

Additions to the biota of lichenized fungi of Poland

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New records of five lichenized fungi from Poland are provided. *Hypotrachyna afrorevoluta*, *Lecanora quercicola*, *Rhizocarpon superficiale* and *Strigula ziziphi* are new to Poland. Of these, *Strigula ziziphi* is reported also as new to Central Europe and *Hypotrachyna afrorevoluta* as new to the Carpathians. Additionally, *Thelenella muscorum* var. *octospora* is recorded from its second locality in Poland as new to the Polish Carpathians. Hypostictic acid chemosyndrome has been noticed for the first time in European (Poland) and South American (Bolivia) populations of *Rhizocarpon superficiale*.

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INTRODUCTION

Currently known lichen biota of Poland include about 1600 lichens (Fałtynowicz 2003) and 222 lichenicolous fungi and myxomycetes (Czyżewska, Kukwa 2009), and can be considered as rather rich and well investigated. However, the country is also still non-uniformly investigated, and several additional species, including taxa new to science, can be found, what has been recently demonstrated by several authors (Cykowska, Flakus 2005; Kukwa, Diederich 2005; Czarnota 2007; Flakus 2007; Kukwa, Kubiak 2007; Czarnota, Kukwa 2008; Kossowska 2008; Motiejūnaitė, Czyżewska 2008; Motiejūnaitė, Kukwa 2008; Kukwa, Jabłońska 2009; Zhurbenko et al. 2009). In the paper we present further four records of lichenized fungi new to Poland, of which *Strigula ziziphi* is new to Central Europe, and *Hypotrachyna afrorevoluta* and *Thelenella muscorum* var. *octospora* are respectively new to the Carpathians and the Polish Carpathians. Additionally hypostictic acid is reported for the first time from European and South American specimens of *Rhizocarpon superficiale*.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The present study is based on the specimens deposited in following lichen herbaria: B, KRAM, LG, LPB, UGDA. The anatomy and morphology of the material were studied by traditional tools used in lichenology. Secondary metabolites were identified by thin layer chromatography (TLC) in solvents A, B and/or C according to the methods of Orange et al. (2001). Localities of all Polish examined specimens are mapped according to the modified ATPOL grid square system (Cieśliński, Faltynowicz 1993; Kukwa et al. 2002).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Hypotrachyna afrorevoluta (Krog & Swinscow) Krog & Swinscow, Lichenologist 19: 420 (1987).

Syn. *Parmelia afrorevoluta* Krog & Swinscow, Norweg. J. Bot. 26: 22 (1979); *Parmelinopsis afrorevoluta* (Krog & Swinscow) Elix & Hale, Mycotaxon 29: 242 (1987).

Morphology and chemistry. The species has foliose, grey or grey-green, rather compact *thallus*, up to ca 4 in diam., *lobes* are rounded, separate, but more or less overlapping towards the center, with smooth surface, and sparsely ciliate margin. *Soredia* are produced in laminal or submarginal *soralia* formed from pustules. Lower surface is usually shiny and brown, dark brown to almost black up to the margin. The species produces atranorin in the cortex and gyrophoric (major) and lecanoric (minor) acids together with related accessory substances (in trace amounts) in medulla (Swinscow, Krog 1988; Ertz et al. 2008). The cortex is K+ yellow, whereas the medulla reacts C+ pink-red and KC+ red.

NOTES. *H. afrorevoluta* is very similar to *H. revoluta* (Flörke) Hale, and all Polish herbarium specimens were found under the latter name. Both taxa are sorediate and produce the same lichen substances, but they differ mainly in the formation of *soralia*. In *H. afrorevoluta* they are formed from laminal or submarginal pustules, which break and start to produce granular soredia, whereas in *H. revoluta* *soralia* develop apically on the upper surface of relatively large and elongated lobes, and soredia are more farinose than in *H. afrorevoluta*. According to Ertz et al. (2008) they can be also distinguished by the colour of lower surface of young lobes; it is brown to dark brown or blackish and shiny in *H. afrorevoluta*, whereas in *H. revoluta* it is usually pale brown and matt.

In so far studied Polish material the *soralia* were well developed in few specimens of both taxa, and thus the determination of them was not difficult. Some thalli were covered with dust or algae, deformed, degenerated and probably collected from polluted or disturbed ecosystems, and then *soralia* were often badly developed (i.e. some produced at the apices, but some formed also laminally, or very few young *soralia* were present). In such cases, we used the colour of lower cortex for the determination of species, and in these samples it was rather pale brown at the margin of lobes, and thus suggesting *H. revoluta*; however it was not matt, but shiny. We attributed

those specimens to *H. revoluta*, but with a hesitation. Their true identity may become more clear when the morphology of all Polish collections is studied. It was already noted by Ertz et al. (2008), that specimens can not be always determined.

Habitat. The species is mainly corticolous on bark of many tree species (Swinscow, Krog 1988; Ertz et al. 2008), but in Poland one specimen was also found on rock. Two specimens from northern Poland were found in humid forests, but habitat details were missing on remaining labels.

General distribution. *H. afrorevoluta* is widely distributed in the world. Originally it was described from Africa (Krog, Swinscow 1979; Swinscow, Krog 1988), but later it was reported from Belgium, France, British Isles, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and Switzerland in Europe (Santesson 1993; Masson 2005; Hitch 2007; Spier et al. 2007; Dolnik et al. 2008; Ertz et al. 2008), China in Asia (Chen et al. 2003), North America (Knudsen, Lendemmer 2005; Lendemmer 2006) and South America (Adler, Elix 1992).

Distribution in Poland. *H. afrorevoluta* is reported here for the first time from Poland and the Carpathians. It can be rather widely distributed in the country as localities of this lichen are known from northern and southern part of Poland. Possibly it can be more common than *H. revoluta*, similar as in Belgium, northern France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands (Spier et al. 2007; Ertz et al. 2008).

SPECIMENS EXAMINATED. POLAND. **Ac 34** – Wybrzeże Słowińskie coast, Mierzeja Sarbska spit, forest section No. 14Dm, black alder forest, on *Alnus glutinosa*, 4 Oct. 1998, leg. *W. Fałynowicz* (UGDA-L 13353). **Bd 53** – Pojezierze Iławskie lakeland, E of Szadowo village, Liwa river valley, N bank of the river, 53°46'20"N, 19°03'28"E, hornbeam-lime forest, on *Alnus glutinosa*, 16 April 2006, leg. *M. Kukwa 4946* (UGDA-L 13528). **Fg 01** – Roztocze Środkowe, Kosobudy forest inspectorate, forest district Czerkies, ca 50°35'N, 23°01'E, the edge of the forest, on *Fagus sylvatica*, 30 June 1952, leg. *Z. Tobolewski* (UGDA-L 4480). **Gf 10** – Beskid Niski Mts., Diabli Kamień rock near Folsz village, on rock, ca 1954, leg. *T. Sulma* (UGDA-L 12155).

Lecanora quercicola Coppins & P. James, Lichenologist 11: 145 (1979).

Morphology and chemistry. *L. quercicola* belongs to *L. saligna*-group, and is characterized by *apothecia* with a pale yellowish, corticate, lecanorine margin, pale yellowish, to brown and \pm pruinose disc, yellow-brown to olive brownish *epihymenium* not reacting with N, ellipsoid *ascospores* (8.6–10 \times 4.3–4.8 μm), weakly curved, luniform, non-septate *macroconidia* measuring 8.5–9.5 \times (2.5–)2.7–3.0(–3.2) μm , and the production of isousnic acid as a major secondary metabolite (Coppins, James 1979; Boom, Brand 2008).

Polish specimen matches this characteristic well, except the small difference in the size of macroconidia, which are (8–)8.5–9 \times 2.5–3.0 μm .

NOTES. *L. quercicola* is very similar to *L. saligna* (Schrad.) Zahlbr. s.str. Both taxa have almost the same morphology, size of ascospores, and chemistry, but they predominantly differ in dimensions of macroconidia; they are 6.0–8.1 \times 2.0–2.4 μm in *L. saligna*, whereas 8.5–9.5 \times 2.7–3.0 μm in *L. quercicola* (Boom, Brand 2008).

When we revised the material of both taxa from UGDA, we found, that pycnidia containing macroconidia were usually difficult to find on most thalli. Pycnidia are very small and often pale brown, and they can be mistaken for very young apothecia or dust impregnation. Sometimes, pycnidia with microconidia were much more abundant than those with macroconidia. Therefore, several squash preparations are advised to be made for the identification of single specimen. Some specimens did

not possess conidiomata with macroconidia at all, and such material could not have been determined.

Habitat. *L. quercicola* grows on wood and bark of trees (*Quercus* spp. and *Olea europaea*) in open places in woodlands (Coppins, James 1979; Boom, Brand 2008). In Poland it was found on wood of fallen decorticated branch (probably *Salix acutifolia*) on grey sand dune. The place was well lit and sheltered from wind.

General distribution. The species is known only from Europe and so far it has been reported from France, Germany, Great Britain, Portugal and Spain (Coppins, James 1979; Boom, Brand 2008).

Distribution in Poland. *L. quercicola* is here reported as new to Poland. Until now it has been found only by the sea shore in one locality during the inventory of the lichen biota of 'Helskie Wydmy' nature reserve. The revision of material *L. saligna*-group deposited in UGDA (ca 30 vouchers) did not yield any additional specimen of *L. quercicola*.

SPECIMEN EXAMINATED. POLAND. **Ad 51** – Mierzeja Helska split, 'Helskie Wydmy' nature reserve, Jastarnia forest division, 54°39'18"N, 18°46'42"E, sand dunes, on wood of fallen tree branch, 12 May 2009, leg. M. Kukwa 7388 & I. S. Stepanchikova (UGDA).

Rhizocarpon superficiale (Schaer.) Vain., Acta. Soc. Fauna Fl. Fenn. 53 (1): 319 (1922).

Syn. *Lecidea superficiale* Schaer., Lich. Helvet. Spicil. [part 3]: 125 (1822).

Morphology and chemistry. *R. superficiale* is characterized by crustose, areolate, epruinose thallus, and usually well developed black prothallus. Areoles are bright yellow to whitish yellow, with smooth or often scabrose surface. Medulla is white and reacts I–, K+ yellow, PD+ orange. The species produces rhizocarpic, hypostictic, stictic, and/or norstictic acids (Geyer et al. 1984; Feuerer, Timdal 2004). Apothecia are black, epruinose, usually angular, plane to weakly convex, 0.5–1(2) mm in diam., with black, often persistent margin. Asci are 8-spored, and ascospores are 1-septate, dark green-brown when mature, 14–18 × 6–8 μm (Runemark 1956; Wirth 1995; Feuerer, Timdal 2004; Fletcher et al. 2009).

NOTES. *R. superficiale* can be easily distinguished from other yellow, morphologically similar species by 1-septate, small ascospores and the presence of norstictic, stictic or hypostictic acids as major secondary compounds (Wirth 1995; Feuerer, Timdal 2004; Fletcher et al. 2009).

This species is diverse in regards of chemical compounds. In European populations either stictic or norstictic acid have been recorded as a main substances, whereas in North American material hypostictic and stictic acids, with norstictic acid as a minor compound (Geyer et al. 1984; Wirth 1995; Feuerer, Timdal 2004). In specimens examined by us from Poland and Bolivia hypostictic and stictic acids were detected as a major compounds, together with related additional substance in small amount (possibly cryptostictic acid). It is the first record of this substance from European and South American populations of *R. superficiale*. The norstictic acid was not confirmed from Polish specimens neither by both TLC analysis and microchemical reactions under the microscope with KOH solution (characteristic red, needle-shaped crystals were not observed).

Habitat. The species occurs on siliceous, exposed rocks in high mountains or cool areas (Runemark 1956; Wirth 1995; Feuerer, Timdal 2004; Fletcher et al. 2009).

Three Polish specimens were collected from vertical, south exposed granite rock in the subnival belt.

General distribution. The species is a bipolar, widespread species, known from Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australasia, Europe, North America and South America (Runemark 1956; Feuerer, Timdal 2004; Olech 2004; Lisická 2005; Fletcher et al. 2009).

Distribution in Poland. *R. superficiale* is reported in this paper for the first time from Poland. So far it has been found only in two localities in Tatra Mts. at the altitude above 2300 m.

SPECIMENS EXAMINATED. POLAND. **Ge 60** – Western Carpathians, High Tatra Mts., Mięguszwiecki Szczyt Mt., 49°11'13"N, 20°03'34"E, 2438 m, subnival belt, on vertical granite rock, 9-17 Aug. 2003, leg. A. Flakus 1500, 2007 (KRAM); Pośredni Mięguszwiecki Szczyt Mt., 49°11'04"N, 20°03'50"E, alt. 2360 m, subnival belt, on vertical granite rock, 3 Aug. 2003, leg. A. Flakus 1213 (KRAM).

ADDITIONAL SPECIMENS EXAMINATED. BOLIVIA. Dept. La Paz, Prov. Murillo, upper part of valley under Mt. Chockaltaya, 16°20'41"S, 68°08'10"E, alt. 4980 m, on siliceous rock, 9 Dec. 2004, leg. A. Flakus 4461 (B, KRAM, LPB).

Strigula ziziphi (A. Massal.) Cl. Roux & Sérus., Biblioth. Lichenol. 90: 55 (2004).

Syn. *Sagedia ziziphi* A. Massal., Miscellanea lichenologica: 30 (1856); *Strigula mediterranea* Etayo, Lichenologist 25: 258 (1993).

Morphology. *S. ziziphi* has thin, in most parts endophloeodic thallus in shades of brown, *Trentepohlia* as photobiont, black perithecia (0.2–)0.3–0.4(–0.5) mm in diam., hamathecium consisting of mostly simple, only rarely branched and anastomosing paraphysoids and claviform asci with biseriate spores; spores are 1-septate, distinctly constricted at the septa and early breaking into two parts, specially at the ascus dehiscence, and measure (18–)19.5–27(28) µm. The species develops two types of conidia, macro- and microconidia, which are produced in macro- and micropycnidia, respectively. Macroconidia are 1-septate, guttulate, often with gelatinous (mucoid) appendages, and measure (8–)9–11(–11.5) × (2.5–)3–4(–4.5) µm; macropycnidia are 0.12–0.2(–0.3) mm in diam. Microconidia are fusiform or subfusiform, 2.5–5 × 1–2 µm; micropycnidia are 0.1–0.18 mm (Etayo 1993, sub *S. mediterranea*; Roux, Sérusiaux 2004). In Polish material only macropycnidia with macroconidia were found.

NOTES. So far this species has not been found with perithecia in Poland, and therefore it can be very easily overlooked in the country; difficulties may also appear in the identification of such material; however up to our knowledge, there is no other corticolous lichen species with 1-septate macroconidia as described above and *Trentepohlia* as photobiont.

S. affinis (A. Massal.) R. C. Harris is the only other corticolous member of the genus known from Poland (Fałtynowicz 2003). It can also develop sterile thalli with macropycnidia, but it differs in 3-septate macroconidia (Roux, Sérusiaux 2004).

In Poland *S. ziziphi* can be also confused with a common *Anisomeridium polypori* (Ellis & Everh.) M. E. Barr and rare *A. ranunculosporum* (Coppins & P. James) Coppins [syn. *Arthopyrenia ranunculospora* Coppins & P. James], *Arthopyrenia cerasi* (Schrad.) A. Massal. and *A. cinereopruinosa* (Schaer.) Körb. They all differ in pycnidial and conidial characters. *Anisomeridium polypori* has conical macropycnidia, smaller macroconidia (3.5–4.5 × 1.8–3 µm) extruded as a white cirrus from ostiolum; micropycnidia are ± immersed, globose and up to 0.1 mm in diam., with small, 2–3 × 1–1.3 µm microconidia (Coppins et al. 2009). In *A. ranunculosporum*

macropycnidia and micropycnidia are smaller (respectively up to 0.12 mm, and up to 0.06 mm in diam.), macroconidia have similar size to those of *Strigula ziziphi*, but are predominantly non-septate, and microconidia are bacilliform and narrower (0.5–0.8 µm in width) (Coppins et al. 2009). Both, *Arthopyrenia cerasi* and *A. cinereopruinosa* are not lichenized. *A. cerasi* has 3-septate macroconidia, which are longer (11–13 µm), but narrower (2–2.5 µm) than in *S. ziziphi*; micronidia are much longer and narrower (9–14 × 0.8 µm). In *A. cinereopruinosa* macroconidia are simple (8–11 × 1.8–2.2 µm) and microconidia mostly longer and wider (4.7–6 × 1 µm) (Coppins, Orange 2009).

Habitat. The species *S. ziziphi* grows on different types of trees, and at least in Iberian Peninsula it is photophilous and somewhat nitrophilous lichen growing in rather humid places (Etayo 1993; Roux, Sérusiaux 2004). In Poland it was found on bark of willow in open, but humid place by the river.

General distribution. The species has been so far reported from Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland, Ukraine (Crimean Peninsula), and outside Europe only in Canary Islands (Etayo 1993, sub *S. mediterranea*; Scheidegger et al. 2002, sub *S. mediterranea*; Roux, Sérusiaux 2004).

Distribution in Poland. *S. ziziphi* it is reported for the first time from Poland and Central Europe. Its finding in this regions appears rather unexpected, but the species can develop sterile thalli with macropycnidia only (as in Polish material), therefore it can be easily overlooked and its true distribution may have not yet been determined.

SPECIMEN EXAMINATED. POLAND. **Ac 51** – Wybrzeże Słowińskie coast, Smoldzino village, by Łupawa river, on *Salix* sp., 19 March 1995, leg. *W. Fałtynowicz*, det. *E. Sérusiaux* (UGDA-L 10053, dupl. LG).

Thelenella muscorum* var. *octospora (Nyl.) Coppins & Fryday, *Lichenologist* 36 (2): 91 (2004).

Syn. *Verrucaria muscicola* var. *octospora* Nyl. in Ohlert, *Schriften Königl. Phys.-Ökon. Ges. Königsberg* 11: 43 (1870); *Chromatochlamys muscorum* var. *octospora* (Nyl.) H. Mayrhofer & Poelt, *Herzogia* 7 (1-2): 37 (1985).

Morphology. *T. muscorum* var. *octospora* is a terricolous or epiphytic species, characterized by thin, whitish or pale brown crustose thallus, with chlorococcoid photobiont, and small, rounded or broadly pyriform, dark brown perithecia, usually immersed in substratum, 0.3–0.6 mm in diam. It has persistent, branched and anastomosed paraphysoids, functionally bitunicate, thick walled, *Thelenella*-like asci, with 6–8 ascospores; ascospores are thin-walled, muriform, elongate-ellipsoid and colourless, ca 40–60 × 12–20 µm (Mayrhofer, Poelt 1985; Fryday, Coppins 2004; Orange et al. 2009).

NOTES. *T. muscorum* var. *octospora* is very similar to *T. muscorum* var. *muscorum*, which differs by 2–4-spored asci and bigger ascospores (60–110 × 20–27 µm) (Mayrhofer, Poelt 1985). *T. muscorum* var. *octospora* can be also confused with *Strigula confusa* Fryday, Coppins & Comminis, superficially similar species that was recently described from British Isles, but the latter taxon differs in black, globose perithecia, other ascus type, *Trentepohlia* photobiont and smaller ascospores (Fryday, Coppins 2004).

Habitat. This lichen occurs mainly on bryophytes, plant debris, basic-barked trees and rarely on soil, basic rocks or lichen thalli (Mayrhofer, Poelt 1985; Fryday, Coppins 2004; Orange et al. 2009). In Poland it was discovered on plant debris in mylonitized area of the subnival belt in the Tatra Mts.

General distribution. *T. muscorum* var. *octospora* is known from British Isles, Denmark, Germany, Fennoscandia (Sweden and Norway), Greenland and North America (Mayrhofer, Poelt 1985; Alstrup 1993, 2004; Santesson et al. 2004; Esslinger 2009).

Distribution in Poland. The taxon was originally described in 1870 as *Verrucaria muscicola* var. *octospora* from northern Poland (Mayrhofer, Poelt 1985), however, it has not been included in the last checklist of lichen biota. Here we report its second Polish locality from Tatra Mts., which is also the first record for the Polish Carpathians.

SPECIMEN EXAMINATED. POLAND. Ge 60 – Szpiglasowa Przełęcz pass, 49°11'53"N, 20°02'34"E, 2105 m, subnival belt, on plant debris in mylonitized area, 24 Aug. 2004, leg. A. Flakus 3376 (KRAM).

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Przyczynek do poznania bioty grzybów zlichenizowanych Polski

Streszczenie

Artykuł prezentuje dane dotyczące występowania pięciu taksonów grzybów zlichenizowanych na obszarze Polski. *Hypotrachyna afrorevoluta*, *Lecanora quercicola*, *Rhizocarpon superficiale* i *Strigula ziziphi* są gatunkami nowymi dla Polski. Spośród nich *Strigula ziziphi* została stwierdzona jako gatunek nowy dla Europy Środkowej, natomiast *Hypotrachyna afrorevoluta* jest taksonem nowym dla Karpat. Podano także drugie stanowisko *Thelenella muscorum* var. *octospora* z terenu Polski, które jest zarazem pierwszym notowaniem tego porostu dla obszaru polskich Karpat. Stwierdzono po raz pierwszy obecność kwasu hypostiktowego w europejskich (Polska) i południowoamerykańskich (Boliwia) populacjach *Rhizocarpon superficiale*; substancja ta znana była dotychczas jedynie z północnoamerykańskich okazów tego gatunku.