

# Two new species of Gymnomitriaceae (Marchantiophyta) in the North Pacific

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#### ABSTRACT

Two new liverwort species, *Gymnomitrion kamchaticum* sp. nov. and *Marsupella aleutica* sp. nov., are described based on integrative taxonomical approach derived from morphology, phytogeography and sequence data. *Gymnomitrion kamchaticum* is morphologically most similar to *Gymnomitrion brevissimum*, *G. mucronulatum* and *G. pacificum*, but differs from them by leaf insertion, shape of leaves and leaf cells. *Marsupella aleutica* is morphologically somewhat similar to the Holarctic *M. emarginata* s.l., *M. funckii*, *M. sprucei*, *M. ustulata* and the East Asian *M. minutissima* and *M. pseudofunckii*, but differs in leaf shape and occasional presence of a tooth at antical leaf base.

Keywords: Hepaticae, taxonomy, new species, Aleutians, Kamchatka, ITS1-2 nrD-NA, trnL-F pDNA

#### РЕЗЮМЕ

Мамонтов Ю.С., Вильнет А.А., Константинова Н.А., Бакалин В.А. Два новых вида Gymnomitriaceae (Marchantiophyta) из Северной Пацифики. Два новых для науки вида, Gymnomitrion kamchaticum sp. поv. и Marsupella alentica sp. nov. выявлены и описаны на основе использования данных морфологии, молекулярной филогенетики и фитогеографии. Gymnomitrion kamchaticum внешне наиболее сходен с Gymnomitrion brevissimum, G. mucronulatum and G. pacificum, однако отличается от этих видов по признакам формы и прикрепления листьев, а также по характеру края листа и краевых клеток. Вид Marsupella aleutica отчасти сходен с голарктическими видами M. emarginata s.l., M. funckii, M. sprucei, M. ustulata и восточноазнатскими M. minutissima и M. pseudo funckii, однако отличается от них формой листьев, а также развитием зубца в основании дорсальной части основания листа.

Ключевые слова: печеночники, систематика, новые виды, Алеутские острова, Камчатка, ITS1-2 лдДНК, *trn*L-F хлДНК

The species of the leafy liverwort family Gymnomitriaceae (Marchantiophyta) particularly those of the largest genera of the family, Gymnomitrion Corda and Marsupella Dumort. are mainly restricted to areas difficult to access in upper belts of mountains as well as to polar regions (Váňa et al. 2010: 10). As a result the diversity and distribution of species in these genera are still insufficiently known (Váňa et al. 2010: fig. 4). The first phylogenetic reconstruction of Gymnomitriaceae by Vilnet et al. (2007) inferred from ITS1-2 nrDNA and trnL-F cpDNA indicates that Gymnomitrion and Marsupella in the traditional meaning are polyphyletic. This study involves analyses of 17 taxa from three of nine genera in this family and is concentrated on the phylogeny of the two largest genera mentioned above. Recently the affinity of genera within the family Gymnomitriaceae were established in molecularphylogenetic studies of the suborder Jungermanniineae by Vilnet et al. (2010) and Shaw et al. (2015). Recently, in the frame of revision of Gymnomitrion and Marsupella in Europe, Asia and North America efforts are under way to the special estimate of the family diversity under integrative taxonomy approaches. The morphological examination of specimens from the Yunnan Province, China, resulted in the description of a new species Gymnomitrion fissum Mamontov et Potemkin (Potemkin et al. 2017) and by exploring DNA data the resurrection of *Marsupella parvitexta* Steph. as a semi-cryptic segregate of *Gymnomitrion commutatum* (Limpr.) Schiffn. was provided (Mamontov et al. 2018).

The current study aims to describe new species of *Gymnomitrion* and *Marsupella* that were found in collections from Kamchatka and the Aleutians during a pilot study of Gymnomitriaceae phylogeny based on integrative taxonomical approach.

#### MATERIAL AND METHODS

The specimens were examined and photographed using a Leitz Wetzlar Orthoplan light microscope and an Olympus SZX16 stereomicroscope both equipped with digital cameras. The plant habit and some morphological details not visible enough on photo were drawn. The holotype of *Gymnomitrion mucronulatum* N.Kitag. (8 VIII 1952 D. Shimizu, No. 56660, NICH) was studied to provide its distinctions from the new *Gymnomitrion* species described here. To prepare the key for *Gymnomitrion* species the specimens of *G. pacificum* Grolle and *G. brevissimum* (Dumort.) Warnst. housed in KPABG, VBGI and MO were additionally investigated and its descriptions in Schuster (1974) and Damsholt (2002) were used. The key distinctions of *G. mucrophorum* R.M. Schust. are provided in the key according to its description in Schuster (1995). The key for *Marsupella* species is based on the studied type specimens of *M. aleutica*, the specimens of *M. emarginata* s.l., *M. funckii* (F. Weber & D. Mohr) Dumort. and *M. sprucei* (Limpr.) Bernet housed in KPABG, VBGI and MO, and the descriptions of these species in Schuster (1974) and Damsholt (2002). The key distinction of *M. minutissima* N. Kitag., *M. pseudofunckii* S. Hatt and the East Asian taxa of *M. emarginata* s.l. follow its descriptions in Kitagawa (1963).

# Taxa sampling

To test phylogenetic affinity of poorly known and presumably new taxa from the family Gymnomitriaceae the newly sequenced ITS1-2 nrDNA and trnL-F cpDNA loci from 10 specimens of Gymnomitrion species and a single specimen of Marsupella from geographically separate regions (China, Mexico, the Russian Far East and USA) were included to the dataset from Mamontov et al. (2018). This dataset was changed by reduction of multiply sampled species and inclusion of Cryptocoleopsis imbricata Amakawa and Poeltia campylata Grolle. In total, the alignment produced here includes nucleotide sequences of 33 taxa and 50 specimens, where DNA-data for 35 specimens were taken from our previous studies (Yatsentyuk et al. 2004, Vilnet et al. 2010, Mamontov et al. 2018) and trnL-F nucleotide sequences were downloaded from GenBank for four Gymnomitrion species. The ingroup genera Gymnomitrion and Marsupella are represented by 26 taxa (including new and morphologically indeterminate) which is ca 45 % of the worldwide known species of Gymnomitrion and Marsupella (Söderström et al. 2016). Eremonotus myriocarpus (Carrington) Pearson was chosen as outgroup taxon according to the phylogeny obtained in Vilnet et al. (2010). GenBank accession numbers and voucher details are listed in Appendix 1.

# DNA isolation, PCR amplification and DNA sequencing

DNA was extracted from dried liverwort tissue using the NucleoSpin Plant Kit (Macherey-Nagel, Germany). Amplification and sequencing were performed using primers given by White et al. (1990) for ITS1-2, Taberlet et al. (1991) for *trn*L-F. PCR was carried out in 20 µl volumes with the following amplification cycles: 3 min at 94°C, 30 cycles (30 s 94°C, 40 s 56°C, 60 s 72°C) and 2 min of final extension time at 72°C. Amplified fragments were visualized on 1 % agarose TAE gels by EthBr staining, purified using the GFX PCR DNA and Gel Band Purification Kit (Amersham Biosciences, USA), and then used as a template in sequencing reactions with the ABI Prism BigDye Terminator Cycle Sequencing Ready Reaction Kit (Applied Biosystems, USA) following the standard protocol provided for 3100 Avant Genetic Analyzer (Applied Biosystems, USA).

#### Phylogenetic analyses

Two nucleotide alignments, ITS1-2 and *trn*L-F, were obtained with the ClustalW option and then manually corrected in BioEdit 7.0.1 (Hall 1999). The topologies of the strictconsensus trees of non-parametric bootstrap analyses were congruent between ITS1-2 and *trn*L-F and consequently both datasets were combined. All positions of the final alignment were included in the phylogenetic analysis; parts of sequences that were lacking and unsequenced loci were coded as missing.

The combined alignment of ITS1-2+*trn*L-F was analyzed using three analytical procedures: the maximum parsimony method (MP) using the TNT 1.5 (Goloboff & Catalano 2016), the maximum likelihood method (ML) using PhyML v. 3.0 (Guindon et al. 2010) and Bayesian reconstruction with MrBayes v. 3.2.1 (Ronquist et al. 2012).

The MP analysis involved a New Technology Search with a search for the minimum-length tree by five reiterations and 1000 bootstrap resamplings; the default settings were used for other parameters, indels were taken into account by a modified complex coding algorithm in SeqState (Müller 2005).

The program ModelGenerator (Keane et al. 2004) determined that the GTR+I+ $\Gamma$  model was the best-fit evolutionary model of nucleotide substitutions for the produced alignment. In the ML analysis the GTR+I+ $\Gamma$  model was used and the rate of heterogeneity among sites was modelled using a gamma distribution with four rate categories. Bootstrap support (BS) for individual nodes was assessed using a resampling procedure with 500 replicates. According to the stopping frequency criterion (FC) for bootstrapping procedure (Pattengale et al. 2010) even 200 replicates were enough for our dataset to reach BS convergence with Pearson average  $\varrho 100 = 0.994324$  realized in RAxML v. 7.2.6 (Stamatakis 2006).

For the Bayesian analysis each partition of the combined alignment (ITS1-2, trnL-F) was separately assigned the GTR+I+Γ model, gamma distributions were approximated using four rate categories. Two independent runs of the Metropolis-coupled MCMC were used to sample parameter values in proportion to their posterior probability. Each run included three heated chains and one unheated, and two starting trees were chosen randomly. Chains were run for one million generations and trees were sampled every 10th generation. The software tool Tracer (Rambaut & Drummond 2007) revealed effective sample size (ESS) as 2925.7033 and auto-correlation time (ACT) as 615.2435 for our data. As determined by Tracer, the first 10000 trees in each run were discarded as burn-in. Thereafter 90000 trees were sampled from each run. The average standard deviation of split frequencies between two runs was 0.004825. Bayesian posterior probabilities were calculated from trees sampled after burn-in.

The infrageneric and infraspecific variability of each DNA locus was evaluated as value of p-distances between specimens and species (Table 1, 2), as calculated in Mega 5.1 (Tamura et al. 2011) using the pairwise deletion option for counting gaps.

#### RESULTS

#### **Phylogenetic reconstructions**

ITS1-2 sequences were newly obtained for 11 specimens and *trn*L-F for 10 specimens. The combined alignment of the two genomic regions contains 1377 character

Тахоп	Infraspecific						I	ıfrageneri	ic p-dista	Infrageneric p-distances, ITS1-2/trnL-F,	1-2/trnL-]	F, %				
	p-distances, ITS1-2/ trnL-F, %	G. comm.	G. ørystal.	G. fiss.	G. mucron.	G. indet.1	G. afric.	G. revol.	G. verr.	G. parv.	G. coral.	G. conc.	G. obtus.	G. comm. G. crystal. G. fiss. G. mucron. G. indet 1 G. afric. G. revol. G. verr. G. parr. G. cond. G. cond. G. obtus. G. indet.2 G. brev. G. pacif. G. kam.	G. pacif.	G. kam.
G. commutatum	0.2/0.3															
G. crystallocaulon	n/c/n/c	2.3/1.0														
G. fissum	n/c/0	3.5/1.2	3.1/0.6													
G. mucronulatum	0.3/0	4.8/2.0	3.8/1.9	5.1/1.7												
Gymnomitrion indet.1	0.1/0	3.4/3.7	2.6/3.2	3.3/3.0	3.9/2.6											
G. africanum	-/n/c	-/3.1	-/2.6	-/2.3	-/2.1	-/0.7										
G. revolutum	-/n/c	-/3.4	-/2.9	-/2.7	-/2.7	-/2.0	-/1.4									
G. verrucosum	-/n/c	-/3.5	-/2.9	-/2.7	-/2.2	-/2.7	-/1.9	-/2.7								
G. parvitextum	0.3/0	3.9/3.1	3.2/2.6	4.2/2.4	3.8/2.4	3.1/2.8	-/2.8	-/3.3	-/3.3							
G. corallioides	n/c/n/c	4.9/4.1	3.9/3.5	4.9/2.8	4.3/3.9	3.5/4.4	-/3.8	-/4.5	-/4.5	3.3/3.3						
G. concinnatum	0.6/0.5	4.9/3.4	4.6/2.8	5.5/2.6	4.9/3.6	4.0/4.2	-/3.9	-/4.6	-/4.4	3.9/3.3	3.1/3.2					
G. obtusum	n/c/n/c	4.9/3.6	4.4/3.0	4.4/2.8	4.6/3.9	3.3/4.3	-/4.0	-/4.7	-/4.5	3.4/3.5	2.4/3.5	1.6/1.0				
Gymnomitrion indet. 2	n/c/-	5.7/-	4.8/-	5.9/-	5.8/-	4.4/-	-/-	-/-	-/-	5.1/-	4.5/-	4.7/-	3.8/-			
G. brevissimum		4.9/5.1	4.5/4.7	4.7/4.4	5.0/5.1	4.0/5.3	-/5.1	-/5.8	-/5.4	4.1/4.7	3.0/4.7	3.8/3.9	2.9/4.0	4.5/-		
G. pacificum	n/c/0	4.5/4.3	4.2/3.8	4.3/3.6	4.7/4.1	3.8/4.5	-/4.2	-/4.9	-/4.8	3.9/3.7	2.9/3.4	3.8/2.8	3.0/3.1	4.0/- 2.4/1.9		
G. kamchaticum	0.2/0	4.1/5.0	3.9/4.5	3.9/3.9	4.6/4.5	3.1/5.0	-/4.9	-/5.8	-/5.4	3.6/4.1	2.6/3.7	3.7/3.5	2.7/3.9	4.1/- 2.4/2.8	0.9/0.8	

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Taxon	Infraspecific n-distances				Infragener	ic p-dista	nces, ITS1-	Infrageneric p-distances, ITS1-2/trnL-F, %	%	
	ITS1-2/ trnL-F, %		a M. alentici	ı M. emarginı	tta M. arctica	M. boecki	i M. apicula.	ta M. sphacele	ata M. bolandı	M. aquatica M. alentica M. emarginata M. arctica M. boeckii M. apiculata M. sphacelata M. bolanderi M. funckii M. distichii
M. aquatica	0.6/0									
M. aleutica	n/c/n/c	1.7/3.4								
M. emarginata	n/c/n/c	1.2/2.4	1.0/3.2							
M. arctica	n/c/n/c	1.8/3.8	1.9/3.7	1.1/2.2						
M. boeckii	0.2/0.2	2.5/5.3	2.8/5.2	2.8/4.0	3.0/3.2					
M. apiculata	0/0.2	2.8/6.0	2.8/5.0	2.8/3.5	3.2/3.9	2.7/3.7				
M. sphacelata	0.2/1.5	4.4/6.8	2.2/6.4	3.9/5.3	4.0/5.5	4.5/5.2	3.3/5.0			
M. bolanderi	0/0.2	4.0/7.2	2.4/6.9	3.9/5.8	4.1/5.9	4.3/6.0	2.7/5.5	1.5/1.6		
M. funckü	n/c/n/c	4.6/6.8	3.6/6.2	4.6/4.6	4.6/5.1	5.0/4.7	3.4/4.7	2.4/0.7	2.2./1.3	
M. distichii	n/c/n/c	5.4/7.4	4.7/7.0	5.1/6.1	5.1/5.9	5.8/4.9	4.1/5.6	3.5/3.1	2.6/3.5	3.5/3.1

**Table 1.** The value of infrageneric and infraspecific *b*-distances for the genus *Gymnomitrion*, n/c – non calculated value due to single specimen only, "- " – non calculated value due to

sites, among them 897 positions belong to ITS1-2 and 480 – to *trn*L-F. The number of constant positions in ITS1-2 is 605 (67.45 %) and in *trn*L-F is 313 (65.21 %), variable – 273 (30.43 %) and 155 (32.29 %), parsimoniously informative – 170 (18.95 %) and 98 (20.42 %), respectively. In the combined ITS1-2 + *trn*L-F alignment 918 (66.67 %) positions are constant, 428 (31.08 %) are variable and 268 (19.46 %) are parsimoniously informative.

The MP analysis yielded eight equally parsimonious trees with a length of 1471 steps, with CI = 0.636891 and RI = 0.800510 calculated in Mega 5.1. The ML calculation resulted in a single tree, the arithmetic mean of Log likelihood was -6735.201952. Arithmetic means of Log likelihoods in Bayesian analysis for each sampling run were -6598.56 and -6595.61. The tree topologies achieved by the three methods are quite similar and does not contradict the previously published tree (Mamontov et al. 2018). Thus, we provide the ML tree with an indication of bootstrap support values (BS) calculated in the MP and ML analyses and Bayesian posterior probabilities (PP) (Fig. 1).

Three main clades can be distinguished in the tree topologies. The species attributed to the genus *Gymnomitrion* composes the first clade with BS = 100 % in MP, BS = 74 % in ML and PP = 1.00 % in BA (or 100/74/1.00). The second clade unites species from the genus *Marsupella* (66/62/1.00) and *Poeltia campylata*, which sister relation to *Marsupella* is not supported. The third clade includes the sister related *Prasanthus suecicus* (Gottsche) Lindb. and *Cryptocoleopsis imbricata* (68/89/1.00). At the moment the species sampling (45 % of the worldwide known species) still is insufficient to discuss the phylogeny of Gymnomitriaceae, but the presented data supports the distinction of some poorly known, recently described taxa.

The Himalayan *Marsupella crystallocaulon* Grolle (1966), transferred to *Apomarsupella* R.M. Schust. by Váňa (1999) and then to *Gymnomitrion* by Shaw et al. (2015), is here found related to *Gymnomitrion commutatum* by molecular data (65/86/0.99). Thus, the treatment of this species as a member of *Gymnomitrion* is supported.

The specimen of the recently described *Gymnomitrion fissum* from China (Potemkin et al. 2017) is placed in a sister relation (90/98/0.99) to a Chinese specimen previously published as *G. commutatum* in Shaw et al. (2015) and separated from the clade with multiple samples of *G. commutatum* in Mamontov et al. (2018). This clade is related to *G. crystallocaulon* (Grolle) Váňa, Crand.-Stotl. & Stotler and *G. commutatum* (79/97/1.00). The *trn*L-F sequences of both *G. fissum* specimens does not provide variability, but is distinct from *G. crystallocaulon* by 0.6% and *G. commutatum* by 1.2 %, whereas in ITS1-2 by 3.1% and 3.5% respectively (Table 1). The nucleotide sequence data obtained here once again confirm the description of *G. fissum* as a distinct species.

Two newly sequenced specimens of *Gymnomitrion* from Kamchatka Peninsula (96/9/1.00) are found in a sister relation (99/98/1.00) to *G. pacificum* from Alaska and Bering Island (94/78/-). Both samples from Kamchatka reveal variability only in ITS1-2 (0.2%), whereas *trnL*-F are stable like that in both *G. pacificum* specimens. The sequence divergences of an unknown taxon and *G. pacificum* are 0.9 % in

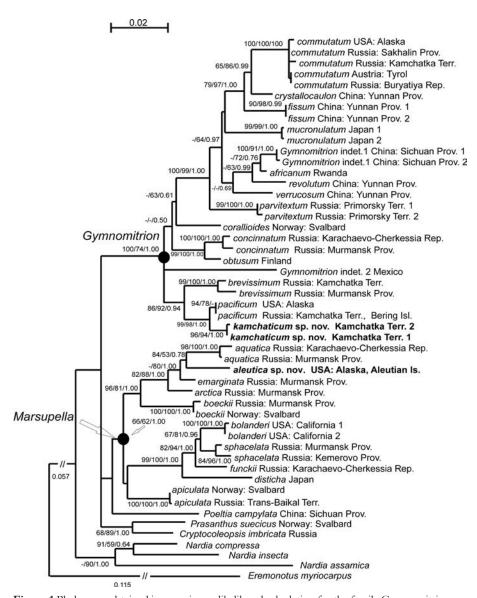
ITS1-2 and 0.8 % in *trn*L-F (Table 1). The level of ITS1-2 sequence divergence in the discussed species pair is lower than in *G. crystallocaulon–G. fissum–G. commutatum* with the same level of p-distances in *trn*L-F. Taking the morphological differences into account (see below) together with the level of genetic distances, the studied specimens from Kamchatka are distinguished here as a new species – *Gymnomitrion kamchaticum* sp. nov.

The specimens marked on Fig. 1 as "*Gymnomitrion* indet. 1" and "*Gymnomitrion* indet. 2" need special further study.

The specimen of *Marsupella* from the Aleutian Is, Alaska (UBC) was found in a sister relation (84/53/0.78) to the clade combined by two specimens of *M. aquatica* (Lindenb.) Schiffn. (98/100/1.00). The p-distance between the Aleutian specimen and *M. aquatica* is 1.7 % by ITS1-2 and 3.4 %by *trn*L-F. This specimen differs distinctly in appearance from *M. aquatica* and other species of the genus. The reliable molecular and morphological differences allow us to describe a new species – *Marsupella aleutica* sp. nov.

# *Gymnomitrion kamchaticum* Mamontov, Vilnet et Konstant. **sp. nov.** Fig. 2, 3, 6: A, C, E, F

Description. Plants yellowish, golden or reddish-brown, forming loose to rather dense mats. Shoots prostrate or ascending, slender, 240-360 µm wide, up to 6.5 mm long, often irregularly branched, with postical-intercalary branches, rarely simple. Rhizoids sparse, colourless, in loose fascicles. Stem rounded, 75-90 µm in diameter, cells in cross section rounded-triangular to rounded-polygonal, almost isodiametric, (8–)10–16(–18) µm, the cortical cells almost not different in size from medullar ones, more or less equally thickwalled, the internal cells also equally thick-walled or with large triangular to nodulose thickenings (Fig. 3: Q). Leaves almost transversely or often somewhat obliquely inserted, then succubous, antically secund, in dry plants strongly appressed, making the plants filiform or almost vermiform, in moist plants not tightly appressed, erect or erecto-patent or erect-imbricate, with leaf base divergent from the stem but lobe apices oriented towards the stem; (309-)340-370(-395) µm wide, (373-)405-440(-464) µm long, usually 1.05-1.31 times as long as wide, ovate or oblong-ovate, concave, widest in lower 1/3-1/4 of the leaf, occasionally with more or less ampliate leaf base (Fig. 2: I, O, 3: H), bilobed for (0.15-)0.18-0.25(-0.29) of the length; sinuses acute to rectangular, with concave or convex margins; lobes triangular or ovate-triangular, apiculate or acute, usually ending in two superposed cells, rarely in one cell (Fig. 3: A-I, M, P); the leaf margins normally neither decolorate, nor erose, never reflexed, almost entire in upper 2/3, in lower third sometimes armed with a partial border of radially elongated and slightly protruding, thin- to moderately thick-walled cells (Fig. 3: L, N) or with 1-celled rounded teeth (Fig. 3: K, R). Marginal leaf cells mostly rounded-rectangular or angulate, subquadrate to radially (rarely tangentially) elongated, (7-)8-12(-16) µm wide, (9-) 10-14(-20) µm long, equally thick-walled (Fig. 3: F, P) or with nodulose thickenings (Fig. 3: C-E, I, M); median cells in lobes (6-)10-14(-18) µm wide, (9-)12-18(-20) µm long, laminar leaf cells (9-)11-17(-19) µm wide, (12-)14-19(-25) µm long; cell walls with distinct, concave or convex trigones (Fig. 3: Q) or moderately to distinctly



**Paratypus.** RUSSIA. Kamchatka Territory, East Kamchatka, Ganalsky Range, Bakening volcano area, upper course of Pravaya Kamchatka River (53°56' 27"N, 158°01'31"E), 900 m a.s.l., in crevice in gravely barrens in alpine belt, 4 August 2015, leg. V.A. Bakalin, No. K-43-10-15 (KPABG, MHA, VBGI).

**Etymology.** The epithet *'kamchaticum'* comes from the Kamchatka Peninsula where the species was collected.

Distribution and ecology. kamchaticum Gymnomitrion known from just two collections but it is likely that the species is underrecorded. The habitats in both collecting localities are rocky substrates at the same latitude (the distance between the two localities is less than 500 m). Both collections are made from open places with scattered Pinus pumila (Pall.) Regel clumps and hepatics mats of Cryptocolea imbricata R.M. Schust., Gymnomitrion concinnatum (Lightf.) Corda, G. brevissimum, Pseudolophozia debiliformis (R.M. Schust. & Damsh.) Konstant. & Vilnet, Preissia quadrata (Scop.) Nees. nearby.

*Marsupella aleutica* Mamontov, Vilnet, Konstant. et Bakalin **sp. nov.** Fig. 4, 5, 6: B, D

**Description.** Plants small, shoots up to 5 mm long and  $500-600 \,\mu\text{m}$  wide, in gametangia area up to  $700 \,\mu\text{m}$ , pectinate, olive green to yellow brownish,

**Figure 1** Phylogram obtained in a maximum likelihood calculation for the family Gymnomitriaceae based on combined nucleotide sequences dataset of ITS1-2 nrDNA and *trn*L-F cpDNA. Bootstrap support values of maximum likelihood and maximum parsimony analyses more than 50% and Bayesian posterior probabilities more than 0.50 are indicated

(especially in marginal parts) evenly thickened (Fig. 3: F, K, L, O, P). Cuticle smooth or minutely verruculose. Underleaves absent. Dioecious. Androecia spicate, terminal (Fig. 6: C, E, F) becoming intercalary (Fig. 2: H, J, N). Androecial bracts in 4–10 or more pairs, imbricate, 480–640 µm wide, 480–580 µm long, as wide as long or somewhat wider than long, rounded-ovate to subrotundate, in lower third often armed at margins with elongated protruding cells and rounded teeth. Antheridia obovate to subglobose, one per bract, stalk biseriate. Gynoecial bracts similar to leaves but much larger and more concave, with apiculate lobes. Otherwise unknown.

Holotypus. RUSSIA. Kamchatka Territory, East Kamchatka, Ganalsky Range, Bakening volcano area, upper course of Pravaya Kamchatka River (53°56'45"N, 158°01'56"E), 900 m a.s.l., subalpine belt, on moist boulder in open place, 4 August 2015, leg. V.A. Bakalin, No. K-44-19-15 (VBGI, isotypes KPABG, MHA).

but the specimen is quite old and the color is probably modified. Stems erect, simple or with few lateral-intercalary branches and subfloral innovations. Stolons not seen. Stem 125 µm in diameter, cortex of one to two layers of relatively large, hyaline, thin- or thick-walled and slightly tangentially elongated cells  $15 \times 17-22(-25)$  µm, only slightly smaller and thin-walled innermost cells and cells of the medulla that are mixtures of single small to large cells varying from 10 to 15 µm in diameter. Rhizoids few. Leaves distichously arranged, sometimes almost suborbicular and ca. 450 µm wide, 450 µm long, but often wider than long (ca. 1.14-1.4 as wide as long) and then ca. 400-450 µm wide, 320-350 µm long, inserted transversely to somewhat obliquely, then succubous, patent or erecto-patent, somewhat conduplicate to canaliculate, with fold antically oriented and forming a "concave" habit of shoots, almost equal in size apart from gynoecia slightly larger below, slightly to strongly imbricate especially in the gynoecial area, subequally or often unequally

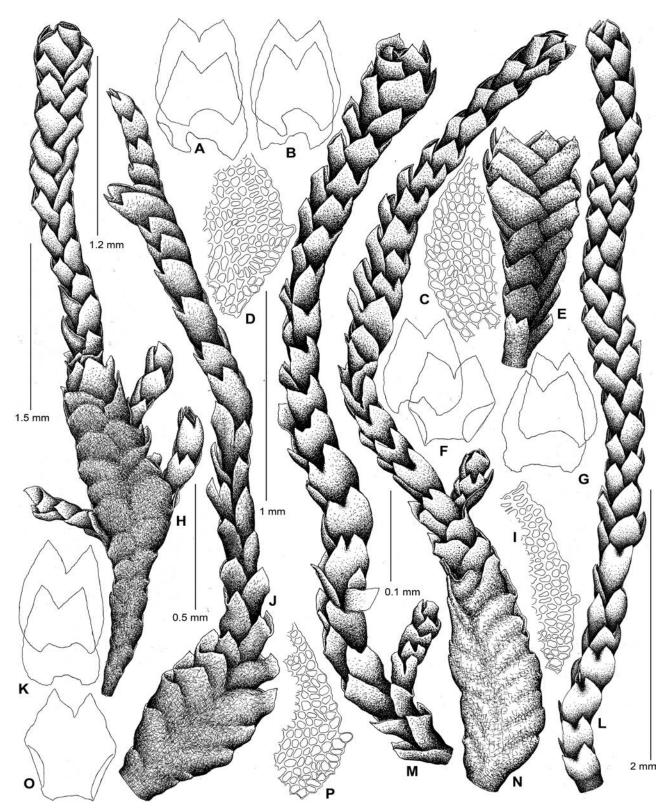
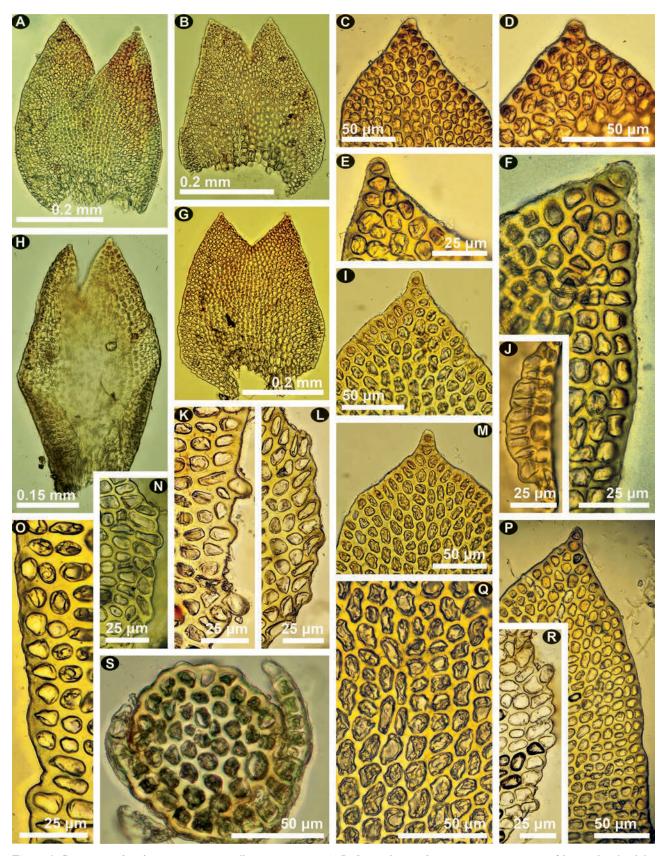


Figure 2 Gymnomitrion kamchaticum Mamontov, Vilnet et Konstant.: A, B, F, G, K, O – leaves; C, D, I, P – leaf margins in the basal third, with cell outlines indicated; E – female plant, dorsal view; H, J, N – male plants, dorsal view; L, M – sterile plants. Scales: 0.1 mm for C, D, I, P; 0.5 mm for A, B, F, G, K, O; 1 mm for E; 1.5 mm for H; 1.2 for J and M; 2 mm for L. All from isotype (MHA)

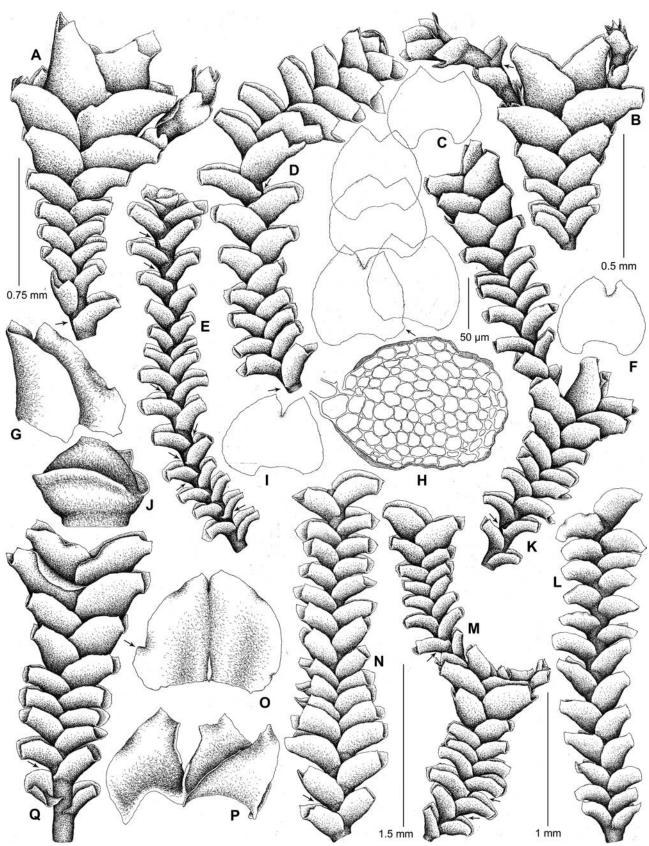
bilobed, then with larger ventral part, with rounded bases, sometimes with dorsal base (in one to several leaves per shoot) with a lobe-like tooth (Fig. 4: C, D, E, K, M, N, 5: D, J), with a more or less conspicuous border of rather equally thick-walled 1–2(–3) rows of marginal cells (Fig. 5: F–L). Sinuses descending for 0.2–0.25 of leaf length, variable

from acute to rounded V-shaped, U-shaped, in some leaves slightly narrowly reflexed at base, lobes broadly triangular, blunt but more often acute, often ending in one or even two celled apiculi, but cells of apiculi are wide, small, ca. 10–13  $\mu$ m wide, 8–10  $\mu$ m long. Leaf margins not reflexed. Marginal cells subquadrate, ca. (8–)10–13  $\mu$ m diagonally, of-



**Figure 3** *Gymnomitrion kamchaticum* Mamontov, Vilnet et Konstant.: A, B, G, H – leaves; C, D, E, F, I, M, P – parts of leaves showing lobe apices and cell outlines; J, K, L, N, R – leaf margins armed with elongated protuberant cells and 1-celled teeth; O – leaf margin showing marginal cell outlines; Q – median leaf cells; S – stem cross section. All from isotype (MHA)

ten rounded-rectangular, with longest side mostly oriented perpendicular to leaf margin. Midleaf cells with indistinct or rather distinct, concave to convex, sometimes confluent trigones, rounded-hexagonal in shape, small, in lobes 10–14  $\mu$ m in diameter, in the middle (10–)13–15(–17)  $\mu$ m wide, 15–17(–20)  $\mu$ m long, at base slightly larger and elongated,



**Figure 4** *Marsupella aleutica* Mamontov, Vilnet, Konstant. et Bakalin: A, B, K, M, Q – female plant, dorsal view; C, F, I – leaves; D, E, N – sterile plants, dorsal view; G, O – female bracts; H – stem cross section; J – juvenile perianth; L – sterile plant, ventral view; P – female bract with unfolded juvenile perianth. Arrows point basal teeth in sterile leaves and female bracts. Scales: 50 µm for H; 0.5 mm for C, F, I; 0.75 mm for G, J, O, P; 1 mm for L; 1.5 mm for K, M. All from isotype (KPABG)

ca. 14–17  $\mu$ m wide, 17–20(–25)  $\mu$ m long; cuticle smooth, oil bodies not seen. Dioecious. Only female plants were found in the studied specimen. Bracts (Fig. 4: G, O, P) from 550 ×

 $550 \,\mu\text{m}$  to  $580-680 \,\mu\text{m}$  wide and  $420-600 \,\mu\text{m}$  long, as long as wide or 1.28-1.38 as wide as long, about 0.15-0.2 bifid, with acute and slightly narrowly reflexed at base sinuses;

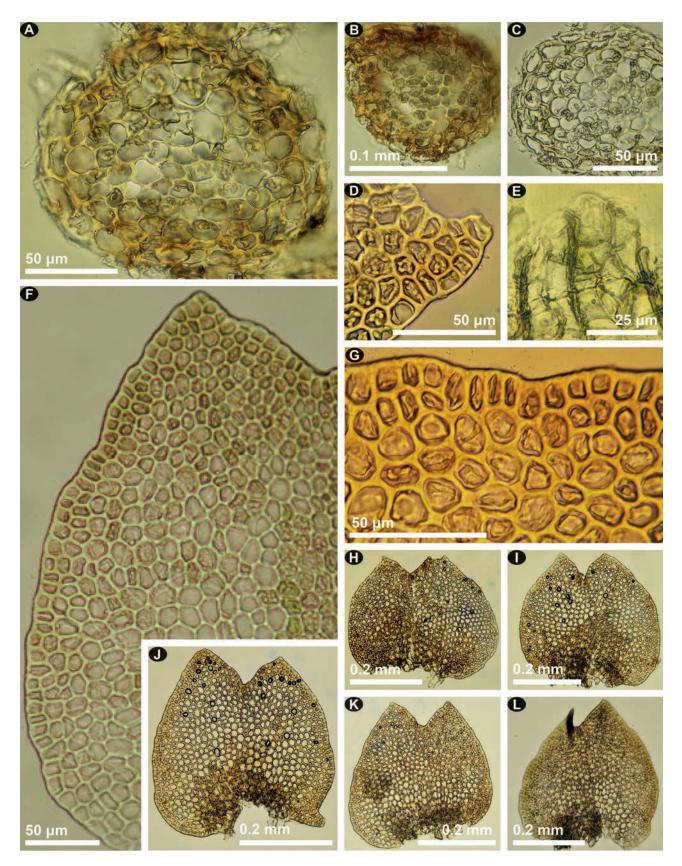


Figure 5 Marsupella aleutica Mamontov, Vilnet, Konstant. et Bakalin: A-C – stem cross sections; D – a lobe-like basal tooth; E – cells of the perianth mouth; F – part of leaf showing lobe apex and cell outlines; G – marginal leaf cells; H-L – leaves. All from isotype (KPABG)

lobes slightly unequal, broadly triangular, acute to subacute or obtuse. Perigynium low in unfertilized plants, juvenile perianth much shorter than bracts (Fig. 4: J, P). Otherwise unknown. Holotypus. USA. Alaska, Shumagin Islands, Simeonof Island (54°55'N 159°15'W), leg. W.B. Schofield, No. 103958 (UBC, sub *Marsupella alpina*; isotype KPABG, sub *Marsupella alpina*).



Figure 6 Gymnomitrion kamchaticum Mamontov, Vilnet et Konstant.: A, C, E, F – dry plant habit. A, E from isotype (MHA). C, F from paratype Bakalin K-43-10-15 (MHA). Marsupella aleutica Mamontov, Vilnet, Konstant. et Bakalin: B, D – dry plant habit. All from isotype (KPABG)

**Etymology.** The epithet '*aleutica*' comes from the Aleutian Islands chain (Simeonof Island) where the species was collected.

**Distribution and ecology.** Currently *Marsupella aleutica* is known only from the Simeonof Island. According to Schofield et al. (2004) it is "the highly "alpine" species" occurring infrequently "at the higher elevations, where the crowberry heath forms continuous slopes".

### DISCUSSION

#### Gymnomitrion kamchaticum

**Differentiation.** Due to erecto-patent (in moist condition) antically secund leaves and often wholly entire leaf margins, the dioecious specimens of *Gymnomitrion kamchaticum* were initially identified as *Marsupella brevissima* (Dumort.) Grolle. The latter species is monoecious, but Damsholt (2002) notes that "pure male and female plants perhaps also occurring". It should, however, be noted that sterile plants of the new species differ from *Marsupella brevissima* ( $\equiv Gymnomitrion brevissimum$ ) in more trapezoidal shape of leaves, mucronate leaf lobes and sometimes crenulate or toothed margins in lower third of leaves. Among other regional taxa, dry plants of *Gymnomitrion kamchaticum* are most similar to *G. pacificum* and *G. mucronulatum* by its filiform habit, and to *G. mucrophorum* by mucronate leaf lobe apices. Due to suggested occurrence of pure male and female plants in *G. brevissimum*, an artificial key is provided to distinguish the sterile plants of the discussed five species:

4. Leaves in moist shoots erect to nearly patent, not tightly appressed, contiguous or occasionally distant, somewhat obliquely inserted and antically secund; the lobes usually symmetric, often almost triangular and isosceles, divergent with acute to right angle; in upper 2/3 the leaves entire-margined, in lower 1/3 the leaf margins entire or sometimes crenulate with rounded protruding cells or 1-celled rounded

Characteristics of localities. The area where Gymnomitrion kamchaticum was collected occupies an intermediate position between the Central Kamchatka with its subcontinental climate and the easternmost fringes of the peninsula with its oceanic climate (cf. Bakalin & Klimova 2018). The site is situated in the way of Pacific wet air masses via Avacha River Valley to the Central Kamchatka depression and the only mountain that may intercept some moisture in wet air masses is the Bakening volcano, thus the area near locus classicus. Both localities are in the transitional zone between alpine and subalpine vegetation. Although the dominant bedrocks are relatively acidic andesite (although less acidic than granite) we may suspect the presence of base-rich volcanic ashes that permit such taxa as *Peltolepis quadrata* (Saut.) Müll. Frib. and Mesoptychia heterocolpos (Thed. ex Hartm.) L. Söderstr. & Váňa to grow in the crevices near loci classici. These base-rich ash solutions may influence for the habitats where the new taxon was collected.

#### Marsupella aleutica

Differentiation. Marsupella aleutica differs from all morphologically similar species by the frequent development of a basal tooth on the dorsal margin of sterile leaves. Such a marker is until now unknown in the Holarctic species of the genus (cf. Kitagawa 1963, Schuster 1974, Paton 1999). The species is similar to M. funckii in the leaf orientation, cell size and stem anatomy. It differs from it in color, being olive-green to yellow-brownish vs. deep green to blackish green in M. funckii, much shorter sinuses that are not deeper than 0.2-0.25 of leaf length whereas reaching 0.33-0.45 in M. funckii, even more smaller leaves and cells of margins, thick-walled cells in the middle of leaves, slightly reflexed sinus margin in some leaves, somewhat complicate leaves with uneven lobes, that is not characteristic for M. funckii. The species is similar to species of Marsupella sect. Ustulatae Müll. Frib. ex R.M. Schust. in the size, the shape and orientation of leaves, but differs from it in dioicy, different color of plants being green, yellow-green to light brownishgreen versus fuscous to scorched in M. sprucei and M. ustulata Spruce, absence of stolons that are usually numerous in sect. Ustulatae, not largely distally leaved shoots that are characteristic for M. sprucei and M. ustulata. According to obtained molecular results M. aleutica is closely related to M. emarginata (Ehrh.) Dumort. and M. aquatica, the members of the former complex M. emarginata s.l. (cf. Kitagawa 1963, Schuster 1974, Damsholt 2002), which probably includes also North American M. paroica R.M. Schust. and a number of East Asian taxa – M. emarginata sensu Kitagawa (1963). M. aleutica agrees with M. emarginata s.l. by distichously arranged, conduplicate to canaliculate leaves, but differs in much smaller size, much smaller leaf cells, not reflexed margins of leaves and evenly thick-walled marginal cells, also stem anatomy. From *M. paroica* it also differs by dioicy (vs. paroicy). Among the East Asian taxa, *M. pseudofunckii* and *M. minutissima* are most similar in appearance to the new taxon. *M. pseudofunckii* has asymmetric leaves with distinctly unequal leaf lobes (Kitagawa 1963), whereas *M. aleutica* has more or less symmetric leaves with nearly equal lobes. *M. minutissima* has much longer sinuses, up to 0.33 of leaf length (whereas reaching 0.2–0.25 in *M. aleutica*), and leaves longer than wide.

To attempt of generalization the differences between the mentioned above morphologically related species, an artificial key is provided below. This key does not contain all the Holarctic *Marsupella* and leaves some species complexes undivided due to priority of determining *M. aleutica* and existing of unresolved taxonomic difficulties in need of special studies.

2. Leaves asymmetric with distinctly unequal lobes
2. Leaves usually symmetric, with almost equal lobes
3. Leaves not reflexed along margins 
3. Leaves reflexed along margins, at least on some upper and subinvoluclar leaves
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Leaves longer than wide (ca. 1.14–1.25 as long as wide) ......
*M. minutissima* Leaves barely wider than long (ca. 1.03–1.13 as wide as long) ......
*M. funckii*

**Notes on distribution.** Of three specimens referred by Schofield et al. (2004) to *M. alpina* (Gottsche ex Husn.) Bernet we studied one collection and described it as *M. aleutica*.

The other two collections from Simeonof Island cited by Schofield et al. (2004) should probably also be referred to this species. Schofield et al. (2004) noted that the vegetation of the island was totally destroyed in the course of the last glaciation and was then populated again by wind-blown diaspores starting from 10000 BP or even later. The record of Marsupella aleutica may put this suggestion in doubt if this species is found nowhere else. However, taking both the commonness of habitat where Marsupella aleutica was collected and the absence of the distinct uniqueness of the island by its nature characteristics into account we may expect the occurrence of this new taxon far beyond the Simeonof Island, and, at least, likely may be observed in the nearest Aleutians or even the Alaska and Kamchatka peninsulas. In general the characteristics of the bryophyte flora of Simeonof Island possesses the dominance of both Arctic and Boreal elements with the latter comprising the overwhelming majority, as in most of the Aleutians.

# CONCLUSION

Among the studied taxa, Marsupella aleutica is most closely related by nucleotide sequences to the Holarctic species M. aquatica, M. arctica and M. emarginata. Gymnomitrion kamchaticum was found in a sister relation to G. pacificum, which is known from both sides of the Pacific Ocean - from Alaska, British Columbia and Mexico on the one hand, and from Japan and the Russian Far East (Sakhalin Province, the Kamchatka and Chukotka peninsulas) on the other. According to the phylogenetic relations and rarity of both Gymnomitrion kamchaticum and Marsupella aleutica, are possibly the result of recent speciation in the Northern Pacific under the impact of volcanism as was shown in other liverwort genera (cf. Bakalin & Vilnet 2014). Both species could currently be treated as endemics of Kamchatka Peninsula and Aleutian Islands respectively. Nonetheless, the data on ranges of both species may be extended due to continuation of Gymnomitrion and Marsupella revisions in the North Pacific, including Chukotka, Alaska and the Aleutians.

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**Appendix 1.** The list of taxa, specimens vouchers and GenBank accession numbers, accessions obtained in this study are in bold, accessions downloaded from GenBank are in italic, other – from our previous studies.

		GenBank acco	ession number
Taxon	Specimen voucher	ITS1-2 nrDN/	A trnL-F cpDNA
Cryptocoleopsis imbricata Amakawa	Russia, V. Bakalin (DUKE)	no data	KJ802098
Gymnomitrion africanum (Steph.) Horik.	Rwanda, T. Pocs, 8210 (F)	no data	KF943101
Gymnomitrion brevissimum (Dumort.)	Russia: Kamchatka Territory, V. Bakalin, HRE (KPABG)	EU791834	EU791712
Warnst.	Russia: Murmansk Prov., N. Konstantinova, 8171 (KPABG) Austria: Tyrol, H. Koeckinger, 41502, 15048, Herbarium	EU791833	EU791711
<i>Gymnomitrion commutatum</i> (Limpr.) Schiffn.	Koeckinger H. (KPABG), 2 Russia: Buryatiya Rep., N. Konstantinova, 83-2-02, 104502	MF521468 EU791828	MF521479 EU791707
	(KPABG) Russia: Kamchatka Territory, V. Bakalin, K-57-14-02-VB, 104231	MF521462	MF521474
	(KPABG), 2 Russia: Sakhalin Prov., V. Bakalin, K-58-30-05, 110149 (VGBI), 1	EU791827	EU791706
Gymnomitrion concinnatum (Lightf.) Corda	USA: Alaska, Aleutians, Schofield, 39299 (KPABG) Russia: Karachaevo-Cherkessia Rep., N. Konstantinova, K465a-05, 109696 (KPABG)	MF521465 EU791831	MF521477 EU791710
	Russia: Murmansk Prov., N. Konstantinova, 366-00, 8182 (KPABG)		AF519202
Gymnomitrion corallioides Nees	Norway: Svalbard, N. Konstantinova, K155-04, 110103 (KPABG) China: Yunnan, D. Long & J. Shevock, 37244 (MO, sub	EU791826 MH826403	EU791705 MH822628
<i>Gymnomitrion crystallocaulon</i> (Grolle) Vaña, CrandStotl. & Stotler	Apomarsupella revoluta)		
<i>Gymnomitrion fissum</i> Mamontov & Potemkin	China: Yunnan, D. Long, 34684 (DUKE, sub Marsupella commutata), 1	no data	KF943106 (as G. commutatum)
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	KPABG), 2		
<i>Gymnomitrion</i> indet. 2 <i>Gymnomitrion kamchaticum</i> <b>sp. nova</b>	Mexico, Yuarez, 245 (MO) Russia: Kamchatka Territory, V. Bakalin, K-43-10-15 (VGBI,	MH826405 MK084623	no data MK073908
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Gymnomition mucronulatum (N. Kitag.) N. Kitag.	Japan, V. Bakalin, J-86-5-15 (VBGI), 1	MK084619	MK073904
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<i>Gymnomitrion pacificum</i> Grolle	Russia: Kamchatka Territory, Bering I., V. Bakalin, K-26-4-02-VB,	EU791835	EU791713
	103350 (KPABG) USA: Alaska, B. Shaw F956/3 (DUKE)	no data	KF943050
<i>Gymnomitrion parvitextum</i> (Steph.) Mamontov, Konstant. & Potemkin	Russia: Primorsky Territory, Yu. Mamontov, YuSM 182-1-10	MF521471	MF521481
Mamontov, Konstant. & Potemkin	(KPABG), 1 Russia: Primorsky Territory, Yu. Mamontov, YuSM 170-1-10 (KPABG), 2	MF521472	MF521482
<i>Gymnomitrion revolutum</i> (Nees) H. Philib.	China: Yunnan Prov., B. Shaw, 5764 (DUKE)	no data	KF943024
<i>Gymnomitrion verrucosum</i> W.E. Nicholson	China: Yunnan Prov., D. Long & J. Shevock, 37182 (DUKE)	no data	KJ802102
<i>Eremonotus myriocarpus</i> (Carrington) Pearson	Russia: Karachaevo-Cherkesia Rep., Konstantinova, K 446-6-05 (KPABG)	EU791839	EU791716
Marsupella aleutica <b>sp. nova</b>	ÙSA: Alaska, Aleutian Is, Schofield, 103958 (UBC)	MH826408	MH822632
Marsupella apiculata Schiffn.	Norway: Svalbard, N. Konstantinova, K93-1-06 (KPABG)	EU791819	EU791699
	Russia: Trans-Baikal Territory, V. Bakalin, 5-13-00, 101464 (KPABG)	EU791818	EU791698
<i>Marsupella aquatica</i> (Lindenb.) Schiffn.	Russia: Karachaevo-Cherkessia Rep., N. Konstantinova, K517-4-05, 109808 (KPABG)	EU791814	EU791694
	Russia: Murmansk Prov., N. Konstantinova, 152-5-87, 6090 (KPABG)	EU791813	AF519201
Marsupella arctica (Berggr.) Bryhn. & Kaal.	Norway: Svalbard, N. Konstantinova, 128-04 (KPABG)	EU791815	EU791695
Marsupella boeckii (Austin) Lindb. ex	Norway: Svalbard, N. Konstantinova, K93-2a-06 (KPABG)	EU791817	EU791697
Kaal.	Russia: Murmansk Prov., N. Konstantinova, 367-2-00, 8184 (KPABG)	EU791816	EU791696
Marsupella bolanderi (Austin) Underw	. ÙSA: California, Monterey CO (KPABG), 1	MF521464	MF521476
Marsupella disticha Steph.	USA: California, Santa Yen Mts. St. Barbara, 38802 (KPABG), 2 Japan, Deguchi & Yamaguchi, Bryophytes of Asia #170 (2000)	MF521463 EU791824	MF521475 EU791703
Marsupella emarginata (Ehrh.)	(KPABG) Russia: Murmansk Prov., N. Konstantinova, 354-4-00, 8070	EU791812	EU791693
Dumort.	(KPABG)		
Marsupella funckii (F. Weber & D. Mohr.) Dumort.	Russia: Karachaevo-Cherkessia Rep., N. Konstantinova, K516-1-05, 109804 (KPABG)		EU791700
Marsupella sphacelata (Giesecke ex Lindenb.) Dumort.	Russia: Kemerovo Prov., N. Konstantinova, 65/1-00 (KPABG) Russia: Murmansk Prov., N. Konstantinova, 25-1-03, 11225 (KPABG), 1	EU791821 MF521473	AF519200 JF421598
Nardia assamica (Mitt.) Amak.	Russia: Sakhalin Prov., V. Bakalin, K 54-1a-05 (KPABG)	EU791838	EU791715
Nardia compressa (Hook.) Gray	Canada, Konstantinova, A97/1-95 (KPABG)	EU791837	AF519188
Nardia insecta Lindb. Poeltia campylata Grolle	Belgium, Konstantinova, 102077 (KPABG) China: Sichuan Prov., Bakalin, China-48-2-17, 37210 (VGBI)	EU791836 MH580596	EU791714 MH580593
	Norway: Svalbard, Konstantinova K 121-5-06 (KPABG)	EU791825	EU791704