rather than broad ecological preferences (Beard and Depriest, 1996; Chunco et al., 2009). Various functions for these secondary compounds have been suggested, including protection from UV-B radiation, herbivory defense, and antifungal and antibiotic activity (Huneck, 1999; Gauslaa et al., 2006; Solhaug et al., 2009). Furthermore, carbon source and photobiont have been shown to influence the secondary metabolism of the mycobiont (Brunauer et al., 2007). In spite of some uncertainty, our data suggests that species delimitation based on the expression of stictic acid within the Intermountain *Xanthoparmelia* clade may be warranted.

Ecological and geographic distributions—Inferred population clusters and identical haplotypes were often found distributed across relatively broad geographical and ecological landscapes, indicating wide ecological amplitude for these lineages. Individuals containing

salazinic acid sampled from the Uinta Mountain Range and vicinity were generally inferred to belong to a single population cluster (cluster No. 2 of the $K = 3$ model) regardless of putative species assignment, while individuals collected from the more geographically and ecologically restricted Aquarius Plateau were generally equally distributed between the three population clusters. The geographic and ecological distributions of saxicolous forms within all inferred population clusters suggests that geographic or ecological constraints do not effectively maintain barriers to gene flow at this scale. Sexual reproductive structures (apothecia) were observed in only 7 of the 146 individuals assigned to the Intermountain *Xanthoparmelia* group, and specialized asexual diaspores (isidia) were not observed. Fertile individuals were found in each of the three population clusters, and reproductive strategies within this group remain unclear. More extensive sampling and analysis will be essential in order to more fully characterize saxicolous population structure and distribution as a function of sexual reproduction.

Evolution of vagrancy at a local level—Representatives of vagrant taxa were identified in multiple well-supported lineages in ML and Bayesian topologies (although relationships between these lineages generally were not supported), suggesting multiple independent origins of the vagrant condition. Additionally, statistical parsimony networks suggest multiple independent origins of the vagrant habit as haplotypes representing vagrant specimens are generally found throughout all haplotype networks. The $K = 3$ STRUCUTRE model suggests two distinct groups containing vagrant *Xanthoparmelia*. Vagrant accessions did not occur in population No. 1, while membership in population cluster No. 3 was dominated by vagrant specimens, and population cluster No. 2 contained a mixture of both saxicolous and vagrant specimens. Vagrant individuals in population cluster No. 2 are generally limited to northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming. Relatively few individuals beyond this limited distribution were assigned to

population cluster No. 2; this group included individuals from western Idaho (*X. chlorochroa* 112f and 113f), northwestern Colorado (*X. chlorochroa* 775f, 824f; and *X. norchlorochroa* 771f), southeastern Wyoming (*X. neochlorochroa* 337f), and southern Utah (*X. neochlorochroa* 231f). In contrast, vagrant individuals with membership in population cluster No. 3 showed a much broader geographic distribution. Unspecialized vegetative fragments have been proposed as the major, if not exclusive, method of reproduction for most vagrant *Xanthoparmelia* species, limiting dispersal and genetic exchange between populations (Bailey, 1976; Rosentreter, 1993). It has been proposed that some long distance dispersal may be accomplished by migrating pronghorn antelope and other wild and domesticated ungulates (Thomas and Rosentreter, 1992; Rosentreter, 1993; St. Clair et al., 2007). The occurrence of similar haplotypes across a broad geographic range supports the grazing ungulate-mediated dispersal of vagrant forms. However, they may have also been independently derived from a common widespread attached haplotype. In spite of the inherent reproductive limitations of unspecialized vegetative fragments, vagrant accessions exhibited high haplotype diversity, and two of the admixed individuals identified in the STRUCTURE analysis were vagrant forms. These results suggest that sexual reproduction may be more common in vagrant *Xanthoparmelia* than previously thought.

Speciation in Xanthoparmelia—Accurate species delimitation is essential, as species are fundamental units for various sub-disciplines of biology. Following the GLC using multiple datasets and analytical tools we have been able to show that species diversity in *Xanthoparmelia* has been greatly misrepresented. These results emphasize the need to re-evaluate species boundaries in the large and diverse genus *Xanthoparmelia*. We conclude that that the concordance-based approach presented in this study is well-suited for species delimitation in lichenized ascomycetes where traditional morphological and chemical characters are apparently

misleading with respect to species diversity. However, at this point we are hesitant to make any taxonomic revisions in order to avoid unwarranted and confounding taxonomic changes until we have sampled and analyzed specimens from the type localities of the currently accepted species identified within this group. The next phase in our research will include analysis of molecular data, as well as additional morphological and chemical characters. At present, it remains unclear whether an accurate and consistent definition based on morphological characters can be found for the three population clusters. Furthermore, lichenized fungi typically display few taxonomically useful morphological characters, when compared to vascular plants and vertebrates. Furthermore, the general absence of reproductive characters in specimens collected as part of the Intermountain *Xanthoparmelia* complex pose a significant limitation in identifying putatively diagnostic morphological traits. Due to these challenges, a molecular taxonomy may provide the most practical approach to a consistent treatment of species within this group.

Conclusions

This study also suggests several avenues for ongoing investigation: 1) what are the barriers to reproduction that would maintain divergent lineages occurring in sympatry? 2) How are these sympatric populations partitioning resources? 3) What events may have led to the diversification, dispersal, and establishment of recently diverged lineages? 4) Is there a role for sexual reproduction in vagrant forms? Given these questions are tractable, we suggest *Xanthoparmelia* provides a model system for investigating the processes of speciation in lichenized ascomycetes.

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Table 3.1. Summary of diagnostic morphological and chemical characteristics for ingroup taxa; "*" indicate that erratic, unattached forms were identified in the present study; "§" indicate specimens identified without sexual reproductive characters were included in nominal taxon.

Species	Form	Diagnostic chemistry	Mode of reproduction	Picnidia	Rhizines	Undersurface color	Degree of adnation
<i>X. californica</i>	saxicolous	norstictic	apothecia§	present	simple	pale brown	adnate
<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	vagrant	salazinic	fragmentation	rare	simple to furcate	pale-dark brown	free growing
<i>X. coloradoësis</i>	saxicolous*	salazinic	apothecia§	present	simple	pale brown	adnate to loosely adnate
<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	saxicolous*	stictic	apothecia§	present	simple	pale brown or brown	adnate
<i>X. lipochlorochroa</i>	vagrant	fatty acids	fragmentation	absent	simple	pale brown	free growing
<i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	vagrant	norstictic	fragmentation	absent	simple to furcate	pale brown	free growing
<i>X. neowyomingica</i>	terricolous	stictic	apothecia§	present	simple to tufted	pale to dark brown	loosely adnate to free growing
<i>X. norchlorochroa</i>	vagrant	salazinic	fragmentation	absent	absent	dark brown to black	free growing
<i>X. vagans</i>	vagrant	stictic	fragmentation	absent	simple	pale brown to dark brown	free growing
<i>X. wyomingica</i>	terricolous	salazinic	apothecia§	present	simple	pale to dark brown	loosely adnate to free growing

Table 3.2. Primers used for PCR amplification and sequencing of the nuclear ribosomal IGS, ITS, and group I intron markers and low-copy protein-coding markers β -tubulin and *MCM7* in sampled *Xanthoparmelia* taxa.

Marker	Primer name	Forward primer sequence	Annealing temperature (°C)	Reference
IGS	IGS12	5'-AGTCTGTGGATTAGTGGCCG-3'	66- 56 (touchdown)	Carbone & Kohn, 1999
	NS1R	5'-GAGACAAGCATATGACTAC-3'		Carbone & Kohn, 1999
	XIGS_R	5'-TAC TGG CAG AAT CAR CCA GG-3'		Leavitt, 2010
ITS/group I intron	ITS1F	5'-CTT GGT CAT TTA GAG GAA GTA A-3'	55-60	(Gardes and Bruns, 1993)
	ITS4	5'- TCC TCC GCT TAT TGA TAT GC-3'		(White et al., 1990)
LSU	LROR	5'-ACC CGC TGA ACT TAA GC-3'	55-60	Vilgalys unpublished
	LR5	5'-ATC CTG AGG GAA ACT TC-3'		Vilgalys unpublished
β -tubulin	Bt3-LM	5'-GAACGTCTACTTCAACGAG-3'	55-60	(Myllys, Lohtander, and Tehler, 2001)
	Bt10-LM	5'-TCGGAAGCAGCCATCATGTTCTT-3'		(Myllys, Lohtander, and Tehler, 2001)
	BT_rhizo_F	5'-GCA ACA AGT ATG TTC CTC GTG C-3'	66- 56 (touchdown)	Leavitt, 2010
	BT_rhizo_R	5'-GTAAGAGGTGCGAAGCCAACC-3'		Leavitt, 2010
<i>MCM7</i>	Mcm7-709for	5'-ACI MGI GTI TCV GAY GTH AARCC-3'	56	Schmitt et al., 2009a
	Mcm7-1348rev	5'-GAY TTD GCI ACI CCI GGR TCW CCC AT-3'		Schmitt et al., 2009a
	X_Mcm7_F	5'- CGT ACA CYT GTG ATC GAT GTG -3'	66- 56 (touchdown)	Leavitt, 2010
	X_Mcm7_R	5'- GTC TCC ACG TAT TCG CAT TCC-3'		Leavitt, 2010

Table 3.3. Genetic variability of sampled loci, including alignment length and parsimony informative (PI) sites for each sampled; numbers in parentheses indicate the number of variable and parsimony-informative sites for the Intermountain *Xanthoparmelia* group only.

Locus	N	Aligned bp	# of variable sites	# PI sites	Model selected
ITS	158 (145)	543 (535)	108 (68)	67 (41)	SYM+I+G
LSU	155 (142)	843 (843)	57 (25)	20 (13)	GTR+I
IGS	144 (131)	380 (380)	80 (46)	39 (22)	GTR+I+G
group I intron	135 (125)	387 (385)	64 (51)	35 (29)	SYM+G
β-tubulin	147 (135)	809 (809)	74 (42)	27 (17)	GTR+I
<i>MCM7</i>	146 (136)	541 (541)	89 (63)	48 (36)	GTR+I+G
<i>Total</i>	158 (145)	3503 (3493)	462 (295)	236 (158)	na

Table 3.4. Polymorphism statistic for *Xanthoparmelia* species examined. Species sampled; *N* total, number of individuals sampled; and loci sampled. Within each locus *N*, number of individuals sampled for that loci/ *N*_{poly}, number of polymorphic sites/ *H*, number of unique haplotypes; π , estimate of $4N\mu$ per base pair using average pairwise differences / θ , estimates of haplotype diversity using the number of pairwise differences.

Species	<i>N</i>	ITS	π / θ	LSU	π / θ	IGS	π / θ	Intron	π / θ	β -tubulin	π / θ	<i>MCM71</i>	π / θ
	total	<i>N</i> / <i>N</i> _{poly} / <i>H</i>		<i>N</i> / <i>N</i> _{poly} / <i>H</i>		<i>N</i> / <i>N</i> _{poly} / <i>H</i>		<i>N</i> / <i>N</i> _{poly} / <i>H</i>		<i>N</i> / <i>N</i> _{poly} / <i>H</i>		<i>N</i> / <i>N</i> _{poly} / <i>H</i>	
<i>X. californica</i>	2	2/4/2	0.00800/ 0.00800	2/2/2	0.00238/ 0.00238	1/0/1	na/na	2/5/2	0.01348/ 0.01348	2/7/2	0.00950/ 0.00950	2/1/2	0.02033/ 0.02033
<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	51	51/15/15	0.00736/ 0.00929	50/10/8	0.00117/ 0.00266	51/16/14	0.00603/ 0.00959	48/23/17	0.01257/ 0.01417	51/5/5	0.00116/ 0.00285	50/28/18	0.01161/ 0.01202
<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	29	29/25/17	0.00840/ 0.01335	29/8/7	0.00116/ 0.00273	27/14/13	0.00709/ 0.00987	28/18/11	0.01283/ 0.01450	28/9/7	0.00316/ 0.00348	28/30/20	0.01258/ 0.01487
<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	36	36/36/20	0.00816/ 0.01743	37/10/12	0.00188/ 0.00292	25/20/15	0.00943/ 0.01424	26/21/16	0.00744/ 0.01491	27/9/	0.00569/ 0.00569	32/34/22	0.01319/ 0.01698
<i>X. lipochlorochroa</i>	3	3/0/1	0.0000/ 0.0000	3/0/1	0.00000/ 0.00000	1/0/1	0/0	1/0/1	0.00000/ 0.00000	3/0/1	0.00000/ 0.00000	3/5/2	0.00616/ 0.00616
<i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	4	4/7/2	0.00889/ 0.00727	4/2/3	0.00139/ 0.00139	4/4/2	0.00705/ 0.00705	4/11/3	0.01932/ 0.01617	4/0/1	0.00000/ 0.00000	4/11/3	0.01109/ 0.01109
<i>X. neowyomingica</i>	7	7/3/3	0.0021/ 0.00245	7/5/4	0.00193/ 0.00243	7/4/3	0.00307/ 0.00307	6/2/3	0.00234/ 0.00236	7/7/2	0.00452/ 0.00388	7/15/3	0.01074/ 0.01132
<i>X. norchlorochroa</i>	3	3/7/2	0.00933/ 0.00933	2/0/1	0.00000/ 0.00000	3/1/2	0.00179/ 0.00179	3/5/1	0.00898/ 0.00898	3/0/1	0.00000/ 0.00000	0	0.00616/ 0.00616
<i>X. vagans</i>	4	4/11/3	0.01133/ 0.01200	4/0/1	0.00000/ 0.00000	4/5/3	0.00672/ 0.00733	0	na/na	4/1/2	0.00090/ 0.00074	4/8/2	0.00739/ 0.00807
<i>X. wyomingica</i>	6	6/11/4	0.00906/ 0.00977	6/5/4	0.00261/ 0.00302	5/8/5	0.00968/ 0.01032	5/7/3	0.00916/ 0.00906	6/6/4	0.00301/ 0.00396	4/14/4	0.01571/ 0.01412
Chemotype													
<i>Norstictic</i>	6	6/8/4	0.00853/ 0.00863	6/4/4	0.00183/ 0.00183	5/5/3	0.00753/ 0.00760	4/11/3	0.01932/ 0.01983	6/8/3	0.00389/ 0.00391	6/18/5	0.01368/ 0.01393
<i>Salazinic</i>	86	86/26/20	0.00657/ 0.00663	85/20/15	0.00137/ 0.00137	84/24/23	0.00670/ 0.00676	81/27/19	0.01352/ 0.01377	85/10/10	0.00196/ 0.00197	81/41/35	0.01225/ 0.01245
<i>Stictic</i>	50	50/42/26	0.00883/ 0.00893	48/12/13	0.00197/ 0.00197	39/27/20	0.00824/ 0.00833	35/24/20	0.00783/ 0.00792	41/12/10	0.00578/ 0.00582	46/45/28	0.01493/ 0.01523
Population cluster													
<i>1</i>	47	47/42/24	0.00754/ 0.00762	45/12/12	0.00166/ 0.00166	37/21/19	0.00840/ 0.00849	35/20/19	0.00587/ 0.00591	36/18/10	0.00514/ 0.00518	42/44/27	0.01489/ 0.01519
<i>2</i>	48	47/16/12	0.00356/ 0.00358	48/10/9	0.00126/ 0.00127	46/15/12	0.00392/ 0.00394	47/14/12	0.00366/ 0.00368	47/4/5	0.00101/ 0.00101	47/30/22	0.01230/ 0.01250
<i>3</i>	44	45/8/7	0.00428/ 0.00431	43/5/5	0.00038/ 0.00038	43/16/12	0.00737/ 0.00744	37/13/9	0.00727/ 0.00734	44/6/6	0.00153/ 0.00153	41/22/12	0.01047/ 0.01062

Table 3.5. Estimates of pairwise F_{ST} among putative *Xanthoparmelia* species (below diagonal) and the significance level (above diagonal); ns, not significant (two nonsignificant P-values are show). Numbers on top row correspond to numbered taxa in the first column.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 <i>X. chlorochroa</i>	-	ns	0.0000	ns	0.0811 n.s.	ns	ns
2. <i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	0.00125	-	0.0721 n.s	ns	ns	ns	ns
3 <i>X. cumberlandia</i>	0.11097	0.03794	-	ns	ns	ns	ns
4 <i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	-0.10319	-0.09908	-0.03473	-	0.02703	ns	ns
5 <i>X. neowyomingica</i>	0.05264	0.01516	0.01692	0.50591	-	0.01802.	0.0000
6 <i>X. vagans</i>	-0.11701	-0.12695	-0.07955	0.17329	0.52033	-	ns
7 <i>X. wyomingica</i>	0.12696	0.06507	0.00664	-0.03751	0.08599	-0.10867	-

Table 3.6. Estimates of pairwise F_{ST} between population clusters inferred in STRUCTURE analyses and major chemotypes

	Comparison	F_{ST}	Significance
Structure	K1-K2	0.42285	0.0000
Structure	K1-K3	0.35209	0.0000
Structure	K2-K3	0.43664	0.0000
Chemotypes	Stictic - Salzinic	0.14303	0.0000

Table 3.7. Results of the paired Shimodaira-Hasegawa topological constraint tests of our best ML topology compared to three alternative hypotheses of relationships in the Intermountain *Xanthoparmelia* group proposed in this study.

Tree	ln L	Difference ln L	Significantly Worse	Topology compared
this article (Fig. 2)	-11165.19	(best)	-	This article
	-12048.58	883.39	yes	Species
	-11645.43	480.24	yes	Chemotypes
	-11175.35	10.16	no	STRUCTURE

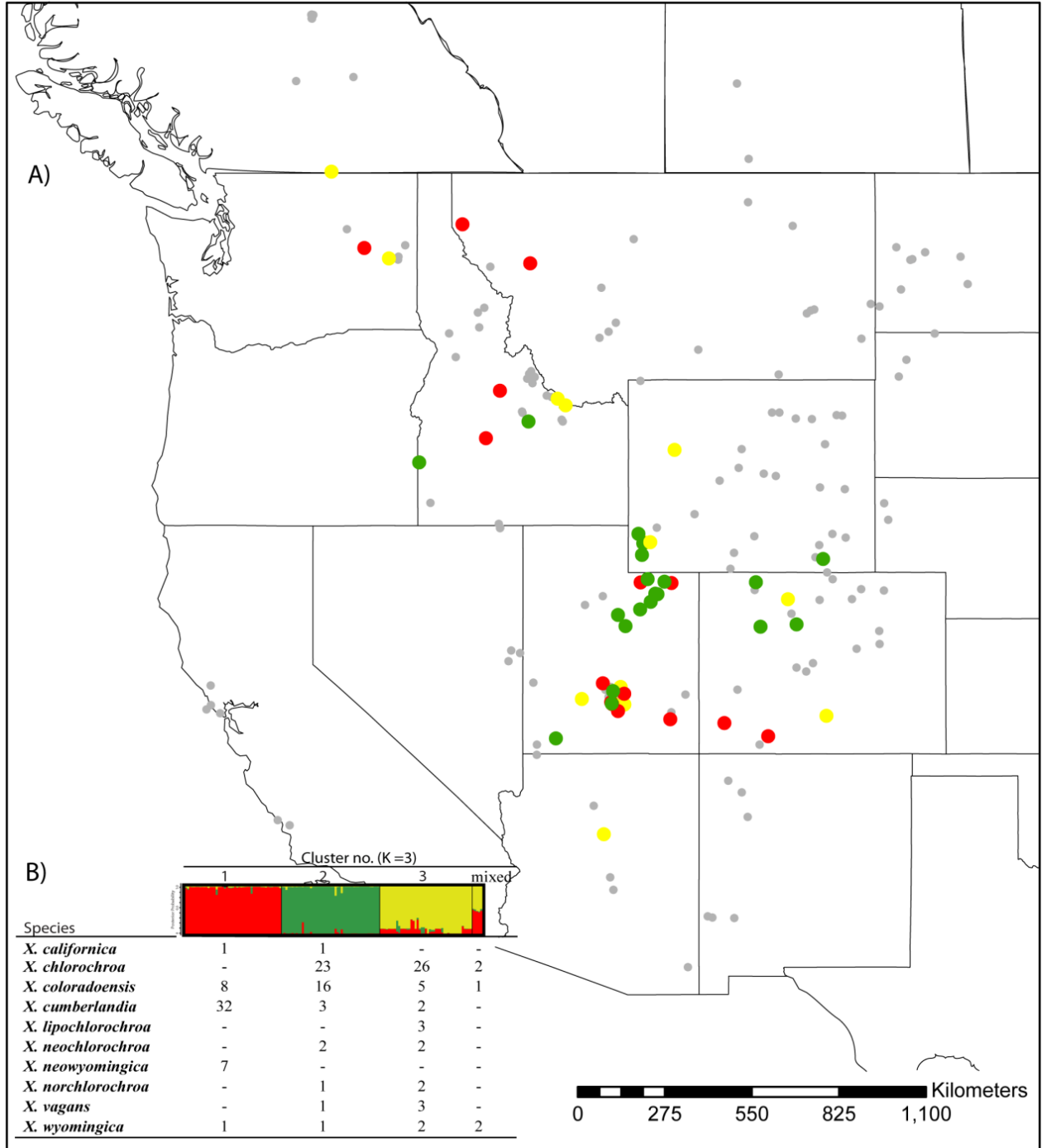


Figure 3.1. (A) Geographic distributions of sampled *Xanthoparmelia* specimens and inferred population clusters in the western United States. (B) Population subdivision and the occurrence of putative lineages in each inferred population cluster inferred from the STRUCTURE analysis; each accession is shown by a thin vertical line that is partitioned into three colored segments. The accessions in which members' probability is < 70 % are classified into a mixed category.

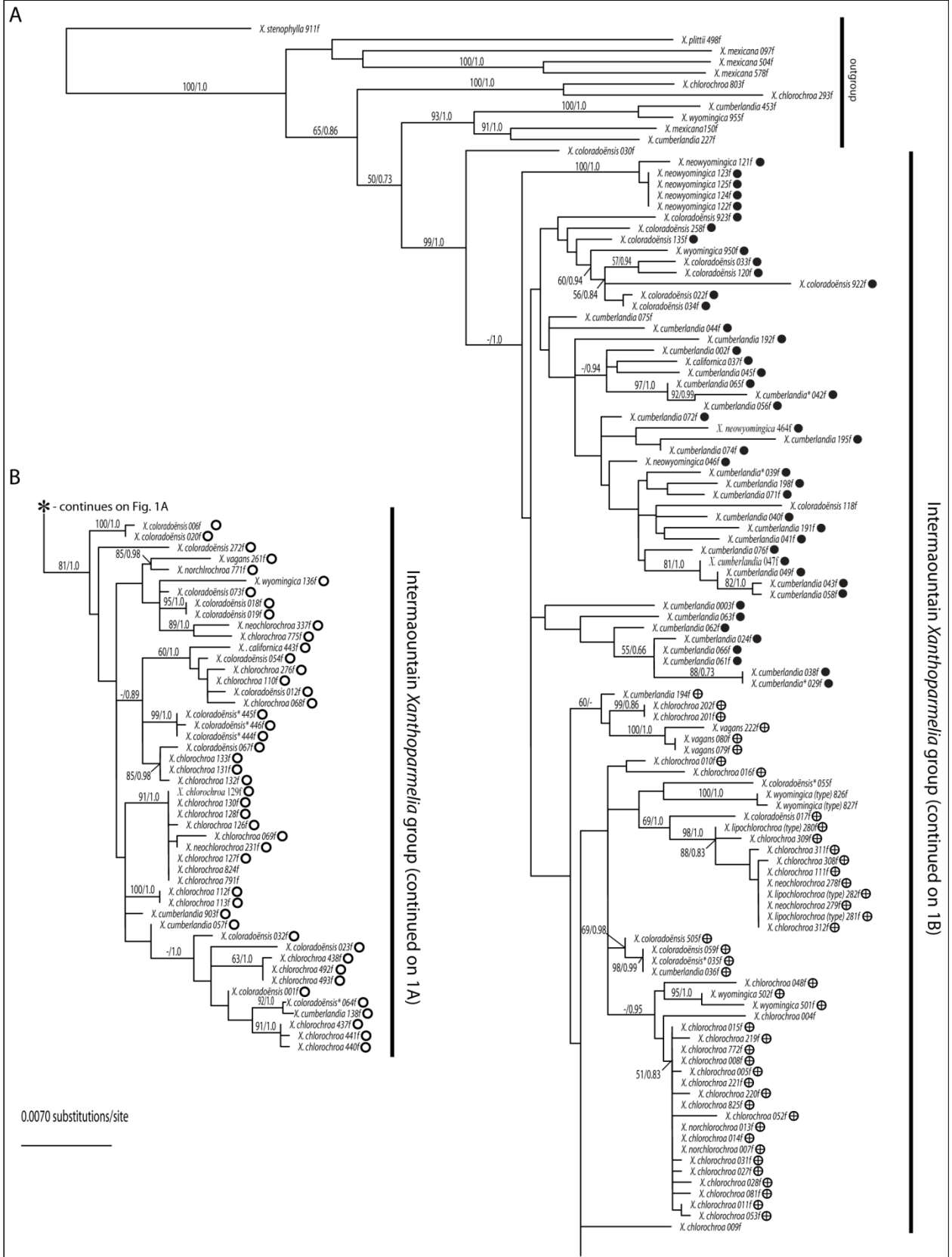


Figure 3.2 (on previous page). ML phylogenetic relationships of *Xanthoparmelia* taxa inferred from a combined analysis of nuclear ribosomal markers ITS, IGS, LSU, and intron and protein-coding fragments from β -tubulin and *MCM7* genes. Values at each node indicate non-parametric bootstrap support (BS)/ posterior probability (PP), only values \geq BS 50/PP 0.5 are listed. The focal group “Intermountain *Xanthoparmelia* group is indicated in Fig. 1A and Fig 1B. Filled circles at the end of taxon labels indicate individuals assigned membership in population cluster one inferred from the STRUCTURE analysis, open circles indicate population cluster two, and circles with cross indicate population cluster three.

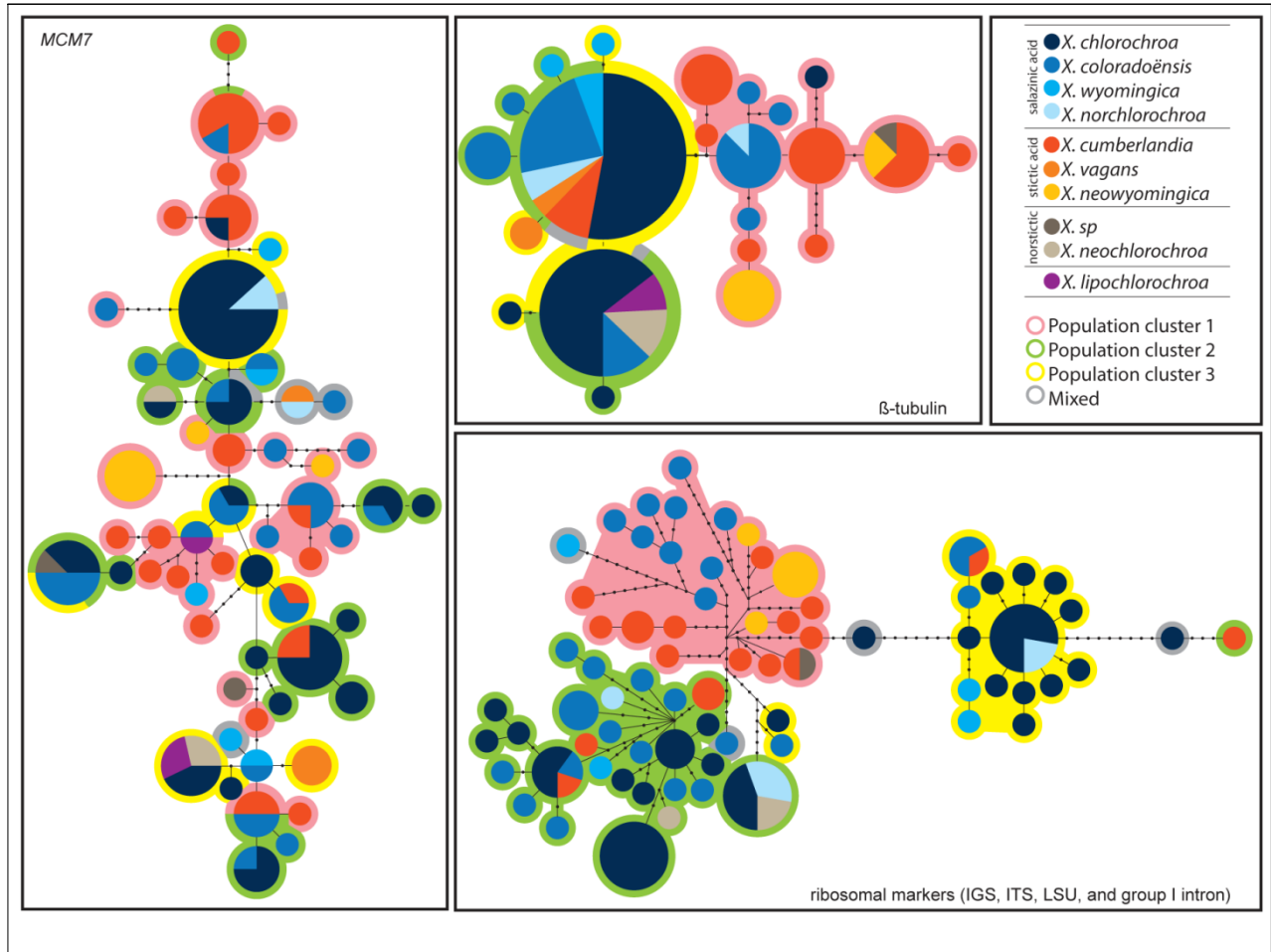


Figure 3.3. Unrooted statistical parsimony haplotype networks at 95% probability for (A) ribosomal (ITS, IGS, LSU, and intron), (B) β -tubulin, and (C) *MCM7* loci within the Intermountain *Xanthoparmelia* group. The sizes of the circles in each haplotype networks are proportional to the number of individuals in each given haplotype, and small circles are inferred from haplotypes not sampled. Putative species are color coded in all networks; and outline color signifies membership in population clusters inferred from the STRUCTURE analysis.

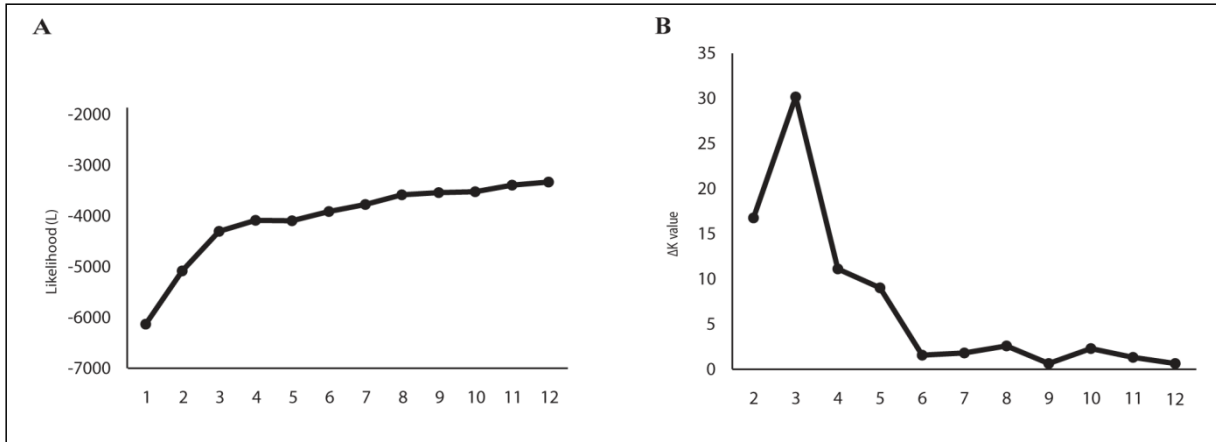


Figure 3.4. A) The median likelihoods for 12 runs for each K estimate are shown on the likelihood plot for STRUCTURE analysis of sampled *Xanthoparmelia* species. B) ΔK calculated as $\Delta K = m|L''(K)|/s[L(K)]$. The modal value of this distribution is the uppermost level of structure (K).

Supplementary data 3.1. Collection information for specimens included in the present study.

ID	Species	Herbarium Acc. No.	Major Acid	Form	Reproductive mode	Structure	Location	Lat.	Lon.	Ele.	Collector (s)
037f	<i>X. californica</i>	BRY-55185	norstictic	erratic	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
443f	<i>X. californica</i>	BRY-55387	norstictic	saxicolous	not observed	2	USA, UT, Duchesne Co.	40.526	-110.3529	2088 m	Leavitt et al.
004f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55154	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	mixed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
005f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55155	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
008f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55158	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1626	-111.5352	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
009f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55159	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	mixed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	-111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
010f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55160	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	-111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
011f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55161	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
014f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55164	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1309	-111.4695	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
015f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55165	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
016f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55166	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
027f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55175	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1309	-111.4695	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
028f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55176	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1626	-111.5352	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
031f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55179	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1626	-111.5352	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
048f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55196	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	-111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
052f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55198	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
053f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55199	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
068f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55213	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, WY, Uinta Co.	41.3769	-110.6621	2057 m	Leavitt et al.
069f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55214	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Duchesne Co.	40.3697	-110.4128	2005 m	Leavitt et al.
081f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55224	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
110f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55236	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, WY, Uinta Co.	41.3769	-110.6621	2057 m	Leavitt et al.
111f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55237	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, WY, Uinta Co.	41.3769	-110.6621	2057 m	Leavitt et al.

112f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55238	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, ID, Owyhee Co.	43.3202	-116.9795	1271 m	Leavitt et al.
113f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55239	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, ID, Owyhee Co.	43.3202	-116.9795	1271 m	Leavitt et al.
126f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55247	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
127f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55248	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
128f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55249	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
129f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55250	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
130f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55251	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
131f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55252	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
132f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55253	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
133f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55254	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
201f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55287	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, MT, Beaverhead Co.	44.6225	-113.0520	2715 m	St. Clair et al.
202f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55288	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, MT, Beaverhead Co.	44.6225	-113.0520	2715 m	St. Clair et al.
219f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55295	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
220f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55296	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
221f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55297	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
276f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55315	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, WY, Lincoln Co.	41.6254	-110.6270	2050 m	Leavitt et al.
308f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55341	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	MT, Beaverhead Co.	44.4876	-112.8269	2120 m	B. McCune 21280
309f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55342	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	MT, Beaverhead Co.	44.4876	-112.8269	2120 m	B. McCune 21280
311f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55344	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, WY, Fremont Co.	43.5774	-109.7370	2469 m	Rosentreter 15445
312f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55345	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, WY, Fremont Co..	43.5774	-109.7370	2469 m	Rosentreter 15445
437f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55381	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Duchesne Co.	40.2039	-110.7130	2088 m	Leavitt et al.
438f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55382	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Duchesne Co.	40.2039	-110.7130	2088 m	Leavitt et al.
440f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55384	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Duchesne Co..	40.5444	-110.2852	2517 m	Leavitt et al.
441f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55685	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Duchesne Co..	40.5444	-110.2852	2517 m	Leavitt et al.

492f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55416	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Utah Co.	39.8426	-111.1298	2393 m	Leavitt et al.
493f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55417	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Utah Co.	39.8426	-111.1298	2393 m	Leavitt et al.
772f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55448	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, UT, Beaver/Piute Co.	38.2328	-112.3652	3035 m	Greenwood
775f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55451	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, CO, Summit Co.	39.8790	-106.2782	2447 m	Leavitt
791f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55467	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, WY, Lincoln Co.	41.8246	-110.7632	2019 m	Leavitt
824f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55499	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, CO, Moffat Co.	40.6206	-107.4658	1942 m	Leavitt
825f	<i>X. chlorochroa</i>	BRY-55500	salazinic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, CO, Jackson Co.	40.4252	-106.5233	2553 m	Leavitt
001f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55151	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	2	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
006f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55156	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	2	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
012f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55162	salazinic	saxicolous	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
017f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55167	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
018f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55168	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	2	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
019f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55169	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	2	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
020f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55170	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	2	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
022f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55171	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1309	-111.4695	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
023f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55172	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	2	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
030f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55178	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	-	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1309	-111.4695	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
032f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55180	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	2	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
033f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55181	Salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
034f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55182	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1309	-111.4695	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
035f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i> *	BRY-55183	Salazinic	erratic	not observed	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	-111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
054f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55200	Salazinic	saxicolous	apothecia	2	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
055f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i> *	BRY-55201	Salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	mixed	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
059f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55205	salazinic	saxicolous	apothecia	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	-111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
064f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55209	salazinic	erratic	not observed	2	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.

067f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55212	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	2	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8047	-110.0213	3360 m	EA 80-1108
073f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55218	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	2	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.4097	-111.4757	3360 m	Leavitt et al.
118f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55240	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	mixed	USA, ID, Lemhi Co.	44.6812	-113.3623	1820 m	Leavitt et al.
120f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55241	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
135f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55255	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
258f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55308	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, ID, Custer Co.	44.7833	-114.6875	2479 m	St. Clair et al.
272f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55312	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	2	USA, UT, Washington Co.	37.3474	-113.1010	2110 m	Leavitt et al.
444f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i> *	BRY-55388	salazinic	erratic	not observed	2	USA, UT, Duchesne Co.	40.5351	-110.2233	2413 m	Leavitt et al.
445f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55389	salazinic	erratic	not observed	2	USA, UT, Duchesne Co.	40.5351	-110.2233	2413 m	Leavitt et al.
446f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55390	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	2	USA, UT, Duchesne Co.	40.5351	-110.2233	2413 m	Leavitt et al.
505f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55427	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	3	USA, AZ, Coconino Co.	35.1534	-111.7409	2220 m	J. Hollinger 20080624.27
922f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55524	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, MT, Carter Co.	48.0413	-115.7517	1630 m	T. Wheeler 1371
923f	<i>X. coloradoënsis</i>	BRY-55525	salazinic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, MT, Lake Co.	47.2952	-113.8312	2370 m	T. Wheeler 1409
002f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55152	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
003f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55153	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
024f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55173	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
029f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i> *	BRY-55177	stictic	erratic	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
036f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55184	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	3	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
038f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55186	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1230	111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
039f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i> *	BRY-55187	stictic	erratic	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	-111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
040f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55188	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1309	-111.4695	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
041f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55189	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1325	-111.4710	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
042f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i> *	BRY-55190	stictic	erratic	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	-111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
043f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55191	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1202	-111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
044f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55192	stictic	saxicolous	apothecia	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.

045f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55193	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, UT, Wayne	38.1625	-111.5358	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
047f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55195	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, UT, Wayne	38.1202	-111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
049f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55197	stictic	saxicolous	apothecia	1	Co. USA, UT, Wayne	38.1202	-111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
056f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55202	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, UT, Wayne	38.1626	-111.5352	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
057f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55203	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	2	Co. USA, UT, Wayne	38.1626	-111.5352	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
058f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55204	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, UT, Wayne	38.1202	-111.5071	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
061f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55206	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, UT, Wayne	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
062f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55207	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, UT, Wayne	38.1309	-111.4695	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
063f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55208	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, UT, Wayne	38.1309	-111.4695	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
065f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55210	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, UT, Summit	40.7743	-109.8244	3410 m	Leavitt et al.
066f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55211	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, UT, Summit	40.7743	-109.8244	3410 m	Leavitt et al.
071f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55216	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, UT, Wayne	38.5812	-111.7700	3040 m	Leavitt et al.
072f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55217	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, UT, Wayne	38.5812	-111.7700	3040 m	Leavitt et al.
074f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55219	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, UT, Wayne	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
075f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55220	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, UT, Wayne	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
076f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55221	stictic	saxicolous	apothecia	1	Co. USA, UT, Wayne	38.4097	-111.4757	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
138f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55257	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	2	USA, UT, Utah Co.	40.0847	-111.3401	1750 m	Leavitt et al.
175f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55275	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	na	USA, ID, Elmore	43.8167	-115.0861	1682 m	Leavitt et al.
179f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55276	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	na	Co. USA, UT, Summit	40.7882	-110.6981	3060 m	St. Clair et al.
191f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55281	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, CO, Dolores	37.6939	-108.3234	2622 m	Leavitt et al.
192f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55282	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, CO, Dolores	37.6939	-108.3234	2622 m	St. Clair et al.
194f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55283	stictic	saxicolous	apothecia	3	Co. USA, CO, Saguache	37.8564	-105.4317	3030 m	St. Clair et al.
195f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55284	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, CO, Mineral	37.3884	-107.0918	2657 m	St. Clair et al.
198f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55286	stictic	saxicolous	not observed	1	Co. USA, CO, San Juan	37.7807	-109.8587	2133 m	St. Clair et al.

903f	<i>X. cumberlandia</i>	BRY-55508	stictic	saxicolous	apothecia	2	CAN, British Columbia.	49.032	-119.466	396 m	Bjork 15213
280ff	<i>X. lipochlorochroa</i> (type locality)	BRY-55318	fatty acid	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, WY, Lincoln Co.	41.6388	-110.5699	2018 m	Leavitt et al.
281f	<i>X. lipochlorochroa</i> (type locality)	BRY-55319	fatty acid	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, WY, Lincoln Co.	41.6388	-110.5699	2018 m	Leavitt et al.
282f	<i>X. lipochlorochroa</i> (type locality)	BRY-55320	fatty acid	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, WY, Lincoln Co.	41.6254	-110.6270	2050 m	Leavitt et al.
231f	<i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	BRY-55303	norstictic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.4941	-111.5357	2471 m	Leavitt et al.
278f	<i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	BRY-55316	norstictic	vagrant	fragmentation	3	USA, WY, Lincoln Co.	41.6388	-110.5699	2018 m	Leavitt et al.
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337f	<i>X. neochlorochroa</i>	BRY-55366	norstictic	vagrant	fragmentation	2	USA, WY, Laramie Co.	41.2916	-105.5247	2137 m	Rosentreter s.n.
046f	<i>X. neowyomingica</i>	BRY-55194	stictic	erratic	not observed	1	USA, UT, Wayne Co.	38.1230	-111.5086	3300 m	Leavitt et al.
121f	<i>X. neowyomingica</i>	BRY-55242	stictic	vagrant	not observed	1	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
122f	<i>X. neowyomingica</i>	BRY-55243	stictic	vagrant	not observed	1	USA, UT, Summit Co.	40.8581	-110.5012	3600 m	Leavitt et al.
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950f	<i>X. wyomingica</i>	BRY-55552	salazinic	semi-attached	not observed	1	USA, WA, Lincoln Co.	47.5902	-118.5359	670 m	Leavitt et al.

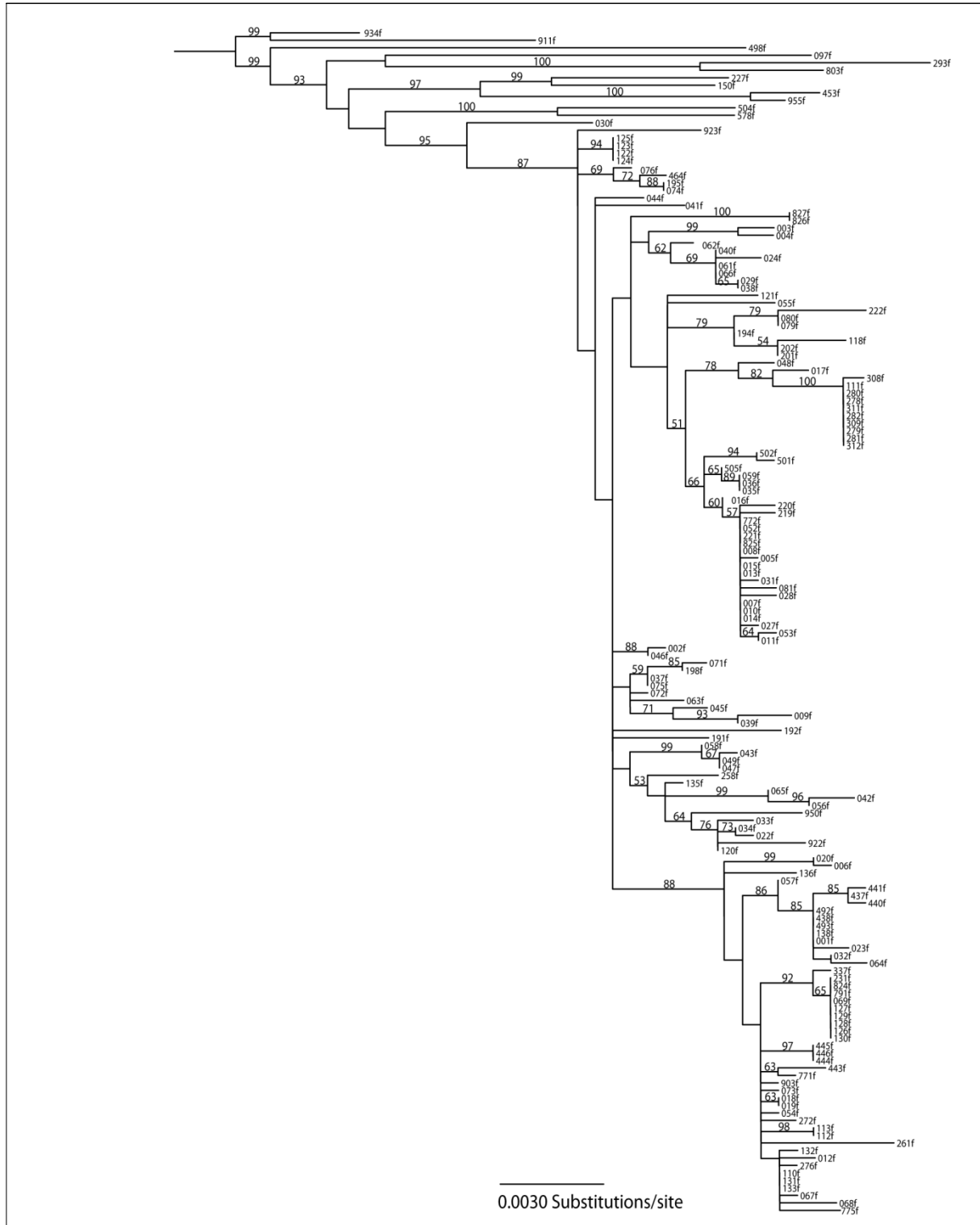
Supplementary data 3.2. Species, taxon and study identification number; Herbarium Acc. No., voucher specimen in the Herbarium of Non-vascular cryptogams (BRY); and GenBank accession numbers for all sequences included in the present study (LSU, ITS, IGS, group I intron, *MCM7*, and β -tubulin).

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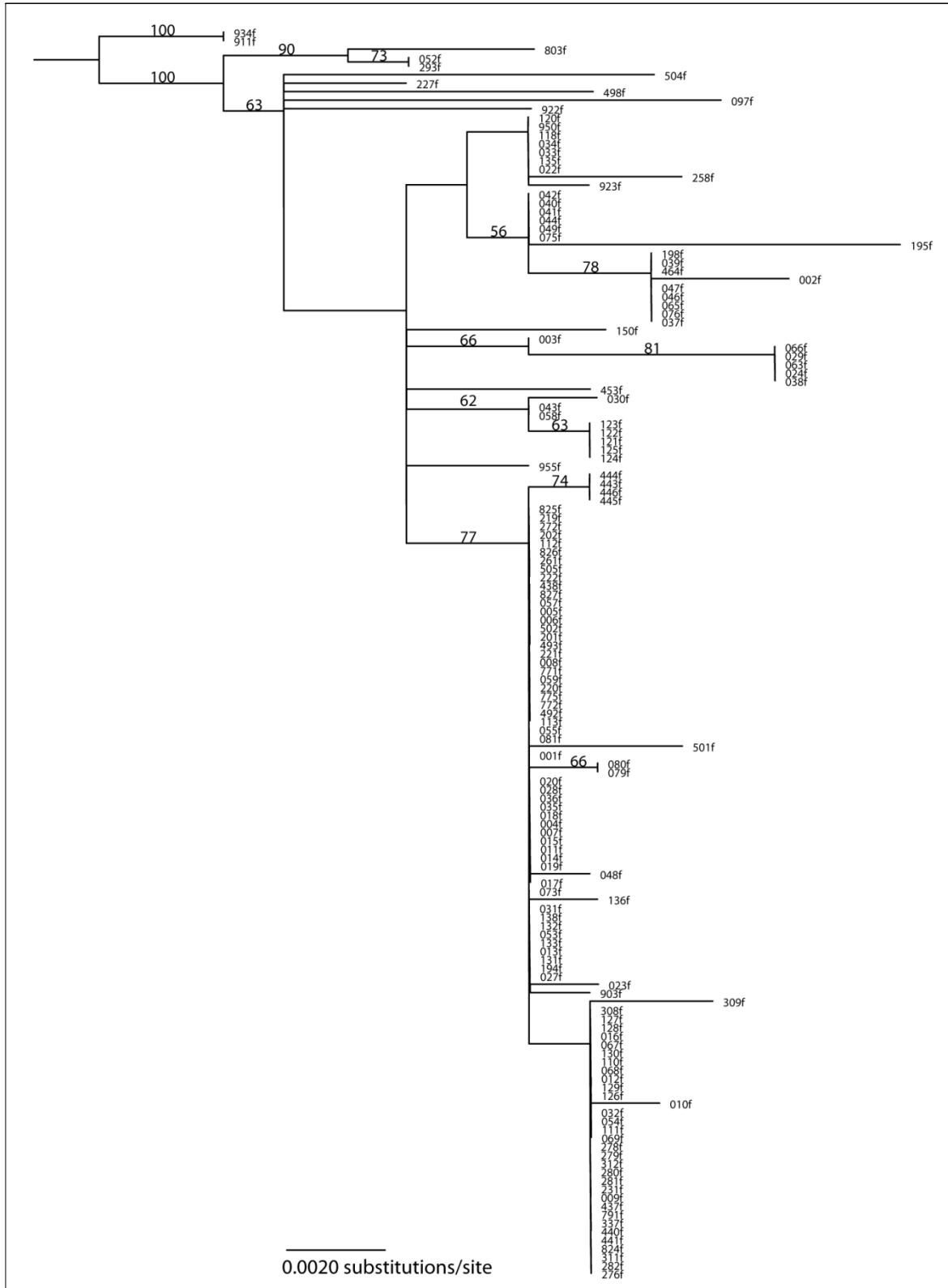
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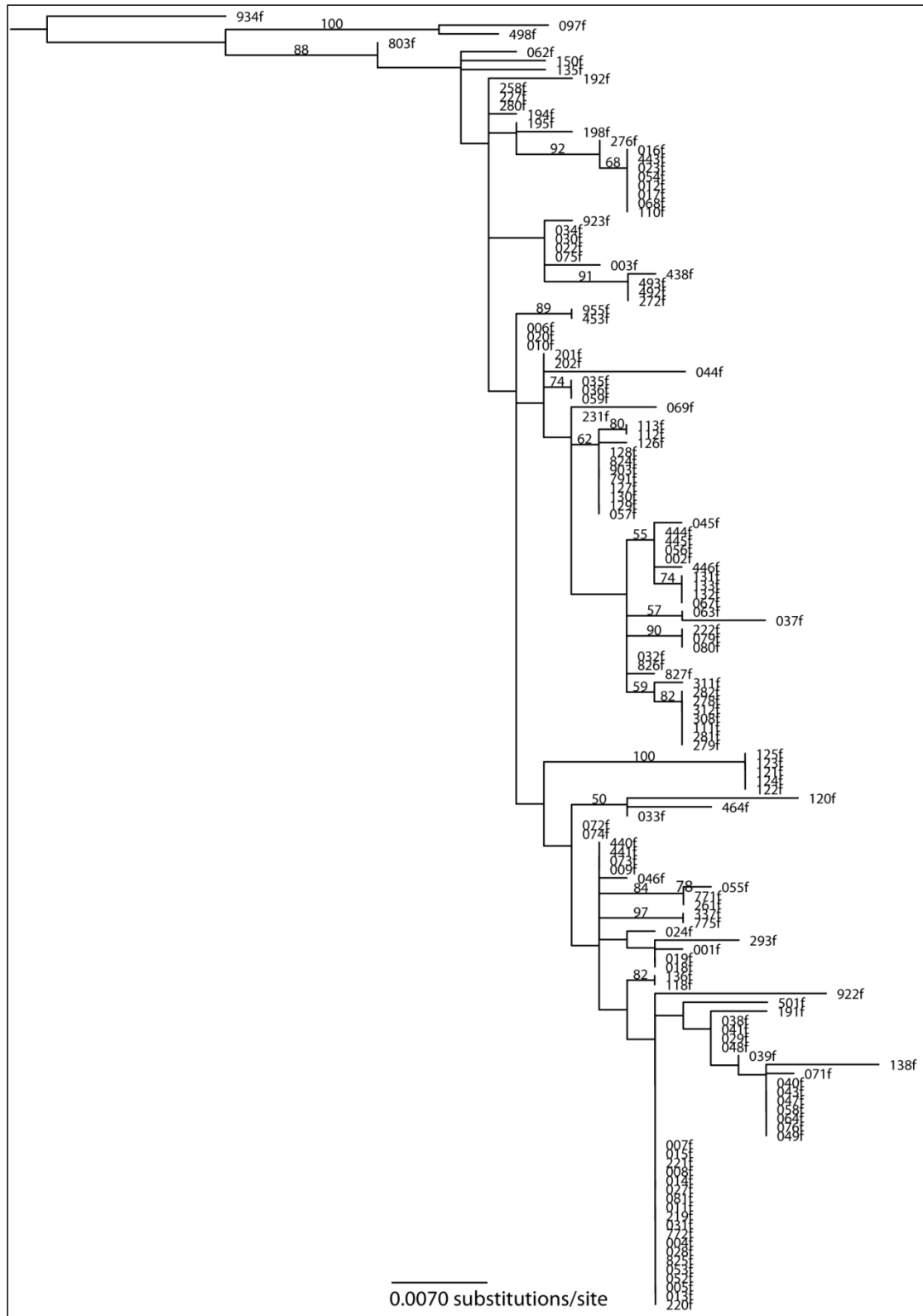
Supplementary data 3.3 (three subsequent pages). Concatenated ribosomal (LSU, ITS, IGS, group I intron), β -tubulin, and *MCM7* gene trees.



Supplementary data 3.3a. ML topology estimated from concatenated ribosomal markers (LSU, ITS, IGS, and group I intron), with bootstrap values > 50 indicated at nodes.



Supplementary data 3.3b. ML topology estimated from β -tubulin fragment, with bootstrap values > 50 indicated at nodes.



Supplementary data 3.3c. ML topology estimated from *MCM7* fragment, with bootstrap values > 50 shown at nodes.