

Epiphyllous Lejeuneaceae in Costa Rica Contributions to the altitudinal distribution of selected species

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Abstract: The altitudinal distribution of selected species of epiphyllous Lejeuneaceae shows 6 groups (table 1 and 2): I (only lower than 500 m) *Cololejeunea setiloba*; II (1-1600m) *Aphanolejeunea costaricensis*, *A. moralesiae*, *Cololejeunea cardiocarpa*, *C. guadelupensis*, *C. linopteroides*, *C. obliqua*, *C. papillifera*, *C. standleyi*, *Colura verdoornii*, *Cyclolejeunea chitonia*, *C. peruviana*, *Diplasiolejeunea brunnea*, *Microlejeunea epiphylla*, *Rectolejeunea berteriana*, *R. cf. emarginuliflora*, *Stictolejeunea squamata*; III (1-3000m) *Aphanolejeunea angustissima*, *Colura tortifolia*, *Diplasiolejeunea cavifolia*, *D. pellucida*, *Drepanolejeunea inchoata*, *Dr. lichenicola*, *Lejeunea laetevirens*, *Odontolejeunea lunulata*; IV (only 500-1600m) *Aphanolejeunea cingens*, *A. longifolia*, *A. pustulosa*, *Cyclolejeunea accedens*, *C. convexistipa*, *Diplasiolejeunea grolleana*, *D. unidentata*, *Harpalejeunea uncinata*, *Lejeunea filipes*, *Odontolejeunea decemdentata*; V (500-3000m) *Anoplolejeunea conferta*, *Aphanolejeunea crenata*, *A. ephemeroideis*, *Colura tenuicornis*, *Diplasiolejeunea alata*, *Drepanolejeunea infundibulata*, *Dr. mosenii*, *Lejeunea flava*, *Omphalanthus filiformis*; VI (only above 1600-3000m) *Aphanolejeunea camillii*, *Cololejeunea fefeana*, *Diplasiolejeunea costaricensis* sp.nov., *D. involuta*.

Introduction

In his *Hepaticae standleyana*, part II Herzog (1951) listed several epiphyllous Lejeuneaceae from Costa Rica, but rarely with altitudinal dates. This lack did not change in later publications (e.g. Morales 1991). The dissertation of A. (Bernecker-)Lücking (1995) on material from the Braulio Carrillo National Park gave an idea of the richness of species in the area, which is situated at about 500 m on the Caribbean slope of the Cordillera Central. Afterwards Gradstein & al. (1994) and Dauphin & al. (1998) added several species new to Costa Rica which included

some epiphyllous Lejeuneaceae too. In 1985 the author visited several places in various parts of Costa Rica and collected epiphyllous bryophytes; some were added in spring of this year (2001). The material mostly waited for determination until now (the author is greatly indebted to the mentioned dissertation of Bernecker-Lücking and the help of Dr. Tamas Pócs); the results may give a better impression of the altitudinal distribution of epiphyllous Lejeuneaceae in Costa Rica. The specimens are kept in the private Herbarium of Jens Eggers; duplicates of several species were sent to T. Pócs, J.-P.Frahm & G.Schwab.

Localities

The places mentioned in the tables 1 and 2 are not in arranged in a geographical order, but in altitudinal groups. Most of them are also listed in Morales (1991) together with their coordinates. The abbreviations used in the table for the provinces are the following: ALA = Alajuela, CAR = Cartago, GUA = Guanacaste, HER = Heredia, JOS = San José, LIM = Limon, PUN = Puntarenas. Collections by the author (Symbol: filled rhombus) are completed by those from literature (open circle). Records from Cocos Island are omitted.

Altitudinal zonation

The arrangement in the tables follows Gradstein & Frahm (in Frey 1987). Though the situation in NE-Peru is different from Costa Rica in many respects (e.g. higher mountains, closer to the equator) the model seems to be fit for giving an altitudinal order of the Costa Rican epiphyllous Lejeuneaceae too. The zones in Gradstein & Frahm are: 1. „Tropische Tieflandstufe“ (Tropical Lowland Zone, 0-500m), 2. „Untere tropisch-montane Stufe“ (Lower tropical montane Zone, 500-1900m), 3. „Obere tropisch-montane Stufe“ (Upper tropical montane Zone, 1900-3200) and 4. „Tropisch-alpine Stufe“ (Tropical alpine Zone, above 3200m). Zone 4 nearly doesn't occur in Costa Rica and there are no epiphyllous records. Gradstein & Frahm divide the Zone 2 into a submontane (500-1300m) and a montane (1300-1900m) part. This border is not obvious in the Costa Rican epiphyllous material. On the other hand Zone 3, which is also divided in Gradstein & Frahm between 1900-2800m and 2800-3200m, is distinctly poorer in Costa Rica already above 2000 (2200)m. The species richness of the lowland zone is lower than that of the montane zones, but not so poor as in epiphyte bryophytes or those of other substrata.

The Caribbean and Pacific slopes of the Costa Rican Cordilleras differ mainly in humidity; there are considerable differences e.g. in the avian species composition. An arrangement of the Lejeuneaceae following the collecting places on the both slopes gave no new insights for interpretation beside the well known phenomenon of increasing humidity on the dry

pacific side towards Panama. As far as humidity is constant and sufficient same species seem to occur on both slopes. The Pacific Lowland is therefore impoverished in epiphyllous hepatics.

Species remarks

From the gathered material most species were not taken into consideration which are collected only once, or those of genera not adequate determined (*Ceratolejeunea*, *Taxilejeunea* and other Lejeuneoideae).

Anoplolejeunea conferta (Meissn.) Evans is mentioned for La Palma without substratum by Herzog (1951).

Aphanolejeunea angustissima Steph. was mentioned as *A. gracilis* Jov.-Ast for Tapanti without altitude and substratum in Morales (1991) and reported as epiphyllous by (Bernecker-)Lücking for Braulio Carrillo NP.

Aphanolejeunea camillii (Lehm.) Schust. (syn. *A. misionensis* Reiner). Leg. J.Eggers 1.2.1985 Prov. Heredia, between Montana and the Vulcan Barva, epiphyllous at 2000m alt., det. T.Pócs (see also: Equihua & Pócs 1999).

Aphanolejeunea cingens Herz. Reported by (Bernecker-)Lücking (1995 and in Gradstein & al. 1994) for Braulio Carrillo NP.

Aphanolejeunea costaricensis Bernecker-Lücking. Described by (Bernecker-)Lücking from Braulio Carrillo NP (1995, 1998) and hitherto only known from there.

Aphanolejeunea crenata Evans is mentioned for Cerro de las Caricias without substratum by Herzog (1951), as epiphyllous for the Volcan Barva without altitude by Morales (1991) and one epiphyllous record for the Braulio Carrillo NP by (Bernecker-)Lücking (1995).

*Aphanolejeunea ephemeroide*s Schust. Reported by (Bernecker-)Lücking (1995 and in Gradstein & al. 1994) for Braulio Carrillo NP.

Aphanolejeunea longifolia Jov.-Ast. Two epiphyllous records in the Braulio Carrillo NP are reported by (Bernecker-)Lücking (1995 and in Dauphin & al. 1998).

Aphanolejeunea moralesiae Bernecker-Lücking. Described by Bernecker-Lücking from Braulio Carrillo NP (1995, 1998); she also reported the species from Rio Squirres in Prov. Limon, epiphyllous without altitude.

Aphanolejeunea pustulosa (Jov.-Ast) Bernecker

& Pócs. (see: New bryophyte taxon records ... IV, this volume).

Cololejeunea cardiocarpa (Mont.) Evans was mentioned for Turrialba, leg. C. Bayer, without altitude and substratum by Morales (1991).

Cololejeunea fejeana Tix. (see: New bryophyte taxon records ... IV, this volume).

Cololejeunea guadelupensis Tix. (see: New bryophyte taxon records ... IV, this volume).

Cololejeunea linopteroides Robins. Reported by Herzog (1951) as *Cololejeunea aloba* from Naranjos Agrios, epiphyllous, 600-700m, by Robinson (1964), by (Bernecker-)Lücking from Braulio Carrillo NP as *Cololejeunea gradsteinii* (1995) and by Bernecker-Lücking & Morales (1999) as mostly epiphyllous from various locations without altitude.

Cololejeunea obliqua (Nees & Mont.) Schiffn. was mentioned for many places without altitude and substratum by Herzog (1951) and Morales (1994), whereas the cited record of (the synonym) *C. scabriflora* Gott. by Reed & Robinson (1971) was made by James 1965 on Citrus leaves lower than 1500m in Monteverde. The species is only mentioned once in (Bernecker-)Lücking among her epiphyllous material from Braulio Carrillo (1995).

Cololejeunea papillifera Schust. The species was described for Costa Rica by Herzog (1951) sub *Cololejeunea minutiloba* as epiphyllous without locality. It was found also 30.1.1985 by the author near Puerto Viejo, epiphyllous at 100m alt., conf. T. Pócs, and the same day at 850m alt. above San Miguel de Saraquipi.

Cololejeunea setiloba Evans (see: New bryophyte taxon records ... IV, this volume).

Cololejeunea standleyi Herz. was recorded in the lowland forest of Carara by Döbbeler & Dauphin without mentioning the substratum, where the author found it again in 2001. Earlier reports by Morales (1991) were based on misidentifications (Dauphin & al. 1998).

Colura tenuicornis (Evans) Steph. was reported by Reed & Robinson (1971) from Monteverde on Citrus leaves at lower than 1500m alt. (Bernecker-)Lücking listed two epiphyllous records from Braulio Carrillo (1995).

Colura tortifolia (Mont.) Steph. leg. as epiphyllous by P.W. Richards at Rincon de Osa and reported by Jovet-Ast (1976), but without

altitude. (Bernecker-)Lücking published one epiphyllous record from Braulio Carrillo NP (1995).

Colura verdoornii Herz. & Jov.-Ast. Reported by (Bernecker-)Lücking as epiphyllous in the Braulio Carrillo NP (1995 and in Dauphin & al. 1998).

Cyclolejeunea accedens (Gott.) Evans. Reported as epiphyllous by Gradstein & al. (1994) from Monteverde at 1550m, and from Cerro de la Muerte road without altitude, by (Bernecker-)Lücking from Braulio Carrillo NP and without altitude from Tapanti (1995, 1998).

Cyclolejeunea chitonia (Tayl.) Evans. Reported by (Bernecker-)Lücking from Braulio Carrillo NP (1995, 1998 and in Gradstein & al. 1994) and from La Selva as epiphyllous and corticolous (1998).

Cyclolejeunea convexistipa (Lehm. & Lindenb.) Evans. Several records without altitude and substratum reported by Herzog (1951) and Morales (1991); by Bernecker-Lücking (1995, 1998) from Braulio Carrillo NP and from further places without altitude.

Cyclolejeunea peruviana (Lehm. & Lindenb.) Steph. Several records without altitude and substratum reported by Herzog (1951) and Morales (1991); by Bernecker-Lücking (1995, 1998) from Braulio Carrillo NP and from further places without altitude.

Diplasiolejeunea alata Jov.-Ast was reported by Morales (1994) from Tapanti and Cerro de la Muerte without altitude and substratum. The author's specimens from the Poas region from 1985 were confirmed by T. Pócs.

Diplasiolejeunea brunnea Steph. The specimens reported by Reyes (1982) and listed in Morales seem all to be epiphyllous, as Reyes does not mention different substrata. The meaning of one place "Rio Luis" is uncertain, so there is remaining Santo Domingo de Golfo Dulce, without altitude. (Bernecker-)Lücking reported several epiphyllous records from Braulio Carrillo NP (1995).

Diplasiolejeunea cavifolia Steph. is pantropical, and collected in several places of Costa Rica. Reed and Robinson reported it sub *D. brachyclada* Evans from Citrus leaves in Monteverde. So its lacking in (Bernecker) Lücking's material from Braulio Carrillo is very

Tab. 1

Alt. (m)	Location	Cololejeunea setiloba	Colura verdoornii	Aphanolejeunea morales.	Cololejeunea papillifera	Cololejeunea standleyi	Rectolejeunea cf. emargin.	Cololejeunea guadelup.	Rectolejeunea berteriana	Stictolejeunea squamata	Diplasiolejeunea brunnea	Microlejeunea epiphylla	Cololejeunea cardiocarpa	Aphanolejeunea costaric.	Cololejeunea obliqua	Cololejeunea linopteroides	Cyclolejeunea chitonia	Cyclolejeunea peruviana	Drepanolejeunea inchoata	Drepanolejeunea lichenicola	Lejeunea laetevirens	Diplasiolejeunea pellucida	Odontolejeunea lunulata	Aphanolejeunea angust.	Colura tortifolia	Diplasiolejeunea cavifolia	
01-05	Tortugero (LIM)		◆					◆			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
ca.5	Parímina (LIM)									○			◆												◆		
20	Dominical (PUN)																										
<100	Carara (PUN)					◆																					
<100	Esquinas near Golfito (PUN)							○																			
100	Puerto Viejo (HER)	◆							◆																		
100	La Selva (HER)																										
c.400	Guapiles (PUN)																										
500	Tenorio (GUA)																										
500	Braulio Carrillo (LIM)																										
c.550	El Arenal (GUA)																										
c.650	Naranjos Agrios (GUA)																										
700	Quizarra near S. Isidro (JOS)																										
850	above S. Miguel de Sar. (HER)																										
900	Rancho Naturalista (CAR)																										
1100	Guyabo (CAR)																										
1380	Vara Blanca (HER)																										
1400	Res. Vida Silv. Tapantí (CAR)																										
<1500	Monteverde (PUN)																										
1600	Monteverde (PUN)																										
1600	La Palma (JOS)																										
1950	near Poas (ALA)																										
2000	above Montaña de la B. (HER)																										
2000	Yerba Buena (HER)																										
c.2200	Cerro de las Caricias (HER)																										
2600	Res. 3 Junio (CAR)																										
3000	Cerro de la Muerte (JOS)																										

Tab.2

Alt. (m)	Location												
01-05	Tortuguero												
ca. 5	Parismina												
20	Dominical												
<100	Carara												
<100	Esquinas near Golfito												
100	Puerto Viejo												
100	La Selva												
ca. 400	Guapiles												
500	Tenorio												
500	Braulio Carrillo												
ca. 550	El Arenal												
ca. 650	Naranjos Agrios												
700	Quizarra near S. Isidro												
850	above S. Miguel de Sarapiquí												
900	Rancho Naturalista (Tuis V.)												
1100	Guyabo												
1380	Vara Blanca												
1400	Res. Vida Silv. Tapanti												
<1500	Monteverde												
1600	Monteverde												
1600	La Palma												
1950	near Poas												
2000	above Montaña de la Barva												
2000	Yerba Buena												
c. 2200	Cerro de las Catías												
2600	Res. 3 Junio (Cartago)												
3000	Cerro de la Muerte												
		Group IV: 500-1600m											
		Group V: 500-3000m											
		Group VI: 1600-3000m											
		Group VII: 1600-3000m											

astonishing (perhaps there is an identity with her *D. robertiana* which I have not seen).

Diplasiolejeunea costaricensis is a nomen herbariorum of a new species to describe (together with T. Pócs) in a separate paper.

Diplasiolejeunea grolleana Reyes. (See: New bryophyte taxon records ... IV, this volume).

Diplasiolejeunea involuta S. Winkler. The species was reported from San Salvador as epiphyllous at an altitude of 2350m by S. Winkler (1967); in Costa Rica it was reported by Morales & Gradstein (1995 and in Gradstein & al. 1994) at an altitude of 2600m in the Cerro de la Muerte, but epiphytic. The collections of the author in the Poas region at two places (1950m and 1970m alt.) were both epiphyllous.

Diplasiolejeunea pellucida (Meissn.) Schiffn. is reported – in the incomplete manner without substratum – from many places in Morales (1991), as epiphyllous by (Bernecker-)Lücking from Braulio Carrillo NP (1995).

Diplasiolejeunea unidentata (Lehm. & Lindenb.) Schiffn. The only previous record from Costa Rica was epiphytic on twigs at 700m altitude, reported from Grecia in Alajuela by Dauphin & al. (1998).

Drepanolejeunea inchoata (Meissn.) Evans also reported from many places without altitude and substratum in Herzog (1951), Bischler (1964) and again in Morales (1991). (Bernecker-)Lücking reported several epiphyllous records from Braulio Carrillo NP (1995).

Drepanolejeunea infundibulata (Spruce) Steph. (Bernecker-)Lücking reported several epiphyllous records from Braulio Carrillo NP (1995).

Drepanolejeunea lichenicola (Spruce) Steph. (Bernecker-)Lücking reported epiphyllous records from Braulio Carrillo NP (1995).

Drepanolejeunea mosenii (Steph.) Bischl. Reported by (Bernecker-)Lücking (1995 and in Gradstein & al. 1994) from Braulio Carrillo NP.

Harpalejeunea uncinata Steph. Reported by (Bernecker-)Lücking from Braulio Carrillo NP (1995 and in Dauphin & al. 1998).

Lejeunea filipes Spruce. Described by Reiner-Drehwald (2000), who regard *L. autoica* Schust. as probably synonymous, for Argentina as corticol. Found epiphyllous and reported sub *L. autoica* by (Bernecker-)Lücking (1995) from

Braulio Carrillo NP.

Lejeunea flava (Sw.) Nees. Reported by Herzog (1951) from Pejibaye without altitude and substratum, and by (Bernecker-)Lücking (1995) as epiphyllous from Braulio Carrillo NP.

Lejeunea laetevirens Nees & Mont. Described by Reiner-Drehwald (2000) as only occasionally epiphyllous from Argentina. Reported by (Bernecker-)Lücking (1995) as epiphyllous for Braulio Carrillo NP.

Microlejeunea epiphylla Bischl. Reported by (Bernecker-)Lücking (1995 and in Gradstein & al. 1994) from Braulio Carrillo NP and from the Osa Pensinsula at 300m growing on tree trunk.

Odontolejeunea decemdentata (Spruce) Steph. Teeuwen in his monograph (1989) pointed that the species is epiphyllous, sometimes on twigs, and reported it from several localities in Costa Rica without altitude, as did Morales (1991) without altitude and substratum. (Bernecker-)Lücking mentioned it as the most frequent epiphyllous member of the genus in the Braulio Carrillo NP (1995).

Odontolejeunea lunulata (Web.) Schiffn. This species is reported by Teeuwen (1989) as epiphyllous, occasionally on twigs or rarely on soil. The specimens listed by him lack substratum information, but mostly contain altitude; if epiphyllous there may be added several places to our table (1, group III) but without changing the result. Several records are listed in (Bernecker-)Lücking for Braulio Carrillo NP (1995).

Omphalanthus filiformis (Sw.) Nees, which is growing epiphytic and epiphyllous, was reported by (Bernecker-)Lücking (1995) from Braulio Carrillo NP.

Rectolejeunea berteriana (Gott.) Evans. Without substratum and altitude reported by Morales (1991) from Golfo Dulce; by (Bernecker-)Lücking (1995) epiphyllous for Braulio Carrillo NP and for Golfito.

Rectolejeunea cf. *emarginuliflora* (Gott.) Evans. Reported for Braulio Carrillo NP by (Bernecker-)Lücking (1995).

Stictolejeunea squamata (Willd. ex Web.) Schiffn. This species is more often epiphytic than epiphyllous and sometimes even saxicolous (Gradstein 1985); he further mentioned that he never found reproductive organs in the epiphyllous specimens, but (Bernecker-)Lücking

reported fertile epiphyllous plants from Braulio Carrillo NP. In the author's material the collection from Tenorio contains male plants.

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