



New species of Graphidaceae from Loei Province, Thailand

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Abstract

Twelve new species of the lichen family Graphidaceae are described from NE Thailand, namely *Fissurina niveoalba*, with warty paraphyses tips, muriform ascospores and the lack of secondary lichen substances; *F. phuluangii*, with 2–8 muriform ascospores and the production of stictic and hypostictic acids; *Graphis subdussii*, distinguished by unbranched, straight ascomata with entire labia, a completely carbonized exciple and transversely septate, up to 170 µm long ascospores; *G. subinsulana*, with conspicuous, prominent ascomata, a laterally carbonized exciple, single, muriform ascospores and norstictic acid; *Leiorreuma hypomelaenoides*, which differs from *L. hypomelaenum* by the absence of hypostictic acid; *Phaeographis caesiodiscoides*, distinguished by radiately branched immersed to erumpent ascomata with uncarbonized exciple and muriform, brown ascospores; *P. loeiensis* with numerous irregularly branched, clustered ascomata, with an uncarbonized exciple and 8–11-septate brown, transversely septate ascospores; *P. neotricosoides* which differs from *P. neotricosa* by the lack of neotricone, instead producing stictic acid; *P. phurueaensis*, distinguished by a clear hymenium, 5–7-septate, dark-brown ascospores and especially by producing stictic and norstictic acids, both as major metabolites; *P. schizolomoides*, distinguished by conspicuous prominent ascomata with a white-pruinose disc surrounded by a whitish thalline margin, and brown, submuriform ascospores; *P. siamensis*, which is separated from *P. brasiliensis* by the production of stictic acid and small, 3-septate ascospores; and *Platygramme subarechavaletae*, which is distinguished by inconspicuous ascomata with a concealed disc, an apically to laterally carbonized exciple and submuriform ascospores.

Keywords: Loei, Phu Luang Wildlife Sanctuary

Introduction

Although there is only a limited number of regional monographs dealing with Graphidaceae in Thailand, most of them unpublished (Homchantara 2002; Homchantara & Coppins 2002; Sutjaritturakan 2002; Mongkolsuk & Poengsungnoen 2010; Papong *et al.* 2010; Rivas Plata *et al.* 2012a, 2012b), up till now, ca. 310 species from this family are known to occur in this country (Aptroot & Sparrius 2013). Although this number seems high, many more species are to be expected, either new additions to the lichen biota of Thailand or even new for science, considering the great diversity of the country. The North-South-extension is almost 1800 km and the altitude reaches from 2565 m (Doi Inthanon) with tropical montane rainforests, rainforests, deciduous forests, mixed forests with evergreen and deciduous trees, coniferous forests, down to mangrove forests along the coastlines (Pfeffer 2013). From Thailand, 264 mammals are reported (Ivanovic 2011). The richness and diversity of Thailand's flora is demonstrated by the presence of about 10,000 vascular plant species, belonging to 275 families of spermatophytes and 36 families of pteridophytes (Anonymous 2013). Lepage (2013) published a checklist of birds from Thailand. No less than 1013 species are mentioned, almost twice the number known from Europe (Peterson *et al.* 2002).

***Platygramme subarechavaletae* Poengs. & Kalb, sp. nov.** (Fig. 3F)

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Similar to *Platygramme arechavaletae*, but differs by slightly longer ascospores with more transverse septa.

Type:—THAILAND. Loei: Phu Luang Wildlife Sanctuary, Khok Nok Kraba Ranger Station, in a lower montane scrub, on a unidentified tree; 1468 m, 17° 16' 49.0" N, 101° 31' 06.1" E; 27 June 2008, *V. Poengsungnoen* VP00324 (holotype RAMK 011376!).

Thallus corticolous, grey, yellowish green; surface smooth or sometimes subtuberculate and dull; cortex densely organized, 15–30 µm thick; algal layer continuous with a few crystals, 25–35 µm thick; medulla penetrating into the periderm. Ascomata lirelliform, sparse, inconspicuous, dispersed, irregularly branched, straight or curved, prominent to sessile, 2.0–5.0 mm long and 0.2–0.3 mm wide; lips black; disc concealed. Exciple apically to laterally carbonized and sometimes also with a thin carbonization at the base, with a few crystals; labia entire, convergent. Hymenium inspersed, 120–160 µm high, I–; hypothecium hyaline, 10–15 µm high; epihymenium indistinct; paraphyses simple. Asci clavate, 85–135 × 15–30 µm with 4–8 ascospores. Ascospores pale brown, submuriform, with 5–7 transverse septa and 2–3 longitudinal septa, 25–45 × 10–15 µm, I+ reddish violet.

Secondary chemistry:—No lichen compounds detected by TLC.

Etymology:—The specific epithet refers to the similarity with *Platygramme arechavaletae*.

Distribution and ecology:—Rare on bark in lower montane scrub.

Remarks:—The species is similar to *Platygramme arechavaletae* (Müll. Arg.) A. W. Archer (2005: 76), but differs by slightly longer ascospores (24–31(–39) µm long in *P. arechavaletae*) with more transverse septa (3–5 in *P. arechavaletae*) and a sometimes completely carbonized exciple.

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