



Rare leaf fossils of Monimiaceae and Atherospermataceae (Laurales) from Eocene Patagonian rainforests and their biogeographic significance

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ABSTRACT

Two Eocene fossil sites in Patagonia, Argentina, Laguna del Hunco (ca. 52.2 Ma) and Río Pichileufú (ca. 47.7 Ma), produce some of the most diverse fossil floras known, representing angiosperm-dominated, Gondwanan rainforests. We focus on rare, toothed fossil leaves representing the families Atherospermataceae and Monimiaceae (Laurales), which currently exhibit broad, often disjunct southern distributions and hold much interest for Gondwanan biogeography. For *Laurelia guinazui* Berry 1935 (Atherospermataceae), we report 24 new specimens and propose reassignment to *Atherospermophyllum* gen. nov. and *A. guinazui* (Berry) comb. nov. The species was thought to be a South American element of the Eocene floras, but we find that it shows greater similarity to the extant, closely related Australian genera *Daphnandra* and *Doryphora* than to *Laureliopsis* (South America) and *Laurelia* (South America and New Zealand). Monimiaceae are represented by a single fossil specimen from Laguna del Hunco, here assigned to *Monimiophyllum callidentatum* sp. nov. This fossil shows greatest similarity to *Wilkiea*, a derived genus extant in Australia, in apparent contrast with molecular analyses placing the divergence of the *Wilkiea* clade in Australasia at 16–38 Ma. Thus, the *Wilkiea* lineage may be older and have a broader biogeographic history across Gondwana. Our findings significantly improve the scarce fossil records for Atherospermataceae and Monimiaceae. The fossils were found at great modern distance from their apparent closest living relatives and, remarkably, with similar associated genera, increasing the links of Eocene Patagonian floras to Australasia and further weakening their surviving signal in extant South American forests.

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INTRODUCTION

Laurales are an order of magnoliid angiosperms that includes seven families: Atherospermataceae, Calycanthaceae, Gomortegaceae, Hernandiaceae, Lauraceae, Monimiaceae, and Siparunaceae (Renner, 1999; Soltis and Soltis, 2004; Angiosperm Phylogeny Group, 2009). These families are distributed globally and exhibit diverse floral and foliar morphology; the Lauraceae are by far the most diverse, with >2500 species vs. one to ca. 195 species in each of the other families (Renner, 2005). Most of the 91 genera of Laurales live in tropical to subtropical climates, and many have distinctly Gondwanan distributions. The Laurales have long been the focus of phylogenetic and biogeographic research (Renner, 1998, 1999; Renner et al., 2000, 2010; Doyle and Endress, 2000; Soltis and Soltis, 2004) because they comprise an early-diverging lineage of angiosperms, whose fossil record stretches back to the Early Cretaceous (e.g., Drinnan et al., 1990; Herendeen et al., 1994; Friis et al., 1994; Eklund and Kvaček, 1998). The genera in Laurales have also been the focus of many paleobiogeographic studies (e.g., Süss, 1960; Rüffle, 1965; Thorne, 1973; Raven and Axelrod, 1974; Knappe and Rüffle, 1975; Renner, 1998) because they were present in Gondwana before its late break-up during the early-middle Eocene, at which time Australia and South America separated fully from Antarctica (LaGabrielle et al., 2009; Lawver et al., 2011). Thus, the distributions of Laurales genera offer excellent test cases for classic vicariance vs. dispersal hypotheses within the basal (non-eudicot) angiosperms. The fossil record can improve our understanding of how Laurales were distributed in the past and constrain scenarios for how their current biogeography, which includes many disjunct genera, developed through time.

Two Eocene fossil localities, Laguna del Hunco (LH) and Río Pichileufú (RP) in Patagonia, Argentina, preserve exceptionally diverse Southern Hemisphere rainforest floras that contain several lineages of Laurales, including Lauraceae as well as the families studied here (Berry, 1925, 1935, 1938; Wilf et al., 2003, 2005, 2009). These floras are preserved in caldera-lake deposits and indicate a climate similar to that of modern montane subtropical and tropical rainforests (Aragón and Mazzoni, 1997; Wilf et al., 2009; Wilf, 2012). Ashes stratigraphically interbedded with the fossil floras have been ^{40}Ar - ^{39}Ar dated to 52.22 ± 0.22 Ma (LH) and 47.74 ± 0.05 Ma (RP), placing them in the globally warm early Eocene Climatic Optimum and

early middle Eocene, respectively (Wilf et al., 2003, 2005; Zachos et al., 2008; Wilf, 2012). The exceptional richness of the floras at these sites has been attributed to Eocene warmth, high regional rainfall, and biotic interchange with the remainder of South America to the north and with Antarctica, and thus Australia, to the south (Wilf et al., 2003, 2005, 2009; Wilf, 2012). They are dominated by angiosperms but also contain abundant and diverse conifers as well as ginkgophytes, cycads, and ferns (e.g., Wilf et al. 2005; see below). The floras are of great interest when considering southern biogeography because they contain (in many cases) the only South American records of several lineages whose extant relatives are concentrated many thousands of kilometers away, in tropical and subtropical Australasia. The greatly separated fossil and living ranges inspire questions regarding the location and the timing of origination for these plant lineages, and the subsequent development of their biogeography in the context of primary forcing factors such as plate movement and climate change.

Some elements of the Laguna del Hunco and Río Pichileufú floras were historically assigned to families and genera that are extant today in temperate South America (Berry, 1925, 1935, 1938). Among the conifers, *Libocedrus prechilensis* Berry 1938 was thought to be related to the Cordilleran Cypress, *Austrocedrus* (*Libocedrus*) *chilensis* (Cupressaceae), which lives in the cold-temperate to Mediterranean climates of southern Argentina and Chile. *Fitzroya tertiaria* sensu Berry 1938 was considered to represent an extinct relative of the Alerce, *Fitzroya cupressoides* (Cupressaceae), which inhabits Patagonian temperate rainforests. However, *Libocedrus prechilensis* was revised to *Papuacedrus prechilensis* (Wilf et al., 2009), and the *Fitzroya tertiaria* to *Dacrycarpus puertae* (Podocarpaceae; Florin, 1940a; Wilf, 2012). Living *Papuacedrus* and *Dacrycarpus* are restricted to New Guinea and the Moluccas, and to Australasia and south-east Asia, respectively. Several additional examples illustrate that many more elements of the Patagonian flora than Berry thought are best represented in, or even endemic to Australasia today: *Acmopyle* (Podocarpaceae; Florin, 1940b) and several other conifers (Wilf et al., in press), the fern *Todea* (Osmundaceae; Carvalho et al., 2013), and the angiosperms *Akania* (Acanthaceae; Romero and Hickey, 1976; Gandolfo et al., 1988), *Gymnostoma* (Casuarinaceae; Zamalloa et al., 2006), and *Eucalyptus* (Gandolfo et al., 2011; Hermsen et al., 2012).

Although the number of Australasian connections to the Eocene Patagonian floras continues to increase, a few fossil lineages from RP and LH, such as the angiosperms *Orites bivascularis* (Proteaceae, LH only; Romero et al., 1988; González et al., 2007) and *Laurelia guinazui* (Atherospermataceae, LH and RP; Berry, 1935), still suggest affinities to modern floras of southern South America. *Orites* and *Laurelia* live in South America and Australasia today, and both genera exhibit large range disjunctions. *Orites* has nine living species, eight of which are found in temperate Australia, and one of which is found in Argentina (Romero et al., 1988; González et al., 2007). There is a good fossil record of *Orites* on both continents. In Tasmania, seven fossil species of *Orites* are reported: three from the early Oligocene and four (three of which are identified as living species) from the Pleistocene (Jordan, 1995; Carpenter and Jordan, 1997; Jordan et al., 1998; Carpenter, 2012). In South America, the fruit *Orites bivascularis*, from LH, has been placed confidently in the living genus, though not in any subgroups currently endemic to Australia or South America (Romero et al., 1988; González et al., 2007). The genus *Laurelia* is disjunct between southern South America (*L. sempervirens*) and New Zealand (*L. novae-zelandiae*), and *Laureliopsis philippiana* (nested within *Laurelia*; Renner et al., 2000) is endemic to southern South America. Berry (1935) stated that the fossil species *Laurelia guinazui* more closely resembled the extant South American species than the New Zealand species, and living *L. philippiana* in particular has been noted to show a close resemblance to *L. guinazui* (Schodde, 1969; Renner et al., 2000). Thus, *Laurelia guinazui* is one of very few elements of Eocene Patagonian floras that have still been considered to show South American affinities.

Much of modern Patagonia east of the Andes, including the fossil sites, is dry, sparsely vegetated steppe, but the remarkable fossil floras from the region show that Eocene Patagonia had a wet climate with abundant rainfall that supported highly diverse forest ecosystems, with tall canopies dominated by angiosperms and conifers. These rainforests were thriving far south of the equator at paleolatitudes up to ~46°, prior to (LH) or during the initial phases of (RP) the middle Eocene accelerated opening of the Drake Passage and the Tasman Strait. At this time, global climate was warm, including far southern latitudes (Carpenter et al., 2012; Pross et al., 2012), and there were few climatic or geographic barriers to biotic interchange

between South America and Australia, via Antarctica (e.g., Lawver et al., 2011).

Biogeography of Extant Atherospermataceae and Monimiaceae

The genera of Atherospermataceae were once included within Monimiaceae, but differences warranting their familial status have been recognized from both morphological (Schodde, 1969, 1970) and molecular data, which now place the family distant from Monimiaceae within Laurales and sister to the Chilean monotypic genus *Gomortega* (Renner et al., 1997, 2000; Renner, 1998, 1999). Atherospermataceae and Monimiaceae are predominantly composed of small trees and shrubs that grow in temperate to tropical rainforest environments, typically in montane settings. Both families include genera that exhibit disjunct distributions across the Southern Hemisphere (Figure 1). Atherospermataceae include 16 species in six genera, following the taxonomy of Foreman and Whiffin (2007) but considering *Laureliopsis* as part of *Laurelia*. Five genera are found in Australasia (mostly in Australia, but also in New Caledonia, New Guinea, and New Zealand), and one inhabits Chile and Argentina (Figure 1.1; Foreman and Whiffin, 2007). Monimiaceae include ca. 195–200 species in ca. 28 genera, following the taxonomy of Philipson (1987; see also Renner, 1998, 1999; Whiffin and Foreman, 2007; Peixoto and Pereira-Moura, 2008). There are currently ca. 10 genera found in Australasia (Australia, New Guinea, New Caledonia, New Zealand), three in Asia (Malaysia, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka), one in Africa, four in Madagascar and surrounding islands, and seven in South America (Figure 1.2; Whiffin and Foreman, 2007; Renner et al., 2010).

For Atherospermataceae, the central biogeographic issues concern the area of origin and whether the disjunction in the *Laurelia-Laureliopsis* clade (Figure 1.1) resulted from long-distance dispersal events or from vicariance (Renner, 1999; Renner et al., 2000). To address these questions, Renner et al. (2000) constructed a molecular phylogeny for the family and used it along with fossil evidence (two fossil pollen, three leaf, and three wood occurrences) to perform a molecular clock analysis. Their work supported a single disjunction event between southern South America and Australasia in the *Laurelia-Laureliopsis* clade. They suggested that Atherospermataceae initially diverged in West Gondwana (estimated 100–140 Ma), entered Australia over land via Antarctica, and subsequently colonized New Zealand and

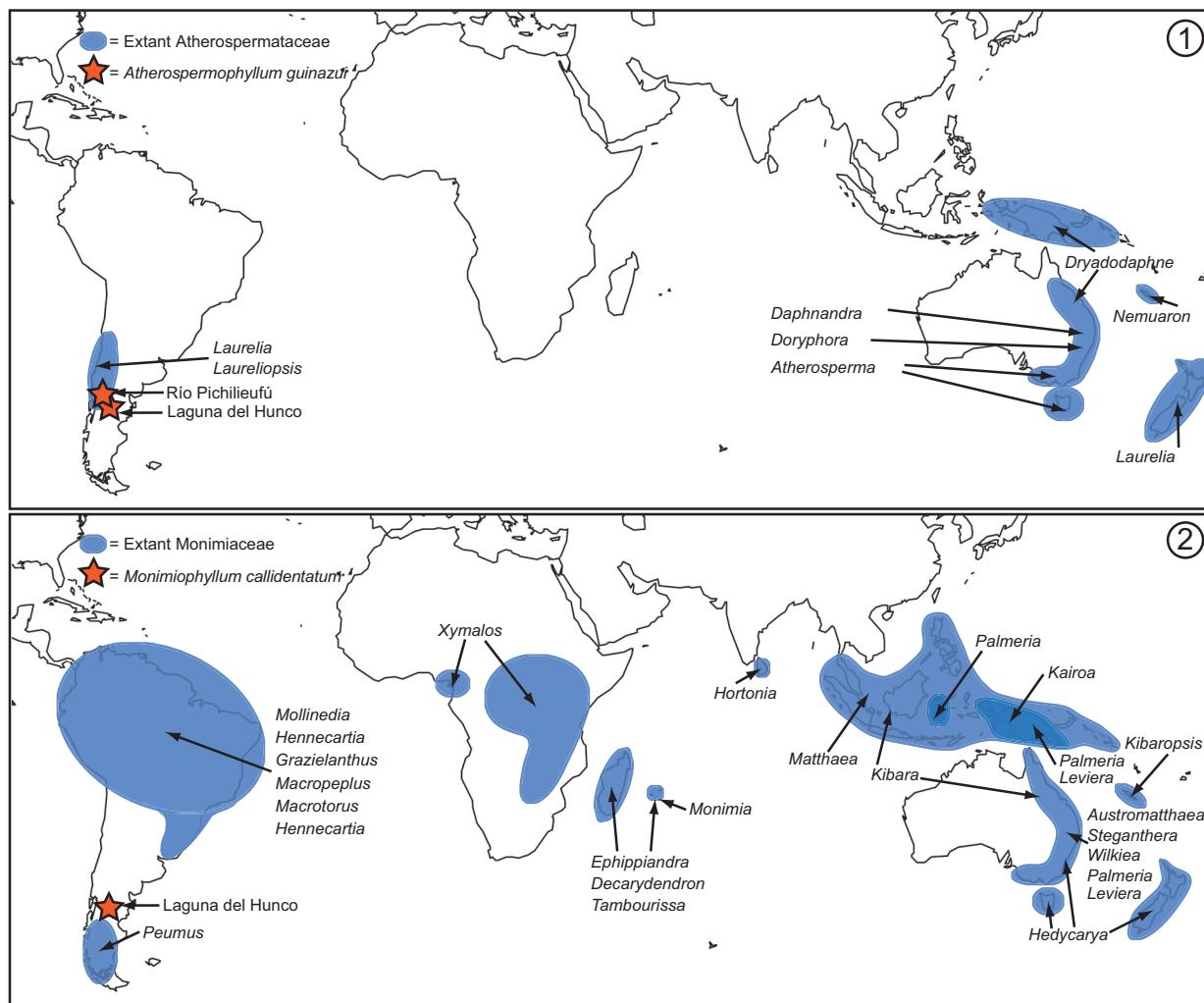


FIGURE 1. Ranges of extant genera in 1 - Atherospermataceae and 2 - Monimiaceae. Extant ranges are indicated by blue fill, and red stars indicate the early Eocene Laguna del Hunco and middle Eocene Río Pichileufú fossil localities, from which *Atherospermophyllum guinazui* (Berry) comb. nov. and *Monimiophyllum callidentatum* sp. nov. are here reported. The living ranges of *Laurelia*-*Laureliopsis* in South America are close to but do not include the fossil sites, which are located slightly to their east.

New Caledonia by over-water dispersal (ca. 30–50 Ma; Renner et al., 2000).

For Monimiaceae, the current generic distributions throughout the Southern Hemisphere (Figure 1.2) were historically considered to reflect vicariance (Money et al., 1950; Mädel, 1960; Raven and Axelrod, 1974; Lorence, 1985). In contrast, a phylogenetic and molecular clock analysis of Monimiaceae implied that the Australasian genera are young relative to the rest of the family, and that the observed disjunctions are due to relatively recent dispersal events (Renner et al., 2010). Renner et al. (2010) further suggested that the *Wilkiea* clade (*Wilkiea*, *Kibara*, and *Kairoa*) is one of the youngest groups in the family, that it diverged ca. 16–38

Ma in Australasia, and that many (post-Gondwana) divergence events are attributable to dispersal over water. However, few fossils were available to constrain the molecular clock estimates (one leaf and three wood occurrences were used; Renner et al., 2010).

Fossil Records of Atherospermataceae and Monimiaceae

The macrofossil records of Atherospermataceae and Monimiaceae (Table 1) are exceptionally sparse and notably do not include pre-Pliocene occurrences from Australasia. The majority of occurrences are wood specimens (Table 1). Overall, the fossil wood record is more recently reported than

TABLE 1. Macrofossil records of Atherospermataceae and Monimiaceae.

Fossil	Organ	Age	Provenance	References
ATHEROSPERMATACEAE				
<i>Laurelites jamesrossii</i> Poole and Francis	wood	Campanian	James Ross Island	Poole and Francis, 1999
<i>Protoatherospermoxylon</i> spp.	wood	Late Cretaceous	Cape Province, S.Africa	Mädel, 1960; Müller-Stoll and Mädel, 1962
<i>Atherospermoxylon bulboradiatum</i> Poole and Gottwald	wood	Paleocene	Seymour Island	Poole and Gottwald, 2001
<i>Atherospermophyllum guinazui</i> (Berry), comb. nov.	leaves	Early and middle Eocene	Patagonia, Argentina	Berry, 1935, 1938; this paper
<i>Laurelia</i> -like wood	wood	Paleocene-Eocene	Seymour Island	Poole and Gottwald, 2001
Atherospermataceous wood	wood	Late Eocene	Germany	Gottwald, 1992
<i>Laurelioxylon intermedium</i> Nishida	wood	"Tertiary"	Chile	Nishida, 1984
<i>Atherospermoxylon aegyptiacum</i> (Schenk) R. Kräusel	wood	Early Oligocene	Egypt	Kräusel, 1939
<i>Laurelites doroteaensis</i> Nishida, H. Nishida and Nasa	wood	Oligocene-Miocene	Patagonia, Chile and Argentina	Nishida et al., 1988; Pujana 2009
<i>Laurelia otagoensis</i> Conran, Bannister and D.E. Lee	leaves with cuticle, fruits	Early Miocene	New Zealand	Conran et al., 2013
<i>Atherosperma moschatum</i> Labill.	leaves	Pliocene-Pleistocene	Tasmania	Hill and MacPhail, 1985
MONIMIACEAE				
<i>Hedycaryoxylon hortoniooides</i> Mädel	wood	Late Cretaceous	Cape Province, S.Africa	Mädel, 1960; Müller-Stoll and Mädel, 1962
<i>Hedycaryoxylon tambourissoides</i> Poole and Gottwald	wood	Campanian	James Ross Island	Süss, 1960; Poole and Gottwald, 2001
<i>Monimiophyllum antarcticum</i> Zastawniak	leaves	?Late Paleocene	King George Island	Birkenmajer and Zastawniak, 1989
<i>Monimiophyllum callidentatum</i> sp. nov.	leaf	Early Eocene	Patagonia, Argentina	This paper
<i>Flacourtiroxylon (Monimiaxylon) gifaense</i>	wood	Late Eocene	Libya	Louvet, 1974
<i>Xymaloxylon (Monimiaxylon) zeltenense</i>	wood	Early Oligocene	Libya	Louvet, 1974
Monimiaceous wood	wood	Early Oligocene	Oman	Privé-Gill et al., 1993

the leaf-fossil record, but it nonetheless offers relatively low taxonomic precision. The oldest known occurrences of atherospermataceous and monimiaceous woods are both Late Cretaceous, from Antarctica and South Africa, respectively, and other reports of woods from these families come from Egypt, Oman, Libya, Germany, and Chile (Table 1).

The leaf macrofossil records for these families are even more scarce. For Atherospermataceae, there are a large number of doubtful occurrences (i.e., fossils that do not exhibit typical characters of the family) from both the Northern and Southern hemispheres (see Schodde, 1969 and Conran et al., 2013 for discussion). Reliable occurrences of the family include *Laurelia guinazui* from the Eocene of Patagonia, discussed here (Berry, 1935, 1938); *Laurelia otagoensis* leaves with cuticles, and associated fruits, from the early Miocene Foulden Maar, New Zealand (Conran et al., 2013);

and the extant species *Atherosperma moschatum* from the Pliocene-Pleistocene of Regatta Point, Tasmania (Hill and MacPhail, 1985). In addition, Pole (2008) illustrated several types of Atherospermataceae dispersed cuticles from early Miocene sediments of southern New Zealand, and Lee et al. (2012) illustrated without description a "*Laurelia*-like Atherospermataceae" leaf from the late Eocene Pikopiko flora of Southland, New Zealand. Regarding other occurrences from West Gondwana not listed in Table 1, "*Laurelia*" *amarillana* (Berry, 1928, 1937) comes from Late Cretaceous (Berry thought Miocene) sediments of the Mata Amarilla Formation in Santa Cruz Province, Argentina (Berry, 1928; Iglesias et al., 2007; Varela et al., 2012) and, based on our recent inspection of the holotype (USNM 37870), is unlikely to represent *Laurelia* or Atherospermataceae. "*Laurelia*" *insularis* Dusén (1908), from the ?Paleocene of Sey-

mour Island, Antarctica, is also doubtful. We note that Tosolini et al. (2013) redescribed the single, holotype specimen of "*L.*" *insularis* and reassigned it to Atherospermataceae sp. We regard this assignment as uncertain because there is no preservation of the leaf base and because the tooth apices are reported to lack glands, despite "excellent preservation of teeth." *Laurelia guinazui* was first reported from Río Pichileufú by Berry (1935), who assigned it to Monimiaceae. Subsequently, several living genera comprising a former subgroup of Monimiaceae, including *Laurelia* and *Laureliopsis*, were shown to be phylogenetically distinct from Monimiaceae and placed in the family Atherospermataceae R. Br. (Renner, 1998, 1999; Renner et al., 2000; Doyle and Endress, 2000). *Laurelia guinazui* has been noted to exhibit many characteristics now associated with Atherospermataceae and to closely resemble the extant Patagonian rainforest species *Laureliopsis philippiana* (Schodde, 1969; Renner et al., 2000). The original description and subsequent observations of *Laurelia guinazui* were made only from the few syntypes (Berry, 1935), but new collections of fossil specimens with better-preserved detail have been made from ongoing field reinvestigations at Laguna del Hunco and Río Pichileufú (Wilf et al., 2005).

Regarding Monimiaceae, the leaf-fossil record consists of two reports: one from the ?Paleocene of Seymour Island that is doubtful and not listed in Table 1 ("*Mollinedia*" *seymourensis* Dusén, 1908; also rejected by Tosolini et al., 2013), and one from the ?Paleocene of King George Island, Antarctica (Table 1; Birkenmajer and Zastawniak, 1989). Also, Pole (2008) assigned dispersed cuticles from the early Miocene of southern New Zealand to *Hedycarya* in the Monimiaceae. No leaf-fossil occurrences for this family have been reported from South America to date.

The goals of this research are to reevaluate *L. guinazui*, to describe a new fossil species of Monimiaceae, and to determine their possible affinities to living taxa in the families Atherospermataceae and Monimiaceae. Reassignment of *L. guinazui* to a genus of Atherospermataceae other than *Laurelia-Laureliopsis* would effectively remove the generic affinity of another Eocene fossil lineage to modern Patagonia and would support the hypothesis that Eocene floras have left little legacy in the current flora there. Both occurrences have tremendous importance due to the extreme rarity of these families in the fossil record, and the fossil occurrence of Monimiaceae is, so far, unique for South America.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Laguna del Hunco and Río Pichileufú

Laguna del Hunco and Río Pichileufú are fossil caldera-lake sites in Chubut and Río Negro provinces, respectively, Patagonia, Argentina. Their fossil floras were initially reported as Miocene in age (Berry, 1925, 1935, 1938) and later assigned to the Paleocene or Eocene (Archangelsky, 1974; Mazzoni et al., 1991). Extensive field reinvestigations of these localities have been ongoing since 1999, yielding detailed litho- and paleomagnetic stratigraphy, precise ^{40}Ar - ^{39}Ar dates, and descriptions and revisions of many plant, insect, vertebrate, and ichnotaxa (see Wilf et al. 2003, and Wilf et al. 2009 for a summary). ^{40}Ar - ^{39}Ar analyses of single sanidine crystals from primary ashfall tuffs, stratigraphically associated directly with the most densely fossiliferous horizons, produced the most reliable ages for the floras (LH: 52.22 ± 0.22 Ma; RP: 47.74 ± 0.05 Ma; Wilf et al., 2003, 2005; Wilf, 2012).

Provenance and Repositories

All fossil material examined in this study is from Laguna del Hunco and Río Pichileufú, and the majority of specimens are from collections made during expeditions from Museo Paleontológico Egidio Feruglio (MEF, repository prefix MPEF-Pb), Trelew, Chubut, Argentina, in 1999, 2002, 2005, and 2009 (e.g., Wilf et al. 2003, 2005; Wilf, 2012). A total of 28 fossil leaf-compression specimens (some carbon remains, but no cuticle preserved) were evaluated: 27 atherospermataceous and one monimiaceous, totaling ca. 0.3% of the total collection from the sites. Material reported here came from LH quarry sites LH2, LH6, LH13, LH22, LH23, LH25, and LH27, and the RP3 quarry site of Wilf et al. (2003, 2005) and Gandolfo et al. (2011); the three surviving syntypes of *Laurelia guinazui* came from RP (Berry, 1935, 1938), precise quarry locations unknown, and are housed at the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History (USNM). Specimens from LH are curated at MEF, and recent collections from RP are curated at Museo de Paleontología de Bariloche, Río Negro Province, Argentina (BAR).

Fossil Preparation and Imaging

Fossil specimens were prepared manually using airscribes and needles, photographed, and scored for morphological characters at the MEF (recent collections) and Pennsylvania State University (*L. guinazui* syntypes borrowed from USNM).

TABLE 2. Extant Atherospermataceae species scored.

Species	Range
<i>Atherosperma moschatum</i> Labill.	NSW, Tas, Vic
<i>Daphnandra apatela</i> Schodde	NSW, Qld
<i>Daphnandra micrantha</i> (Tul.) Benth.	NSW
<i>Daphnandra repandula</i> (F.Muell) F. Muell.	NSW, Qld
<i>Doryphora aromatica</i> (F.M.Bailey) L.S. Sm.	Qld
<i>Doryphora sassafras</i> Endl.	NSW, Qld, Vic
<i>Dryadodaphne novoguineensis</i> (Perk.) A.C. Sm.	New Guinea
<i>Dryadodaphne trachyphloia</i> Schodde	Qld
<i>Laurelia novae-zelandiae</i> A. Cunn.	New Zealand
<i>Laurelia sempervirens</i> (Ruiz and Pav.) Tul.	S Chile
<i>Laureliopsis philippiana</i> (Looser) Schodde	S Chile and Argentina
<i>Nemuaron vieillardii</i> (Baill.) Baill.	New Caledonia

Abbreviations: NSW- New South Wales, Tas- Tasmania, Vic- Victoria, Qld- Queensland, Australia.

All macrophotographs were taken using a Nikon D90 camera. At the MEF, microphotographs were taken using a Nikon Digital Sight DSFi1 camera attached to a Nikon Digital Sight DS-L2 control, on a Nikon SMZ1000 dissecting microscope. At Penn State, microphotographs and drawings of the *L. guinazui* syntypes were done using a Nikon SMZ1500 binocular scope with a mounted Nikon DSRI1 camera and camera lucida attachment, and images were processed using Nikon NIS Elements v. 3 software. All photographs and drawings are by CLK.

Extant Material and Characters

Leaf architectural characters were used as the basis for descriptions, including standard characters (Ellis et al., 2009) as well as additional characters that were determined specifically for Atherospermataceae and Monimiaceae (Appendices 1-5). Both discrete and continuous characters were needed to capture observed variation. Leaf morphology, in the absence of cuticle, can often be used successfully to place compression-impresion specimens to family level, and sometimes to generic level (Hickey and Wolfe, 1975; Carvalho et al., 2011). The two fossil species evaluated here were placed in families based on literature analyses (e.g., Hickey and Wolfe, 1975) and our observations of living species because they exhibit several typical characters that are diagnostic in combination. For the fossil Atherospermataceae, these are: low leaf rank and vein density, basally thickened midvein, acute basal secondary veins,

weakly brochidodromous secondary veins, and teeth that are 'monimoid' in shape, but unlike those of Monimiaceae species in being typically large, highly irregular, and often compound when two orders of teeth are present. For the fossil Monimiaceae, typical characters are: low leaf rank, a basally thickened midvein, strongly looping secondary veins with the basal pair relatively more acute to the midvein, and distinctive monimoid tooth morphology, which is characterized by an acute apex, acuminate-convex tooth shape, an opaque apical gland cap (darkened on the fossils), and a second- or third-order vein entering the tooth medially (Hickey and Wolfe, 1975). For each family, a matrix of species by characters was constructed. The Atherospermataceae matrix includes 13 species scored using 30 characters (Appendices 1, 2), and the Monimiaceae matrix includes 45 species scored using 25 characters (Appendices 1, 3).

The living species evaluated in this study (Tables 2, 3) included, as much as possible, and expanded on those used in the molecular phylogenies of the Monimiaceae and Atherospermataceae by Renner et al. (2000, 2010). Character data came from examination of several herbarium collections and from a small field collection made by C.L.K. in July, 2011 in Border Ranges and Nightcap National Parks, northeastern New South Wales, Australia, housed at the Pennsylvania State University Herbarium (PAC). Herbaria visited included the Gray Herbarium, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (GH); the Australian

TABLE 3. Extant Monimiaceae species scored.

Species	Range
<i>Austromatthaea elegans</i> L.B. Sm.	Qld
<i>Decarydendron ranomafanensis</i> Lorence and Razafim.	Madagascar
<i>Ephippiandra madagascariensis</i> (Danguy) Lorence	Madagascar
<i>Grazielanthus arkeocarpus</i> Peixoto and Per.-Moura	SE Brazil
<i>Hedycarya angustifolia</i> A. Cunn.	Qld, Tas
<i>Hedycarya arborea</i> J.R. Forst. and G. Forst.	New Zealand
<i>Hedycarya cupulata</i> Baill.	New Caledonia
<i>Hedycarya loxocarya</i> (Benth.) W.D. Francis	Qld
<i>Hennecartia omphalandra</i> Poiss.	S Brazil, NE Argentina, Paraguay
<i>Hortonia floribunda</i> Wight ex Arn.	Sri Lanka
<i>Kairoa suberosa</i> Philipson	New Guinea
<i>Kibara coriacea</i> (Blume) Hook. f. and A. Thomps.	Malaysia
<i>Kibara macrophylla</i> (A. Cunn.) Benth.	NSW
<i>Kibara moluccana</i> Boerl. ex Perk.	New Guinea, Moluccas
<i>Kibaropsis caledonica</i> (Guillaumin) J. Jeremie	New Caledonia
<i>Levieria acuminata</i> Perk.	New Guinea, Qld
<i>Macropeplus ligustrinus</i> (Tul.) Perk.	SE Brazil
<i>Macrotorus utriculatus</i> Perk.	SE Brazil
<i>Matthaea sancta</i> Blume	Malaysia, Indonesia
<i>Mollinedia ovata</i> Ruiz and Pav.	Ecuador
<i>Mollinedia schottiana</i> (Spreng.) Perk.	Brazil
<i>Mollinedia widgrenii</i> A. DC.	Brazil
<i>Monimia ovalifolia</i> Thouars	Réunion, Mascarenes
<i>Monimia rotundifolia</i> Thouars	Réunion, Mascarenes

Abbreviations: NSW- New South Wales, Tas- Tasmania, Vic- Victoria, Qld- Queensland, Australia.

National Herbarium, Canberra (CANB); and the National Herbarium of New South Wales, Botanic Gardens Trust, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney (NSW). Additionally, several herbarium sheet images were downloaded from the Herbarium of the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) and the Herbarium Musei Parisiensis (P) (plants.jstor.org; //coldb.mnhn.fr/Consultation?catalogue=1). Each living genus and species included for analysis was scored using the character matrix described above and in Appendices 1-3. In order to capture the full range of variation exhibited in a species, multiple sheets of each species were scored, and all character values were compiled to yield a representative score.

Similarly, all fossil specimens under investigation were scored with the same suite of characters

that we used for the living species in their respective families (Appendices 1-3), and all *L. guinazui* fossil specimen scores were compiled to capture the full range of variation exhibited by this fossil species (there was only one specimen of fossil Monimiaceae). The compiled fossil species scores were then compared to the representative scores for each living genus and species, using percent similarity to indicate the closest morphological matches phenetically (Tables 4, 5; Appendices 2, 3). Percent similarity was calculated using the following method: for each living taxon, individual character scores were coded as matches if the entire range of scores for a character exhibited by the living taxon contained the entire range exhibited by the fossil species ("living contains fossil"). The number of character states coded as matches

TABLE 3 (continued).

Species	Range
<i>Palmeria foremanii</i> Whiffin	NSW, Qld
<i>Palmeria scandens</i> F. Muell.	NSW, Qld
<i>Peumus boldus</i> Molina	Chile
<i>Steganthera australiana</i> C.T. White	New Guinea
<i>Steganthera cooperorum</i> Whiffin	Qld
<i>Steganthera hirsuta</i> Perk.	Qld, New Guinea
<i>Steganthera laxiflora</i> (Benth.) Whiffin and Foreman	Qld
<i>Steganthera maccooria</i> (F.M. Bailey) P.K. Endress	Qld
<i>Tambourissa elliptica</i> A. DC.	Réunion, Mascarenes
<i>Tambourissa ficus</i> (Tul.) A. DC.	Mauritius, Mascarenes
<i>Tambourissa leptophylla</i> (Tul.) A. DC.	Mayotte, Comoros
<i>Tambourissa longicarpa</i> Lorence	Madagascar
<i>Tambourissa purpurea</i> (Tul.) A. DC.	Mauritius, Mascarenes
<i>Tambourissa tau</i> Lorence	Mauritius, Mascarenes
<i>Wilkiea angustifolia</i> (F.M. Bailey) Perk.	Qld
<i>Wilkiea austroqueenslandica</i> Domin	NSW, Qld
<i>Wilkiea hugeliana</i> (Tul.) A. DC.	NSW, Qld
<i>Tetrasynandra pubescens</i> Perk.	Qld
<i>Wilkiea rigidifolia</i> (A.C. Sm.) Whiffin and Foreman	Qld, New Guinea
<i>Wilkiea smithii</i> Whiffin	Qld
<i>Wilkiea</i> sp. "Palmerston"	Qld
<i>Xymalos monospora</i> (Harv.) Baill.	Bioko, Cameroon

were then counted and divided by the total number of characters scored (per taxon) to yield the numerical percent similarity of the living to the fossil taxon. We note that this method excludes many overlaps and near matches that are of potential interest, but in practice we found it to be by far the most consistent procedure. We also note that characters that were not present in a living taxon, namely tooth characters beyond presence and absence of teeth for entire-margined taxa, were simply not scored in that taxon. This had the effect of proportionally increasing the weightings of remaining characters when living taxa were compared to fossils, as noted in Systematic Paleontology. However, we consider presence of teeth to be of primary comparative importance for the toothed fossil leaves reported here, and thus our most detailed comparisons of the fossils were restricted to the toothed living taxa.

The resulting percentages of matching character states are interpreted to indicate which living

taxa the fossil species are most similar to phenetically, based on leaf morphology. However, without attached reproductive structures or other additional data, these fossil species can neither be definitively linked to a living genus, nor clearly distinguished from all living genera, although several differences are apparent (see Systematic Paleontology). Thus, we will conservatively interpret that they are both members of extinct genera, although they exhibit clearly recognizable features of the living families, as discussed above.

Lack of reproductive structures and cuticular preservation, and the large amount of homoplasy observed in the leaf morphological characters would lead to an unreliable phylogenetic analysis, with or without the addition of genetic data (Renner et al., 2000, 2010). We note that only one phylogenetic analysis of Atherospermataceae has been done based on morphological characters of both living and a fossil species (Conran et al., 2013). Even though this work made use of data from leaf

TABLE 4. Percent character similarity of extant Atherospermataceae to *Atherospermophyllum guinazui*, comb. nov

TAXON	%SIMILARITY
Genus	
<i>Daphnandra</i>	63
<i>Doryphora</i>	56
<i>Laurelia</i>	56
<i>Dryadodaphne</i>	48
<i>Laureliopsis</i>	41
<i>Atherosperma</i>	33
<i>Nemuaron</i>	26
Species	
<i>Daphnandra apatela</i>	56
<i>Doryphora sassafras</i>	44
<i>Laureliopsis philippiana</i>	41
<i>Laurelia sempervirens</i>	41
<i>Dryadodaphne novoguineensis</i>	37
<i>Atherosperma moschatum</i>	33
<i>Dryadodaphne trachyphloia</i>	33
<i>Daphnandra micrantha</i>	33
<i>Daphnandra repandula</i>	33
<i>Doryphora aromatica</i>	33
<i>Laurelia novae-zelandiae</i>	26
<i>Nemuaron vieillardii</i>	22

Notes: Generic scores are a compilation of the constituent species scores. All taxa scored have toothed leaf-margins.

architecture as well as from cuticles and fruits not available here, the results differed considerably from the molecular phylogeny of Renner et al. (2000). In addition, we found it necessary to use both continuous and discrete characters to adequately describe the variation observed in the limited fossil material. In summary, we decided not to pursue a phylogenetic analysis for several reasons, but we provide abundant data for future workers. In order to empirically illustrate leaf-character distribution and homoplasy across each family and the fossils, we plotted character scores on the tips of molecular phylogenies for Atherospermataceae (Renner et al., 2000; Figure 2) and Monimiaceae (Renner et al., 2010; Figure 3).

SYSTEMATIC PALEONTOLOGY

Order LAURALES Juss. ex Bercht. and J. Presl
 Family ATHEROSPERMATACEAE R. Br.
 Genus *ATHEROSPERMOPHYLLUM* C.L. Knight
 gen. nov.

Etymology. Derived from the family name, Atherospermataceae, and *phyllum*, meaning 'leaf' (Greek).

Type Species. *Atherospermophyllum guinazui* (Berry) C.L. Knight, comb. nov.

Type material. As for the species, due to monotypy.

Additional Material. As for the species, due to monotypy.

Diagnosis. Leaves unlobed and pinnately veined, with a markedly swollen petiole, weakly brochidodromous secondary veins, one or more acute basal pairs of secondary veins, weakly looped exterior tertiary veins, and a toothed margin. Teeth large, irregular, and typically compound, with large, glandular apices.

Description. Leaves are ovate to elliptic, unlobed, and pinnately veined, with the petiole markedly swollen near the insertion point, a basally thickened midvein, and toothed margins. Secondary veins are weakly brochidodromous to eucamp todromous and irregularly spaced, with the basal pair(s) acute. Exterior tertiary veins are weakly looped. Teeth are large, irregularly spaced and sized, and often compound; principal veins are medial and terminate in a large apical gland.

Atherospermophyllum guinazui (Berry) C.L. Knight, comb. nov.

"*Laurelia*" (*Laureliopsis*) *guiñazui* Berry, Wilf et al. (2005: A7)

Laurelia guiñazui Berry, Geological Society of America Special Paper 12: 75 (1938)

Laurelia guinazui Berry, Botanical Gazette 96: 752 (1935)

Etymology and basionym. The basionym, *Laurelia guinazui* Berry 1935, honored R. Guiñazú, discoverer of the Río Pichileufú flora.

Lectotype. USNM 40403a (Berry 1935, figure 2 right; Berry 1938, plate 19 figure 4; Figures 4.1, 4.2, 5.1, 5.2, 6.2).

Syntypes. USNM 40403a (chosen here as lectotype), USNM 40403b (Berry 1935, figure 2 left; Berry 1938, plate 19 figure 1; Figures 4.3, 4.4), and USNM 40403c, from the historic locality at Río Pichileufú, La Huitrera Fm., Río Negro Province, Patagonia, Argentina (middle Eocene).

Additional Material. Laguna del Hunco, Tufolitas Laguna del Hunco, Chubut Province, Patagonia, Argentina (early Eocene). From quarry LH6 of Wilf et al. 2003: MPEF-Pb 6431, MPEF-Pb 6432. From quarry LH13: MPEF-Pb 5636-5646. From quarry LH22: MPEF-Pb 5648, 5649. From quarry LH23: MPEF-Pb 5650, 5651. From quarry LH25: MPEF-Pb 6427-6430. From quarry LH27 (Gandolfo et al.,

TABLE 5. Percent character similarity of extant Monimiaceae to *Monimiophyllum callidentatum*, sp. nov.

TAXON	%SIMILARITY
Genus	
<i>Wilkiea</i> ^	76
<i>Mollinedia</i> ^	76
<i>Kibara</i> ^	68
<i>Kairoa</i> *	68
<i>Hedycarya</i> ^	68
<i>Tambourissa</i> ^	68
<i>Palmeria</i>	68
<i>Steganthera</i> ^	64
<i>Austromatthaea</i> *	60
<i>Decarydendron</i>	58
<i>Hortonia</i>	58
<i>Macropeplus</i> ^	56
<i>Peumus</i>	53
<i>Hennecartia</i> *	52
<i>Levieria</i> *	52
<i>Kibaropsis</i>	47
<i>Xymalos</i> ^	44
<i>Monimia</i>	42
<i>Grazielanthus</i> *	40
<i>Macrotorus</i> *	32
<i>Ephippiandra</i> *	32
<i>Matthaea</i>	26
Species	
<i>Wilkiea hugeliana</i> *	76
<i>Kairoa suberosa</i> *	68
<i>Tambourissa purpurea</i>	63
<i>Palmeria foremanii</i>	63
<i>Austromatthaea elegans</i> *	60
<i>Decarydendron ranomafanensis</i>	58
<i>Hortonia floribunda</i>	58
<i>Wilkiea rigidifolia</i> *	56
<i>Macropeplus ligustrinus</i> *	56
<i>Steganthera australiana</i> *	56
<i>Hedycarya cupulata</i> *	56
<i>Wilkiea smithii</i>	53
<i>Peumus boldus</i>	53
<i>Kibara macrophylla</i> *	52
<i>Mollinedia schottiana</i> *	52
<i>Mollinedia widgrenii</i> *	52
<i>Hennecartia omphalandra</i> *	52
<i>Tetrasynandra pubescens</i> *	52
<i>Levieria acuminata</i> *	52
<i>Hedycarya angustifolia</i> *	52
<i>Hedycarya arborea</i> *	52
<i>Tambourissa longicarpa</i> *	48
<i>Steganthera cooperorum</i>	47
<i>Steganthera hirsuta</i>	47
<i>Kibaropsis caledonica</i>	47
<i>Tambourissa elliptica</i>	47
<i>Tambourissa tau</i>	47
<i>Tambourissa leptophylla</i>	47
<i>Wilkiea angustifolia</i> *	44
<i>Xymalos monospora</i> *	44
<i>Wilkiea austroqueenslandica</i>	44
<i>Steganthera maccoaria</i>	42
<i>Palmeria scandens</i>	42
<i>Monimia rotundifolia</i>	42
<i>Monimia ovalifolia</i>	42
<i>Matthaea heterophylla</i>	42
<i>Kibara coriacea</i> *	40
<i>Grazielanthus arkeocarpus</i> *	40
<i>Steganthera laxiflora</i> *	40
<i>Hedycarya loxocarya</i> *	40
<i>Wilkiea</i> sp. "Palmerston"	37
<i>Kibara moluccana</i>	32
<i>Tambourissa ficus</i>	32
<i>Macrotorus utriculatus</i> *	32
<i>Ephippiandra madagascariensis</i> *	32
<i>Mollinedia ovata</i> *	28
<i>Matthaea sancta</i>	26

Notes: Generic scores are a compilation of the constituent species scores.

*Genus or species with toothed leaves.

^Genus in which some species are toothed.

2011): MPEF-Pb 6425, 6426. Río Pichileufú, La Huirera Fm., Río Negro Province, Patagonia, Argentina (middle Eocene). From quarry RP3 of Wilf et al. (2005): BAR 4732.

Description. The blade attachment to the petiole is marginal, and the base of the lamina is usually decurrent onto the petiole, which is thickened near the insertion point (e.g., Figure 4.5). Laminar length is 50 to 122 mm, and the laminar l:w ratio

ranges from 2.2 to 3.3:1. The lamina has an elliptic or ovate shape and is medially and basally symmetrical. The base shape varies between straight (cuneate) to more often convex (Figure 4), with the base angle consistently acute. The apex is consistently straight and acute.

Leaf rank is 2. The primary venation is pinnate. The midvein is basally thickened and tapers apically (Figure 4). Major secondary vein attach-

FIGURE 2. Species character scores for Atherospermataceae, including the fossil *Atherospermophyllum guinazui*, comb. nov., plotted against a molecular phylogeny for the family (redrawn from Renner et al., 2000). Characters as numbered across the top of the plot correspond to Appendix 2. Circles indicate discrete (presence/absence) characters, white = absent, black = present, half-filled = both absent and present in the species. Squares indicate continuous characters, filled when the scored range of the living species includes the range scored for *A. guinazui*. Based on these scores, percent similarity of each living species to the fossil species *A. guinazui* is plotted in the bar graph at right.

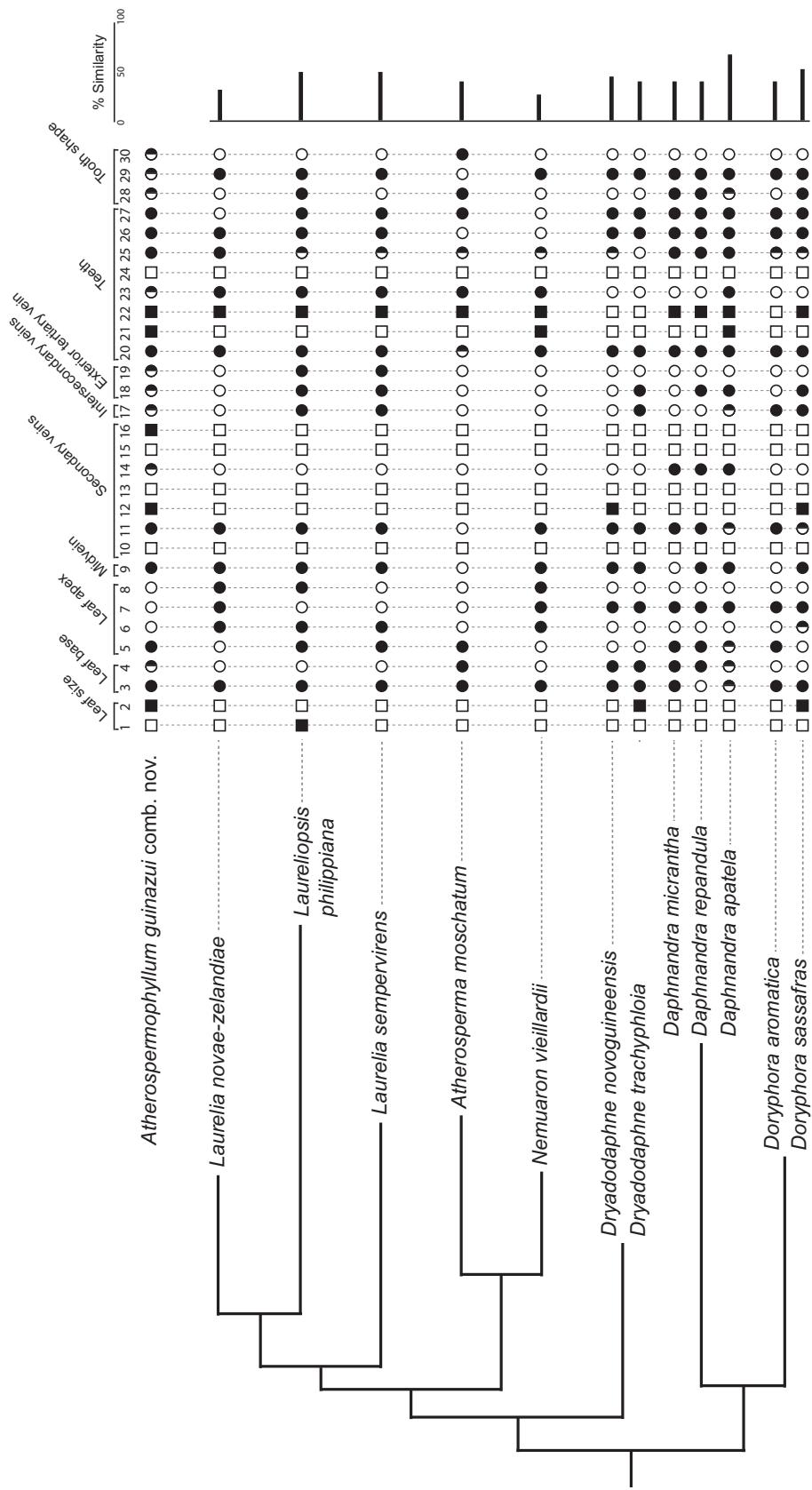


FIGURE 3. Species character scores for Monimiaceae, including the fossil *Monimiophyllum callidentatum*, sp. nov., plotted against a molecular phylogeny for the family (redrawn from Renner et al., 2010), including unscored taxa. Summary scores for additional taxa (not analyzed by Renner et al., 2010) shown in Table 5 and Appendices 4 and 5. Characters numbered across the top of the plot correspond to Appendix 3. Circles indicate continuous characters, while = absent, black = present, half-filled = both absent and present in the species. Squares indicate continuous characters, filled when the character range of the living species includes the range exhibited by *M. callidentatum*. Based on these scores, percent similarity of each living species to the fossil species *M. callidentatum* is plotted in the bar graph at right. Black bars = toothed species, white bars = untoothed species.

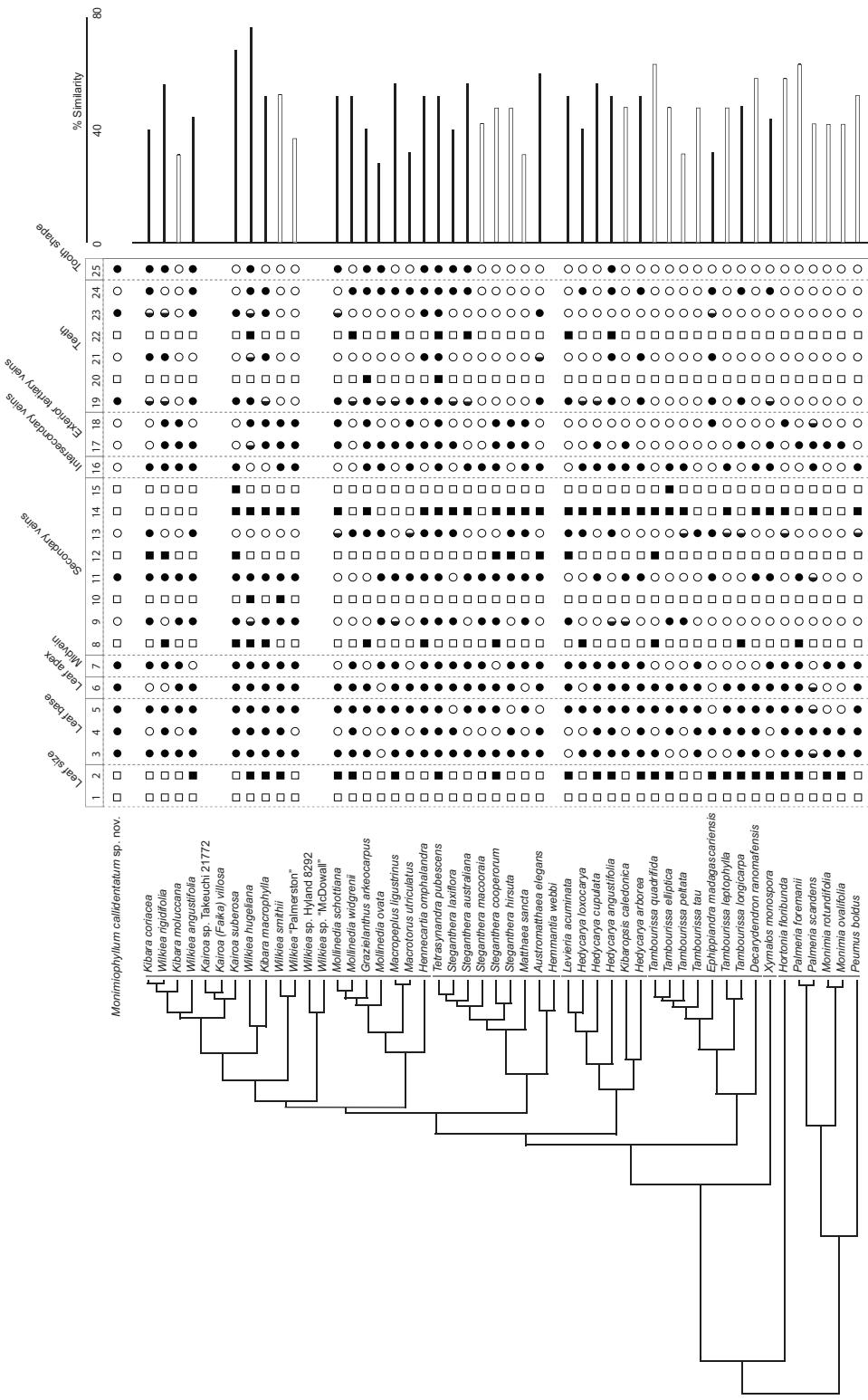




FIGURE 4. *Atherospermophyllum guinazui* (Berry), comb. nov. 1 - Lectotype, USNM 40403a, from Río Pichileufú (RP); 2 - camera lucida drawing of USNM 40403a, showing venation and tooth details; 3 - USNM 40403b (syntype); 4 - camera lucida drawing of USNM 40403b. Selected new specimens of *A. guinazui*: 5 - MPEF-Pb 5639 (Laguna del Hunco, LH); 6 - MPEF-Pb 5650 (LH); 7 - MPEF-Pb 5640 (LH); 8 - BAR 4732 (RP); 9 - MPEF-Pb 5648 (LH); 10 - MPEF-Pb 5636 (LH). All scale bars are 1 cm. Also visible on USNM 40403a is extensive insect hole and margin feeding and skeletonization.

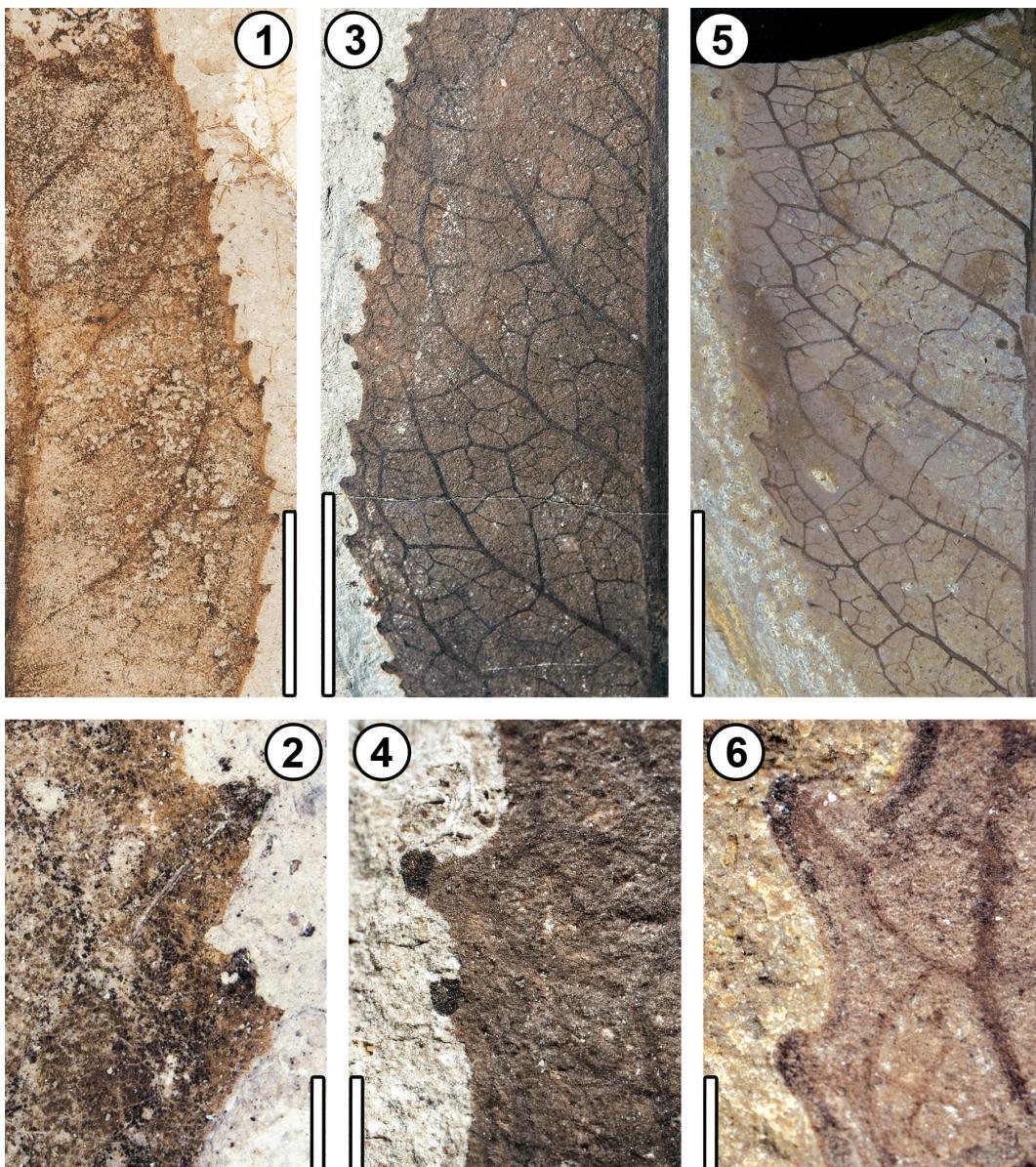


FIGURE 5. *Atherospermophyllum guinazui* (Berry), comb. nov., venation (1, 3, 5) and tooth (2, 4, 6) details. 1 and 2 - USNM 40403a (lectotype, Río Pichileufú); 3 and 4 - MPEF-Pb 5639 (Laguna del Hunco, LH); and 5 and 6 - MPEF-Pb 5641 (LH). Scale bar is 1 cm for 1, 3, and 5, and 1 mm for 2, 4, and 6.

ment to the midvein is decurrent. The basalmost pair of secondary veins is typically acute to the midvein (Figure 4), and up to the first three pairs of secondary veins may be acute compared to the remaining secondary veins. The maximum difference between the angle of the basalmost secondary veins to the midvein and that of the second pair of secondary veins is 18 degrees.

Major secondary veins are irregularly spaced and weakly brochidodromous to eucamptodromous (Figures 4, 5), with the number of secondary loops ranging from 8 to 16. The ratio of the midvein

width to the secondary vein width ranges from 2.75 to 6.43. The secondary veins exhibit varying deflection by tertiary veins (e.g., Figures 4.2, 5.3, 5.5). The loops formed by the secondary veins are variable in shape, size, and strength; some secondaries maintain gauge near the margin (based on these and the stronger exterior tertiaries, the secondary category could be considered festooned semicraspedodromous), whereas others lose gauge and dichotomize or reticulate (e.g., Figure 5.1, 5.3, 5.5). The h:w (height:width) ratio of the secondary loops ranges from 1.47 to 4.33. The

proximity (distance) of the secondary vein loops to the blade margin ranges from 4 to 24% of the total distance from the margin to the midvein (measured perpendicular to the midvein). Intersecondary veins typically occur, and only a few specimens do not exhibit them (MPEF-Pb 5637 and MPEF-Pb 5645). Where present, they occur at a frequency of less than one per intercostal area. The intercostal tertiary vein network is irregular reticulate. Exterior tertiary veins are weakly to very weakly and irregularly looped (e.g., Figure 5.3, 5.5). Fourth and fifth order veins are irregular reticulate.

The blade margin is toothed, and the teeth are large and irregularly spaced, occurring over nearly the full margin excepting the basalmost portion. One or two orders (discrete sizes) of teeth may be present. Some specimens exhibit compound first and second order teeth (Figures 4, 5). The number of teeth per cm ranges from 2 to 6. The sinus shape is rounded. The principal veins of the teeth branch from an outermost exterior tertiary, are medial in course, and terminate at the apex in the apical gland (Figure 5). Tooth accessory veins are conjunctal (Figure 5.6). Tooth shapes include concave/straight, concave/retroflexed, and concave/flexuous (Figure 5). Tooth size, measured as the distance from the sinus to the tooth apex, as a percentage of the distance from the midvein to the tooth apex (both on a single line perpendicular to the midvein), ranges from 3.6 to 11.9%. Tooth apical glands are prominent and flattened at the base, with a bluntly pointed apex (Figure 5). Tooth shape and gland shape are variable overall, but the latter is probably due in part to differences in preservation.

Insect-herbivore damage observed on *A. guinazui* includes hole feeding, margin feeding, skeletonization, galling, and piercing-and-sucking. The lectotype has especially conspicuous insect damage (Figure 4.1-2).

Notes. Berry (1935, figure 2) designated no type material and illustrated only two specimens (USNM 40403a and 40403b) of the species, as representing “limits of variation in *Laurelia guinazui* Berry, sp. nov.” It is clear from this caption and his text that the species was based on additional specimens, and any of these that survive, as part of the original gathering of the material supporting the species, are syntypes. We can only verify one additional surviving syntype specimen (USNM 40403c), which was possibly illustrated in a drawing (Berry, 1938, plate 19, figure 2), although the drawing does not correspond in detail to the fossil. Berry (1938, plate 19, figure 3) also drew what must

have been an additional syntype specimen, which is apparently lost.

Discussion: Affinities of *Atherospermophyllum guinazui* (Berry) comb. nov.

We interpret *A. guinazui* to show affinity to Atherospermataceae because it exhibits features that, in combination, are stereotypical of the living family, including: low leaf rank and vein density, acute basal secondary veins, weakly brochidodromous secondary veins, and large, glandular, highly irregular, compound teeth. However, several features of *A. guinazui* are distinct from living taxa of Atherospermataceae, requiring the new genus. The tooth apical glands are typically larger than those observed on living species, and no extant species match these fossils in the following characters: ratio of the midvein width to secondary vein width, proximity of the secondary loops to the blade margin, h:w ratio of the secondary loops, number of secondary loops, strength of the tertiary loops, and tooth size (Appendices 2, 3).

Nevertheless, the fossils have many similarities to living taxa. We find that *A. guinazui* most closely resembles (in decreasing order of similarity) the living species *Daphnandra apatela*, *Doryphora sassafras*, *Laureliopsis philippiana*, *Laurelia sempervirens*, and *Dryadodaphne novoguineensis* (Table 4; Figure 6). Of these, only *Laureliopsis philippiana* and *Laurelia sempervirens* are South American. These compared taxa are phylogenetically well-dispersed across the family, although the two most similar species are in the molecular clade comprised of *Daphnandra* and *Doryphora*, which together are sister to the rest of the family and thus are the genera least related to the living South American species (Figure 2).

Daphnandra apatela has by far the highest scored similarity to *A. guinazui* (Figure 2; Table 4) but differs in having a less swollen petiole and, usually, a markedly concave base. However, there are examples of *D. apatela* with straight and even slightly convex bases that are similar to those seen in the fossils (Figure 6.4-6). Like *D. apatela*, *A. guinazui* exhibits a basally thickened midvein and compound teeth. The tooth shapes and sizes of *D. apatela*, and their conspicuous irregularity, are very similar to the fossils (Figure 6.1-6); *D. apatela* exhibits the most irregular teeth of any species examined in the family.

Doryphora sassafras (Figure 6.7-9) is similar to the fossils in having a swollen petiole and a basally thickened midvein, and in its acute basal secondaries, but it differs noticeably in the appear-

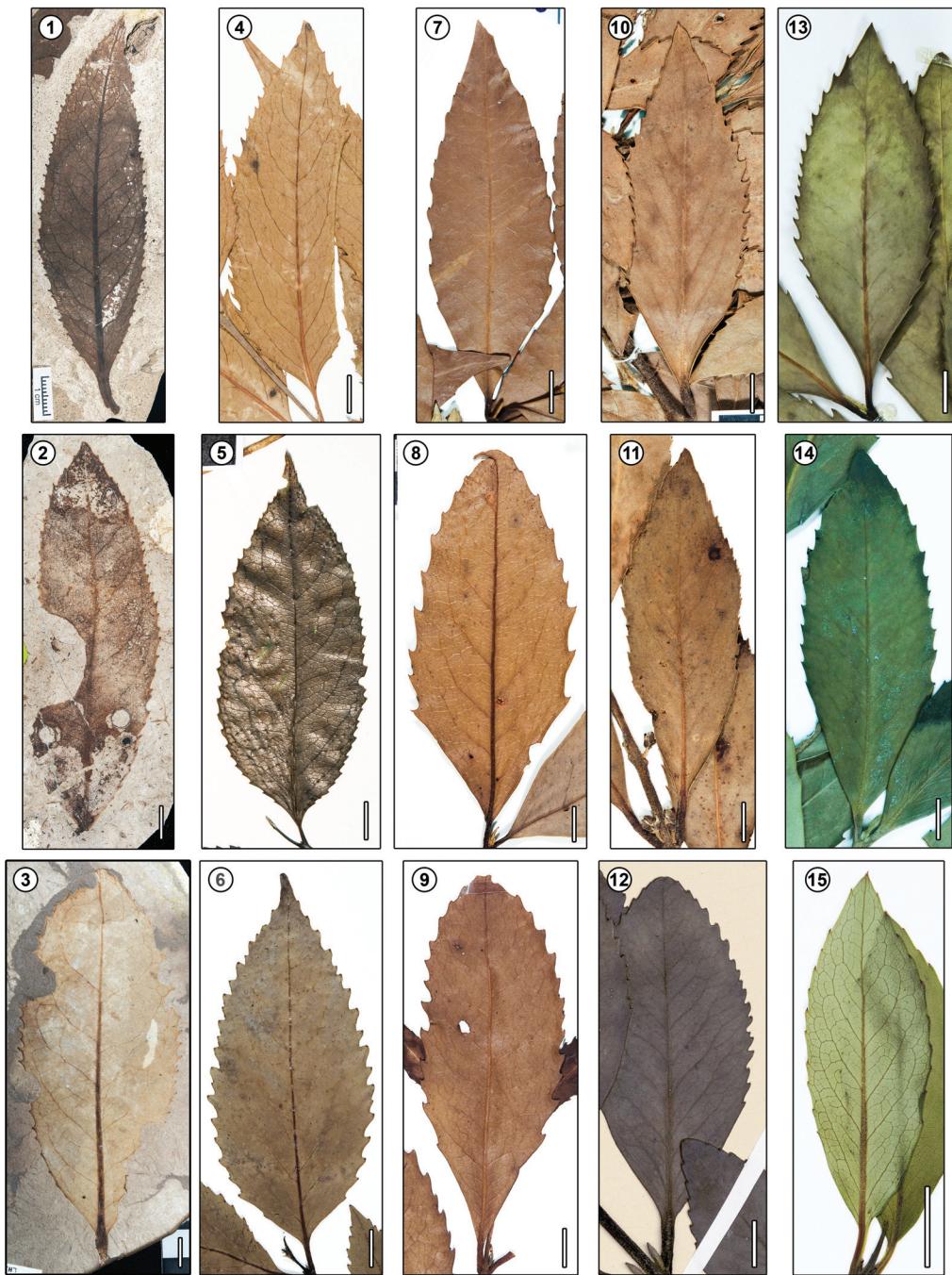


FIGURE 6. *Atherospermophyllum guinazui* (Berry), comb. nov., exemplars and visual comparisons to living Atherospermataceae species (Figure 2, Table 4). The left column (1-3) shows fossil specimens (Figure 4), and the four other columns, left to right, each show herbarium specimens of *Daphnandra apatela* (4-6), *Doryphora sassafras* (7-9), *Laureliopsis philippiana* (10-12), and *Laurelia sempervirens* (13-15). Fossil specimens: 1 – MPEF-Pb 5639 (LH); 2 – USNM 40403a (lectotype, RP); and 3 – MPEF-Pb 5650 (LH). Examples of living *Daphnandra apatela*: 4 – NSW 67890, C. Moore 167, Richmond River, NSW, Australia; 5 – CANB 128677, R. Schodde 3366, Sarabah Range, Qld., Australia; and 6 – NSW 102541, R. Schodde 5123, Doyle's River State Forest, NSW, Australia. *Doryphora sassafras*: 7 – NSW 67954, F. M. Bailey, NSW, Australia; 8 – NSW 69329, R. Schodde 3199, Williams River, NSW, Australia; and 9 – CANB 00467700, P. Martensz 222, Mt. Keira, NSW, Australia. *Laureliopsis philippiana*: 10 – NSW 67915, A. Castellanos, Lago Menéndez, Argentina; 11 – NSW s/n, B.J. Wallace 239/85; and 12 – NSW 67915, A. Castellanos, Lago Menéndez, Argentina. *Laurelia sempervirens*: 13 – GH s/n, T. Plowman 2618, Isla Tenglo, Chile; 14 – GH s/n, A.L. Cabrera 6026, Laguna Frias, Argentina; and 15 – NSW 618673, J. Allen s/n, cultivated, Mt. Tomah, NSW, Australia. Scale bars are 1 cm.

ance of the teeth and in the overall venation pattern. The teeth on *D. sassafras* are visibly larger than those on the fossils and are more widely spaced. The teeth also have prominently rounded apices in some cases, whereas the tooth apices are much more pointed in the fossils. Some examples of this species have teeth that are less rounded, and therefore are more similar to the fossil. However, *D. sassafras* lacks compound teeth, which are a very distinctive characteristic of *A. guinazui*. The secondary venation in *D. sassafras* appears to be more prominent (of higher and more consistent gauge) than in the fossils, especially near the margin where the secondary veins recurve.

Laureliopsis philippiana (Figure 6.10-12) differs from the fossils in the acuteness of the basal secondaries, the secondary venation near the leaf margins, and the overall tooth shape. The basalmost secondary veins in *L. philippiana* are less acute than those of the fossils, and they appear to run in a straighter course between the midvein and the margin. The secondary veins of *L. philippiana* curve distinctly upwards near the margin, are more branched near the margins, and do not loop back on themselves so strongly as the secondaries in the fossil species. The teeth of *L. philippiana* typically are slightly more convex on their proximal flanks than the teeth on many of the fossils. However, *L. philippiana* does show several similarities to the fossils, including a swollen petiole, a basally thickened midvein, and compound, relatively small teeth.

Laurelia sempervirens differs from the fossils in having less acute basal secondaries, secondary vein loops that end less proximally to the margin, and in the shape of the teeth. The teeth of *L. sempervirens* are typically more rounded overall than those of the fossils, especially the tooth proximal flank, which appears more concave or strongly retroflexed (Figure 6.5, 6.13-14; some specimens of *L. sempervirens* have teeth that exhibit a more acute apex and narrower overall shape: Figure 6.15). Like the fossils (and *Laureliopsis philippiana*), *L. sempervirens* leaves arise from swollen petioles and have basally thickened midveins and compound teeth.

Among the leaf architectural characters used in their morphological phylogeny of the Miocene fossil *Laurelia otagoensis* and living Atherospermataceae (along with many epidermal and fruit characters not applicable to our material), Conran et al. (2013) noted the following as clade-specific features: 1) no distinctive features for the South Amer-

ican species *Laurelia sempervirens* and *Laureliopsis philippiana*; 2) secondary vein angles mostly >45° and cuneate leaf bases for the New Zealand fossil *Laurelia* (new sp.) and living *L. novae-zelandiae*; and 3) secondary vein angles >45°, acute leaf apices and shallowly undulate margins for the rest of the family. The Patagonian fossil *Atherospermophyllum guinazui* (Figure 4) has secondary vein angles mostly >45°, mostly convex (presumably equivalent to "rounded" per Conran et al., 2013) bases, acute leaf apices, and "prominently crenate to serrate" (wording of Conran et al.) margins. Under this scheme, *A. guinazui* would clearly be placed in the third abovementioned group, i.e., excluding the living South American and New Zealand species and, agreeing with our analysis, would be most consistent with the Australian genus *Daphnandra* (and secondarily with *Doryphora*). The only apparent conflict with *Daphnandra* is margin state; however, for this genus, Conran et al. scored *Daphnandra tenuipes*, which indeed has "shallowly undulate" margins, whereas *D. apatela* has "prominently crenate to serrate" margins (and is consistent in the other character states listed here; Figure 6.4-6). Thus, an independent character set (Conran et al., 2013) validates our result: Australian *Daphnandra apatela* is the most similar living species to the Patagonian Eocene fossil *Atherospermophyllum guinazui*.

Family MONIMIACEAE Juss., nom. cons.

Genus MONIMIOPHYLLUM Zastawniak, Bulletin of the Polish Academy of Sciences, 37: 82 (1989)

Monimiophyllum callidatum C.L. Knight, sp. nov.
"Morphotype TY027, unknown dicot sp." Wilf et al.
(2005: A7)

Etymology. This fossil species is named for its distinctive teeth. "Calli-" derives from *kalos* (Greek, beautiful) and "dentatum" from *dentes* (Latin, teeth). No living species of Monimiaceae examined here exhibits comparably closely-spaced teeth, which are the most notable feature of this fossil species.

Holotype. MPEF-Pb 5630 (Figures 7, 8.1), Laguna del Hunco, Tufolitas Laguna del Hunco, Chubut Province, Patagonia, Argentina (early Eocene), from quarry LH2 of Wilf et al. (2003).

Diagnosis. Leaf oblong, pinnate, midvein basally thickened. Secondary veins irregularly spaced and semicraspedodromous, the basalmost pair distinctly acute to the midvein. Blade margin toothed with one order of teeth; teeth small, slightly irregular, and very closely spaced. Tooth shape distinctly monimoid, with the principal vein running through

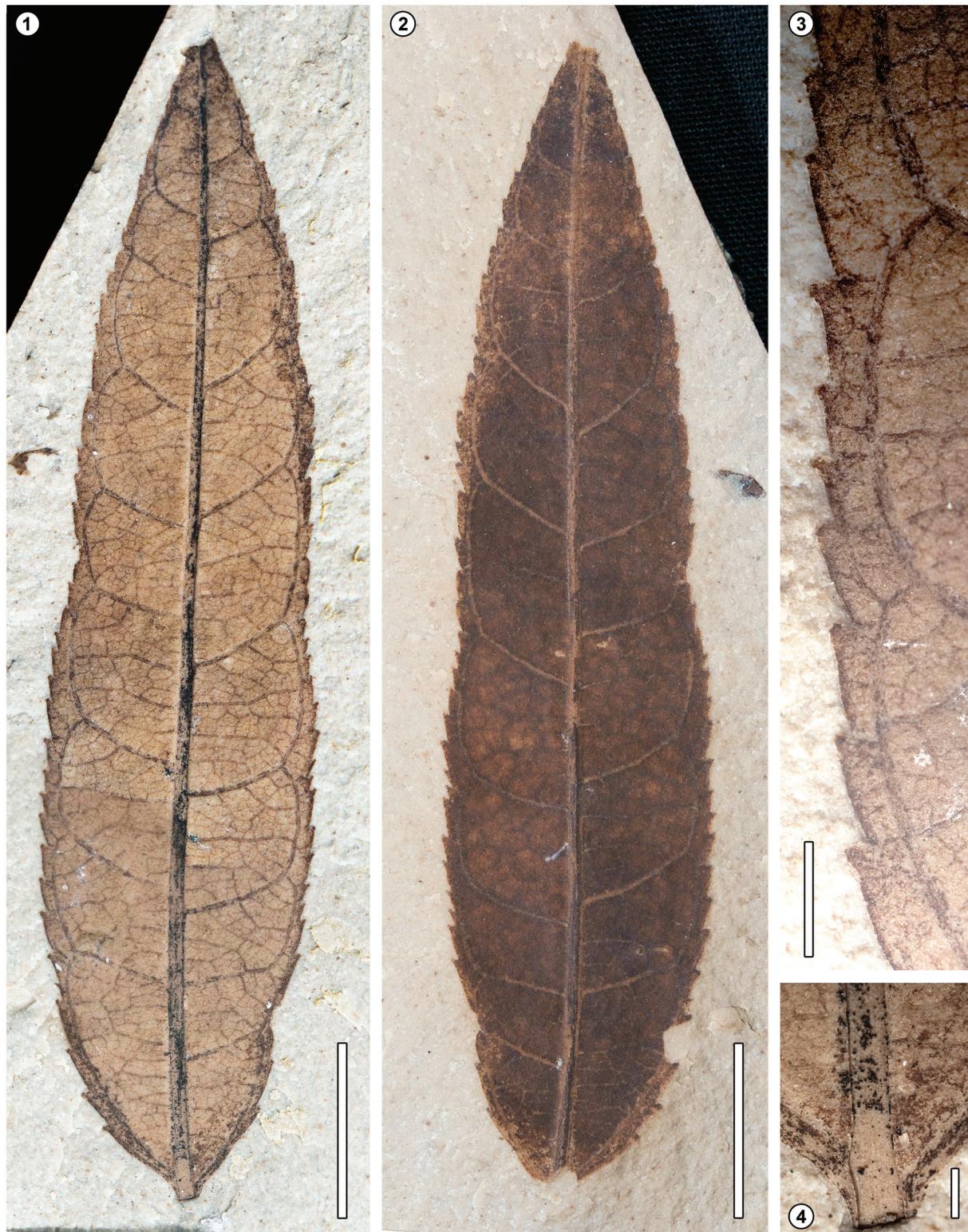
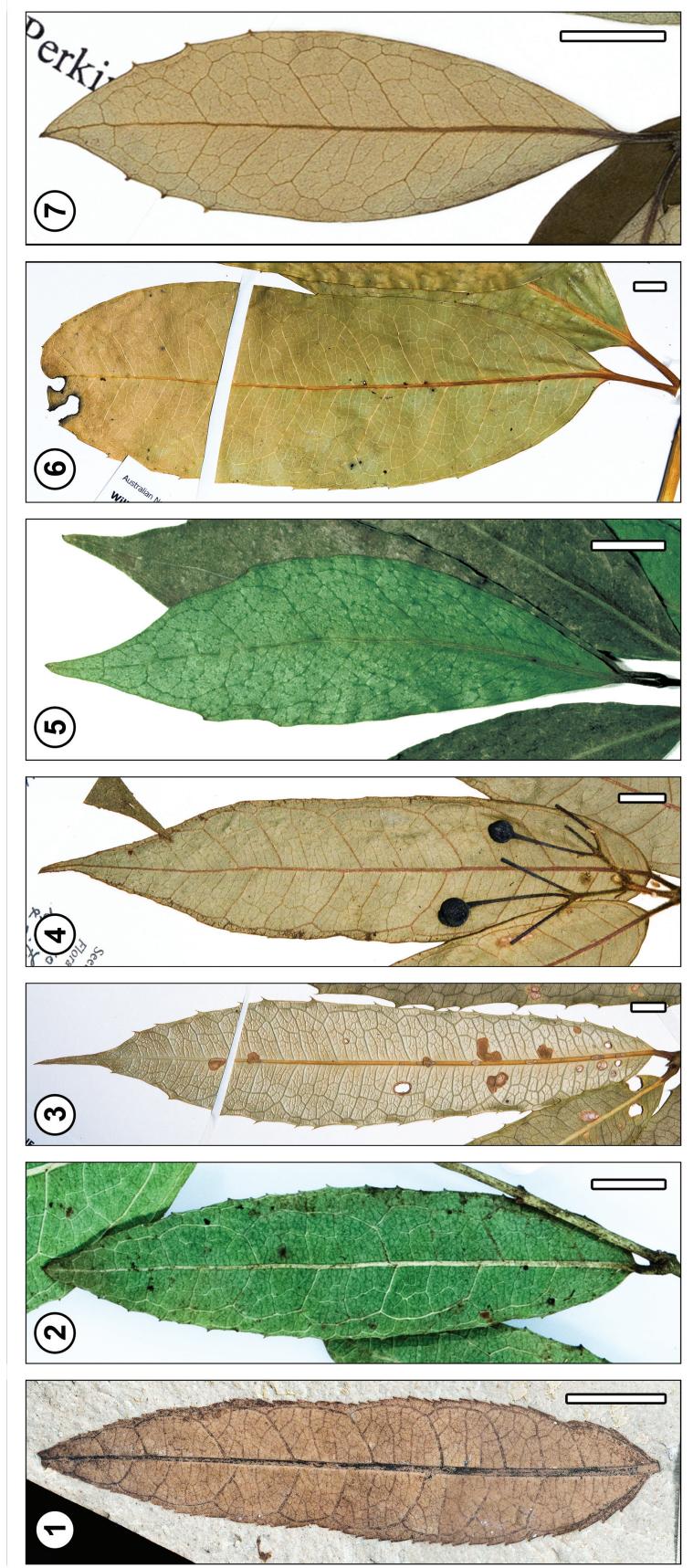


FIGURE 7. *Monimiophyllum callidentatum*, sp. nov., holotype, MPEF-Pb 5630 (Laguna del Hunco), part and counterpart (1 and 2), and details of the toothed margin (3) and the base (4). Note the deep midvein impression visible on the counterpart. Scale bar is 1 cm for 1 and 2, and 1 mm for 3 and 4.

FIGURE 8. *Monimiophyllum callidensatum*, sp. nov., holotype and visual comparisons to living Monimiaceae species (Figure 3, Table 5). The left-most image shows the fossil specimen (Figure 7, part), and all other images show herbarium specimens. 1 – *M. callidensatum* holotype from Laguna del Hunco, MPEF-Pb 5630; 2 – *Wilkiea hugellana*, C.L. Knight 22, Gibbergunya Range Road near Bigbox Road, Border Ranges N.P., NSW, Australia; 3 – *Kairoa suberosa*, CANB 204095, R. Schodde 5412, Mt. Moiba, Papua, Indonesia; 4 – *Austromatthaea elegans*, CANB 128486, R. Schodde 32233, Davies Creek Forestry Reserve, Queensland, Australia; 5 – *Hedycarya cupulata*, G. McPherson 2426, Thy River Basin, New Caledonia; 6 – *Wilkiea rigidifolia*, CANB 173624, R. Pullen 7231, Western District, Papua New Guinea; 7 – *Macropelus ligustrinus*, P 02005903, R. M. Harley 25112, Minas Gerais, Brazil (downloaded image, used with permission). Scale bars are 1 cm.



the center of the tooth and terminating at the tooth apex in a large, darkened gland.

Description. *Monimiophyllum callidentatum* is based on a single fossil specimen of an oblong leaf (Figures 7, 8.1). The laminar length is 66 mm, and the laminar l:w ratio is 4.6:1. Leaf attachment is petiolate and blade attachment to the petiole marginal. The lamina is medially and basally symmetric. The base shape is convex, and the base angle is acute. The apex shape is straight, and the apex angle is acute. Leaf rank is 2. The primary venation is pinnate. The midvein is basally distinctly thickened and tapers toward the leaf apex (Figure 7). Major secondary attachment to the midvein is excurrent, and the angle of attachment is uniform (not including the basalmost pair). The basalmost pair of secondary veins is significantly more acute to the midvein, relative to the other secondary veins (Figure 7). The maximum difference between the angle of the basalmost secondary veins to the midvein and that of the second pair of secondary veins is 30° (the angles of the left and right basal secondary veins are 25° and 30°, respectively).

The major secondary veins are irregularly spaced and semicraspedodromous, without festoons. There are 12 strong secondary loop pairs present, not deflected by the tertiary veins. The secondary loop shape maintains a relatively constant width as it approaches the blade margin, and the intercostal fields have a squarish appearance (Figure 7); loops occur at a distance from the margin that is 8 to 13% of the total distance from the margin to the midvein (measured perpendicular to the midvein). The intercostal tertiary vein fabric is irregular reticulate. Some of the epimedial tertiaries are robust, reaching the distal secondary loops and giving the appearance of intersecondary veins. Exterior tertiary veins enter teeth directly from the secondaries or form weak, irregular loops (Figure 7). Fourth and fifth order veins are irregular reticulate.

The blade margin is toothed, with one order of teeth present. Teeth are distributed over the full blade margin except the basalmost portion. The tooth spacing is very close, with 5 to 9 teeth per cm, and is slightly irregular. The sinus shape is angular. The tooth shape is concave/flexuous, and the teeth are distinctly monimioid in morphology, meaning that they have acute apices, medial principal veins (here as exterior tertiary veins), no accessory veins, and distinct, glandular caps (cassidate; Figure 7; Hickey and Wolfe, 1975). Tooth size, measured as the distance from the sinus to the tooth apex, as a percentage of the distance

from the midvein to the tooth apex (both on a single line perpendicular to the midvein), ranges from 5.0 to 7.1%.

Discussion: Affinities of *Monimiophyllum callidentatum* sp. nov.

The genus *Monimiophyllum* Zastawniak was diagnosed as “leaves simple, narrow-oblong, margin serrate, tooth-type monimioid, texture coriaceous, venation pinnate, semicraspedodromous” (Birkenmajer and Zastawniak, 1989, p. 83). *Monimiophyllum callidentatum* sp. nov. fits this diagnosis. The other, type species of the genus, *Monimiophyllum antarcticum* from Fildes Peninsula, King George Island, Antarctica, early Paleogene (Birkenmajer and Zastawniak, 1989), is clearly distinct from *M. callidentatum* because it has more dispersed teeth and irregular (not regular) secondary veins that are also deflected at tertiary junctions. The new species is assigned to the Monimiaceae because it exhibits typical characters for the family: low leaf rank, a basally thickened midvein, strongly brochidodromous secondary veins with the basal pair relatively more acute to the midvein, and distinctive monimioid tooth morphology.

Keeping in mind that it is represented by a single fossil only, *Monimiophyllum callidentatum* sp. nov. most closely resembles (in decreasing order of similarity) the toothed living species *Wilkiea hugeliana*, *Kairoa suberosa*, *Austromatthaea elegans*, *Hedycarya cupulata*, *W. rigidifolia*, *Macropeplus ligustrinus*, and *Steganthera australiana* (Table 5; Figures 3, 8). These taxa are phylogenetically dispersed within the family, but importantly, the two species that are by far the most similar (*Wilkiea hugeliana* and *Kairoa suberosa*) belong to the same, derived molecular clade (Figure 3). *Palmeria foremanii*, *Tambourissa purpurea*, *Hortonia floribunda*, and *Decarydendron ranomafanensis* are excluded from the discussion because they are not toothed, although their similarity in other characters is nevertheless of interest. Their high percent similarity to the fossil species is due to the proportionally increased weighting of non-tooth (venation) characters, as discussed above. We also note that other toothed species related to *Wilkiea* from Australia and New Guinea that were not scored here (e.g., Hyland et al. 2002; Renner and Takeuchi, 2009) show similarities to the fossil *M. callidentatum* (based on published illustrations), although none is so convincing as *W. hugeliana*.

Wilkiea hugeliana and *M. callidentatum* (Figures 8.1-2) have ovate to elliptic laminae, basal

secondary veins at greater than 30° difference in angle to the superjacent secondary veins, secondary veins that remain parallel between the midvein and the margin to create a secondary loop with an angular appearance, and teeth that are similar in shape and size. *Wilkiea hugeliana* is one of only two species in the family Monimiaceae seen that have basal secondary veins with an angle as steep as that in the fossil (Figure 8.2; the other, *W. smithii*, has an entire margin, not shown). One characteristic of *W. hugeliana* is the prominently raised veins on the leaf abaxial surface (e.g., Figure 8.2). This feature can be observed in the fossil specimen, which has visibly negative space in the matrix where the veins on the abaxial surface were formerly impressed (Figure 7.2), indicating that they were raised significantly in life. Two characters differ distinctly between the fossil *M. callidentatum* and living *W. hugeliana*. First, the secondary veins of the fossil loop exceptionally close to the margin, more so than *W. hugeliana*, so that there is no space for festoons. Second, *W. hugeliana* has teeth that are less closely spaced than those of *M. callidentatum*, typically with one fewer tooth per centimeter of margin.

Kairoa suberosa (Figure 8.3) primarily resembles the fossil in the shape of the secondary loops and their proximity to the leaf margin. However, the secondary veins of *K. suberosa* are much more deflected by tertiary vein junctions than those of the fossil. *Kairoa suberosa* also differs from the fossil in its consistently larger leaves, the decurrent attachment of the secondaries to the midvein, a lower number of teeth per cm, less acute basal secondaries, and differing tooth shapes. The teeth of *K. suberosa* have proximal flanks that are concave to straight, whereas *M. callidentatum* exhibits flexuous proximal flanks.

Austromatthaea elegans (Figure 8.4) shows a marked overall similarity to the fossil. It is particularly similar in its prominent midvein, the path of the tertiary venation (there are a few prominent epimedial tertiaries in each intercostal area, whereas all other tertiaries are irregular reticulate), and most especially in the secondary venation. The secondary veins of both *M. callidentatum* and *A. elegans* run smoothly, without deflection, and loop very closely to the blade margin; this is one of the few species of living Monimiaceae with secondary veins that loop as closely to the blade margin as those of the fossil. *Austromatthaea elegans* differs from the fossil in that it exhibits a lower frequency of teeth, has basal secondary veins that are parallel (not acute) to the superjacent secondary veins,

and exhibits different tooth shapes. Instead of being flexuous as in the fossil, the proximal flanks in *A. elegans* are typically straight or concave. The most conspicuous difference between this species and the fossil is its lack of acute basal secondary veins.

Hedycarya cupulata (Figure 8.5) differs most noticeably from the fossil species in the lesser acuteness of the basal secondaries, which reach a maximum angle of difference from the superjacent pair of secondary veins of only 20° (compared to 30° in *M. callidentatum*), the lesser proximity of the secondary loops to the margin, the stronger (higher gauge) exterior tertiary veins, and presence of different tooth shapes. The similarities between *H. cupulata* and the fossil are the overall leaf morphology (acute apex and an acute, convex base) and the configuration of the secondary vein loops. Like the fossil, *H. cupulata* has secondary loops that maintain a relatively consistent width towards the blade margin and are slightly squarish in their appearance.

Wilkiea rigidifolia (Figure 8.6) is different from the fossil in that it has an obtuse (not acute) base, the basal secondaries are less acute, the exterior tertiary loops are stronger and more regular, the teeth are smaller, and it has fewer teeth per cm. This species resembles the fossil in the proximity of the secondary loops to the blade margin, the consistent width of the secondary loops, and in the tooth shapes.

Macropelus ligustrinus (Figure 8.7) differs from the fossil in having secondary veins that typically loop further from the margin, basal secondaries that are not as acute, a lower number of teeth occurring per cm with teeth absent in the basal quarter of the blade, and different tooth shapes. *Monimiophyllum callidentatum* has teeth with flexuous proximal flanks, but *M. ligustrinus* has straight to concave proximal tooth flanks, which is a visually striking difference between the two species. The secondary and tertiary venation also appear dissimilar to the fossil because the secondary veins are highly deflected near the leaf margin and are less regular in their occurrence, and the exterior tertiary loops are stronger.

Steganthera australiana (not shown) differs from the fossil in its consistently larger leaf size, secondary veins that consistently loop further from the blade margin than those of the fossil, basal secondaries that are less acute, lower frequency of teeth, and lack of teeth in the basal quarter of the blade. The secondary and tertiary venation differ from those of the fossil in that the secondaries are

more deflected, and the tertiary network appears to be much denser.

DISCUSSION

The well-dated specimens of Monimiaceae and Atherospermataceae reported here are the only known non-wood fossils (for Atherospermataceae) or fossil of any type (Monimiaceae) for these families in South America, and they are among very few fossil examples worldwide (Table 1). They offer new insights into the timing and locations of clade origin, the paleobiogeography of the families, and the paleoecology of Eocene forests in Patagonia.

Atherospermophyllum guinazui (Berry), comb. nov.

The features of early and middle Eocene *A. guinazui* confirm the presence of Atherospermataceae in South America as early as 52.2 Ma, but they do not strongly support assignment to any living genus, including those with extant South American ranges that were previously considered its close relatives and that grow in close proximity to the fossil sites (*Laurelia-Laureliopsis*; Figure 1). The fossil species instead shows greater morphological similarity to Australasian taxa that are distantly related to the South American species, especially the Australian endemic *Daphnandra apatela* (Table 4). This result removes another historical link between the Eocene and extant floras of Patagonia, adding to the evidence supporting significant regional extinction in South America.

Monimiophyllum callidentatum, sp. nov.

Monimiophyllum callidentatum establishes the first fossil record of Monimiaceae in South America, at 52.2 Ma. Leaf morphological characters show that *M. callidentatum* most closely resembles the living, derived Australian species *Wilkiea hugeliana* and, secondarily, the closely related New Guinea species *Kairoa suberosa* (Table 5; Figure 8). The fossil is thus the only one known that may be closely related to *Wilkiea*. The similarity of *M. callidentatum* to *W. hugeliana* is further supported by the fact that the fossil matches most species in the *Wilkiea* clade, but not other clades, for the following characters: ratio of midvein width to secondary vein width, (high) acuteness of basal secondary veins, number of tooth orders (1), and tooth occurrence in the basal quarter of the blade (Figure 3). Molecular clock results estimated the age of the Australasian crown clade containing *Wilkiea*, *Kairoa*, and *Kibara* at ca. 16-19 Ma (16-38

Ma including 95% confidence intervals), and the stem age of this clade (i.e., its divergence from the sister clade comprising *Mollinedia*, *Grazielanthus*, *Macroneplus*, *Macrotorus*, and *Hennecartia*) as only minimally older (Renner et al., 2010). In contrast, the presence of *M. callidentatum* in Eocene Patagonia shows that the *Wilkiea* lineage could be much older, inhabiting South America at 52.2 Ma, prior to the continent's final separation from Antarctica and Australia. However, without additional, comparable fossil occurrences, especially from Australia, it is not possible to further refine a scenario that explains the paleobiogeography of the *Wilkiea* clade or to identify the geographic origin of this lineage.

Paleoecology and Associational Persistence

Atherospermophyllum guinazui and *Monimiophyllum callidentatum* contribute a novel, probable understory component of basal angiosperms to the Eocene Patagonian landscape. Species of Atherospermataceae and Monimiaceae today are often understory shrubs and small trees (although they can penetrate the canopy, and some species are lianas), and the interpretation that the fossil species had low biomass, like the living taxa, is consistent with their extreme rarity in the fossil floras. One of the most visually striking features of both fossil species is their low leaf rank (of 2). Low vein density is associated with low leaf rank (Brodribb and Feild, 2010) and is considered characteristic of basal angiosperms, including many Laurales. Vein density has been shown to correlate directly to leaf hydraulic capacity and productivity (Boyce et al., 2009; Brodribb and Feild, 2010) because denser vein networks minimize the distance water must move through resistant leaf mesophyll to the stomata. Lower vein density, and thus lower efficiency and productivity, restricts plants to areas that are more shaded because they cannot meet the hydraulic demands imposed by full sun (Feild et al., 2011). This line of evidence has led to the interpretation that angiosperms originated as shrubs and small trees in rainforest understories (Feild et al. 2004, 2011). *Atherospermophyllum guinazui* exhibits a low vein density of 5.4 to 8.6 mm mm⁻², and the single specimen of *Monimiophyllum callidentatum* also shows moderately low vein density, of 10.4 mm mm⁻². These values are consistent with measured ranges of vein density for six extant Atherospermataceae and 21 extant Monimiaceae species, of 4.6 to 6.3 mm mm⁻² and 3.1 to 10.2 mm mm⁻², respectively (Brodribb and Feild, 2010). The similarity of the fossil and extant vein density val-

ues further supports a low-productivity, understory role for these Eocene taxa.

In many montane Australasian rainforest areas today, Atherospermataceae and Monimiaceae, including *Daphnandra* and *Wilkiea*, can be found growing (often together) beneath many of the same dominant taxa as those of Eocene Patagonia, including *Agathis*, *Araucaria*, *Podocarpus*, *Akania*, and diverse Cunoniaceae, Myrtaceae, and Proteaceae (e.g., Wilf et al., 2005, in press; González et al., 2007) and above the same fern genera (*Todea*, *Dicksonia*, *Sticherus*, *Adiantum*; Carvalho et al., 2013). Australian regions we have observed in the field (with R. Kooyman, Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney) to have particularly striking fossil-Patagonia to living-Australia similarities of this kind are the Border Ranges of northeastern New South Wales (e.g., Kooyman et al. 2012; Carvalho et al., 2013) and the higher elevations of the Atherton Tablelands. All these locations are ca. 11,000 km modern distance from Laguna del Hunco and Río Pichileufú.

CONCLUSIONS

The Atherospermataceae and Monimiaceae families (Laurales) exhibit a broad distribution across the Southern Hemisphere today, predominantly as shrubs and small trees in rainforests. Nevertheless, little is understood about how these widespread ranges developed. The fossil leaf species *Atherospermophyllum guinazui* (Berry) comb. nov. (Atherospermataceae) and *Monimiophyllum callidentatum* sp. nov. (Monimiaceae) from Eocene Patagonia contribute important records to their respective families and improve the resolution of their poorly known paleobiogeographic histories. The two fossil species show greatest morphological similarity to species in genera that are endemic to Australia today, especially *Daphnandra* (Atherospermataceae) and *Wilkiea* (Monimiaceae), respectively. Removal of *A. guinazui* from *Laurelia* eliminates yet another lineage that, historically, was thought to have persisted in Patagonia since the Eocene, and it increases the observed number of extinctions there. The striking resemblance of *M. callidentatum* to *Wilkiea*, which is considered from molecular clock estimates to be of relatively recent Australasian origin, suggests that the *Wilkiea* lineage may be much older than thought, predating the final breakup of Gondwana, and that it had a past distribution very different from its range today. Prior to this study, there were no known fossil occurrences likely to belong to the *Wilkiea* clade.

Today, species of *Daphnandra* and *Wilkiea* grow as shrubs or small trees in the understories of montane subtropical and tropical rainforests in northeast Australia. Due to the similar rarity and relatively low vein density of these fossil species, compared to their living counterparts, we infer that *A. guinazui* and *M. callidentatum* probably filled a similar niche as understory plants under tall, mixed angiosperm-conifer canopies in the Eocene volcanic rainforests of Patagonia. The ancient Patagonian forests had a floral composition remarkably similar to that of the living floras associated with *Daphnandra* and *Wilkiea* in Australia today. These results contribute to a growing body of evidence indicating that many lineages from the Patagonian Eocene floras are now extinct in South America, and that these floras (as described so far) show greatest affinity to living Australasian floras that preserve many of the ancient floral associations.

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APPENDIX 1

Leaf Character Definitions

Unless defined separately below, terminology for leaf scoring (Appendices 3, 5) followed Ellis et al. (2009).

Midvein thickened at base: qualitative feature. The midvein is considered basally thickened if the midvein in the basal third of the leaf, especially near the insertion point of the petiole, is noticeably thicker than the midvein in the middle and apical portion of the leaf. (Appendix 2, Character 9; Appendix 4, Character 7)

Ratio of midvein w:2° w: the width of the midvein divided by the width of a secondary vein. The width of the secondary vein is measured proximal to the midvein and perpendicular to the secondary vein course (Appendix 2, Character 11; Appendix 4, Character 8).

Basal secondaries acute: This is a measure of acuteness to the midvein of the basalmost pair of secondary veins is, relative to the superjacent pair of secondary veins. The measurement is the difference between the angle of the basalmost pair of secondary veins to the midvein, and the angle of the second pair of secondary veins to the midvein. When the angle measured is equal to zero, the basal secondary veins are not acute, and increasing angle measurements indicate increasing acuteness (Appendix 2, Character 12; Appendix 4, Character 10).

Proximity of secondary loop to margin: Measured as a percentage. The distance from the outermost point of a secondary vein (typically secondary veins in the medial portion of the blade are measured) divided by the total distance

between the midvein and the margin, then multiplied by 100. Both lengths are measured along the same line, which is perpendicular to the midvein (Appendix 2, Character 13; Appendix 4, Character 12).

Secondary loop shape: Qualitative feature. The secondary loop shape is scored ‘even’ if the superjacent and subjacent secondary veins in a secondary loop maintain a nearly constant distance from each other, until they loop near the blade margin. The secondary loop shape is scored ‘cone’ if the loop width decreases noticeably from the midvein to the blade margin (Appendix 2, Character 14; Appendix 4, Character 13).

Ratio of 2° loop h:w: The maximum height of a secondary loop (measured from the intersection of a secondary with the midvein, to the apex of the secondary loop) divided by the maximum intercostal width of the secondary loop (measured between the intersection of the superjacent secondary vein and the midvein, to where a perpendicular line intersects the subjacent secondary) (Appendix 2, Character 15; Appendix 4, Character 14).

Tooth size: Measured as a percentage. Tooth size is the distance between the tooth sinus and the tooth apex, divided by the total distance of the tooth apex from the midvein, then multiplied by 100. Both lengths are measured along a single line, which is perpendicular to the midvein. The points at which the tooth apex and sinus occur are projected perpendicularly to this single line, and the length between these projected points is measured to calculate the percentage (Appendix 2, Character 24; Appendix 4, Character 22).

APPENDIX 2

Characters used to score the fossil *Atherospermophyllum guinazui* comb. nov. and living Atherospermataceae, and explanation of coding. The character numbers given in this Appendix correspond to the first column in the scoring matrix (Appendix 3, below).

Character	Character name	Coding
1	laminar length:width ratio	Range
2	leaf length	range (mm)
3	petiole swollen	0=no, 1=yes
4	base shape convex	0=no, 1=yes
5	apex shape straight	0=no, 1=yes
6	apex shape convex	0=no, 1=yes
7	apex shape acuminate	0=no, 1=yes
8	apex angle obtuse	0=no, 1=yes
9	midvein thickened at base	0=no, 1=yes
10	ratio of midvein w:2° w	Range
11	secondary attachment to midvein	0=excurrent, 1=decurrent
12	basal secondaries acute	max. angle (degrees)
13	proximity of secondary loop to margin	range (%)
14	secondary loop shape	0=even, 1=cone
15	ratio of 2° loop h:w	Number
16	number of 2° loops	Number
17	intersecondaries present	0=no, 1=yes
18	exterior tertiary loops	0=weak, 1=strong
19	exterior tertiary loop size/spacing	0=irregular, 1=regular
20	margin type	0=entire, 1=toothed
21	teeth per cm	Number
22	number of tooth orders	Number
23	second order teeth compound	0=no, 1=yes
24	tooth size	range (%)
25	teeth occur in basal quarter of blade	0=no, 1=yes
26	principal vein branches from outermost tertiary	0=no, 1=yes
27	tooth accessory veins	0=none, 1=conjunctal
28	tooth shape cc/st	0=no, 1=yes
29	tooth shape cc/rt	0=no, 1=yes
30	tooth shape cc/fl	0=no, 1=yes

APPENDIX 3

Atherospermataceae Character Matrix

Character data for the fossil *Atherospermophyllum guinazui* comb. nov. and living Atherospermataceae. Scores for living species are bold where they match or fully capture the fossil species' score or range.

	<i>Atherospermophyllum guinazui</i>	<i>Laurelia novae-zelandiae</i>	<i>Laureliopsis philippiana</i>	<i>Laurelia sempervirens</i>	<i>Atherosperma moschatum</i>	<i>Nemuron vieillardii</i>	<i>Dryadodaphne novoguineensis</i>	<i>Dryadodaphne trachyphloia</i>
1	2.17-3.29	1.9-2	1.62-3.3	2.7-3.5	2.8-3	1.9-3	2.9-3	2.6-3.7
2	50-122	35-76	52-109	53-114	62-80	41-71	74-97	48-170
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	0,1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
5	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
6	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
7	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
8	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
9	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
10	2.75-6.43	1.88-4.24	1.74-3.04	3.04-5.42	2.23-3.69	3.25-6.21	5.35-5.83	2.12-5.56
11	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
12	18	5	10	10	6	12	18	12
13	4-24	18-32	24-27	10-28	9-13	17-20	17-27	14-26
14	0,1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	1.47-4.33	2.50-4.33	3.60-5.40	4.00-5.33	3.50-5.00	2.00-4.50	1.86-3.20	2.00-2.88
16	8-16	10-13	12-15	10-16	10-14	11-15	11-17	12-16
17	0,1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
18	0,1	0	1	1	n/a	n/a	0 (?)	1
19	0,1	0	1	1	n/a	n/a	0	0
20	1	1	1	1	0,1	1	1	1
21	2-6	3-5	2-4	2-4	1-3	2-6	1-3	1-3
22	1,2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
23	n/a,1	1	1	1	1	1	n/a	n/a
24	3.63-11.93	6.43-10.34	5.27-14.87	5.78-7.08	7.35-16.13	6.72-7.48	4.19-6.07	2.59-5.73
25	1	1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0
26	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
27	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
28	0,1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
29	0,1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
30	0,1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Number of matches	7	11	11	9	7	10	9	
Characters scored	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
% similarity	25.93	40.74	40.74	33.33	25.93	37.04	33.33	

Appendix 3 (continued).

	<i>Daphnandra micrantha</i>	<i>Daphnandra repandula</i>	<i>Daphnandra apatela</i>	<i>Doryphora aromatica</i>	<i>Doryphora sassafras</i>	
1	2.7-3	3-3.7	2.66-4.4	2.2-3.1	2.5-3.92	
2	65-156	88-159	70-123	58-139	36-124	
3	1	0	0,1	1	1	
4	1	1	0,1	0	0	
5	1	1	0,1	1	0	
6	0	0	0	0	0,1	
7	1	1	1	1	1	
8	0	0	0	0	0	
9	0	1	1	0	1	
10	2-3.32	2.19-4.17	2.18-4.22	2.36-3.94	3.12-4.4	no matches
11	1	1	0,1	1	0,1	
12	12	10	13	8	19	
13	11-24	8-17	16-25	18-27	12-18	no matches
14	1	1	1	0	0	no matches
15	2.38-3.40	2.41-4.14	2.38-4.56	1.80-1.88	1.63-2.43	no matches
16	8-14	9-13	8-12	9-15	8-15	no matches
17	0	0	0,1	1	1	
18	0	1	1	0	1	no matches
19	0	0	0	0	0	
20	1	1	1	1	1	
21	2-4	2-5	2-6	1-3	1-3	
22	2	2	2	1	1,2	
23	0	0	1	n/a	n/a,0	
24	6.58-8.5	2.11-3.4	4.65-12.82	4.82-5.89	5.13-11.99	no matches
25	1	1	1	0,1	0,1	
26	1	1	1	1	1	
27	1	1	1	1	1	
28	1	1	0,1	0	1	
29	1	1	1	1	1	no matches
30	0	0	0	0	0	no matches
	9	9	15	9	12	
	27	27	27	27	27	
	33.33	33.33	55.56	33.33	44.44	

APPENDIX 4

Characters used to score the fossil *Monimiophyllum callidentatum* sp. nov. and living Atherospermataceae, and explanation of coding. The character numbers given in this Appendix correspond to the first column in the scoring matrix (Appendix 5, below).

	Character	Coding
1	laminar L:W ratio	number
2	leaf L	range (mm)
3	petiole swollen	0=no, 1=yes
4	base shape convex	0=no, 1=yes
5	base angle acute	0=no, 1=yes
6	apex angle acute	0=no, 1=yes
7	midvein thickened at base	0=no, 1=yes
8	ratio of midvein w:2° w	range (%)
9	secondary attachment to midvein	0=excurrent, 1=decurrent
10	basal secondaries acute	max angle (degrees)
11	secondary loop strength	0=weak, 1=strong
12	proximity of secondary loop to margin	range (%)
13	secondary loop shape	0=even, 1=cone
14	ratio of 2° loop h:w	number
15	number of 2° loops	number
16	intersecondaries present	0=no, 1=yes
17	exterior tertiary loops	0=weak, 1=strong
18	exterior tertiary loop size/spacing	0=irregular, 1=regular
19	margin type	0=entire, 1=toothed
20	teeth per cm	number
21	number of tooth orders	number
22	tooth size	range (%)
23	teeth occur in basal quarter of blade	0=no, 1=yes
24	tooth accessory veins	0=none, 1=conjunctal
25	tooth shape cc/fl	0=no, 1=yes

APPENDIX 5

Monimiaceae Character Matrix

Character data for living Monimiaceae and the single fossil of *Monimiophyllum callidentatum*, sp. nov. Scores for living species are bold where they match or fully capture the fossil species score or range.

	<i>Monimiophyllum callidentatum</i>	<i>Kibara coriacea</i>	<i>Willkrea rigidifolia</i>	<i>Kibara moluccana</i>	<i>Willkrea angustifolia</i>	<i>Kairoa suberosa</i>	<i>Willkrea hugeliana</i>	<i>Kibara macrophylla</i>	<i>Willkrea austroqueenslandica</i>
1	4.56	2.31-2.42	2.88-3.4	2.53-3.17	2.25-4.12	2.86-3.28	2.98-3.82	2.83-3	2.97-3.43
2	73	155-226	161-221	205-323	70-142	177-280	49-119	63-201	86-137
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
7	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
8	2.32-3.04	1.90-2.20	2.29-3.76	2.44-3.46	2.75-3.83	2.88-3.90	2.20-3.00	1.85-3.62	2.16-4.45
9	0	1	0	1	1	1	0,1	1	0,1
10	25-30	11	23	21	25	27	45	22	10
11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12	8-13	19-24	7-14	16-18	15-21	8-13	16-33	11-20	16
13	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
14	1.43-1.6	1.64-2.89	1.7-2.06	1.25-1.32	1.14-1.23	1.32-1.43	1.07-1.89	1.33-1.59	1.55-2
15	19	9-11	15	14	9-12	15-24	9-14	12-14	14-20
16	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
17	0	0	1	1	1	0	0,1	1	1
18	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1
19	1	0,1	0,1	0	1	1	1	0,1	1
20	5-9	1-2	2-3	n/a	1-2	1-2	2-5	1-2	1-2
21	1	2	1	n/a	1	1	1,2	2	2
22	5.03-7.14	1.64-2.17	1.98-3.41	n/a	2.13-5.38	4.16-6.92	3.31-8.35	3.11-5.98	3.58-6.86
23	1	0,1	0,1	n/a	1	1	0,1	1	0
24	0	1	0	n/a	1	0	1	1	1
25	1	1	1	n/a	1	0	1	0	1
Number of matches		10	14	6	11	17	19	13	11
Characters scored		25	25	19	25	25	25	25	25
% similarity		40.00	56.00	31.58	44.00	68.00	76.00	52.00	44

Appendix 5 (continued).

	<i>Wikiea smithii</i>	<i>Wikiea</i> sp. "Palmerston"	<i>Mollinella schottiana</i>	<i>Mollinella widgrenii</i>	<i>Grazielanthus arkeocarpus</i>	<i>Mollinella ovata</i>	<i>Macropelus ligustrinus</i>	<i>Macrotorus utriculus</i>	<i>Hennecartia omphalandra</i>
1	2.26-3.36	2.71-2.94	2.13-2.71	1.36-3.5	2.29-2.86	1.85	2-2.03	2.7-2.78	3.62-4.24
2	61-121	103-114	38-143	53-182	20-32	135-157	36-81	178-186	76-106
3	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
4	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
7	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
8	3.75-4.40	2.14-2.55	1.88-2.06	2.27-2.52	1.50-3.14	1.71-2.70	2.55-3.44	2.37-3.00	1.92-3.50
9	1	1	0	0	0	1	0,1	0	1
10	46	25	17	18	6	9	14	16	11
11	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
12	12-16	18-23	12-17	9-13	18-23	9-14	12-18	18-21	17-25
13	0	0	0,1	1	1	1	0	0,1	1
14	1.18-1.71	1.36-1.5	1.57-1.75	1.76-3.06	1.6-2.33	1.8-2.15	1.60-1.96	1.66-1.91	1.25-1.44
15	16-18	10-12	7-12	8-10	7-10	8	9-13	8-9	16-18
16	1	1	0-7	0 (?)	1	1	0	1	0
17	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
18	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
19	0	0	1	0,1	1	0,1	0,1	1	1
20	n/a	n/a	1-3	1-3	5-10	0-2	1-3	1	2-4
21	n/a	n/a	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
22	n/a	n/a	2.84-6.00	3.34-7.73	2.36-5.23	1.32-4.08	4.93-11.31	3.29-6.73	5.94-8.69
23	n/a	n/a	0,1	0	0	0	0	0	1
24	n/a	n/a	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
25	n/a	n/a	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
	10	7	13	13	10	7	14	8	13
	19	19	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
	52.63	36.84	52.00	52.00	40.00	28.00	56.00	32.00	52.00

Appendix 5 (continued).

	<i>Tetrasynandra pubescens</i>	<i>Stegpanthera laxiflora</i>	<i>Stegpanthera australiana</i>	<i>Stegpanthera macrocaria</i>	<i>Stegpanthera cooperorum</i>	<i>Stegpanthera hirsuta</i>	<i>Matthaea sancta</i>	<i>Matthaea heterophylla</i>	<i>Austromatthaea elegans</i>
1	2.93-4.21	2.2-2.33	3.33-3.4	2.75-3.07	3.23-5.1	2.14-2.35	2.77-2.96	3.75-4.08	3.46-5.03
2	59-167	105-112	130-136	83-110	51-126	77-310	80-119	30-53	83-176
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
5	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
6	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
7	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
8	1.56-2.10	2.06-2.58	2.06-2.65	3.33-3.48	2.22-3.15	1.73-2.14	2.00-2.11	2.5-4.16	1.89-2.59
9	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
10	14	10	11	9	16	10	12	21	0
11	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12	13-26	13-25	15-25	13-17	8-16	8-15	10-17	10-12	8-18
13	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
14	1.29-1.83	1.48-2.56	1.18-1.5	1.75-1.86	1.39-1.57	1.17-1.52	1.27-1.71	1.13-1.4	1.27-1.63
15	8-9	6-7	11-14	12-14	8-13	10-12	9-11	12-13	14-17
16	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
17	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
18	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
19	1	0,1	0,1	0	0	0	0	0	1
20	3-7	1-2	1-2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2-3
21	2	1	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,2
22	3.89-7.45	2.42-5.64	2.92-8.76	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.68-6.81
23	1	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1
24	1	1	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
25	1	1	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
13		10	14	8	9	9	5	8	15
25		25	25	19	19	19	19	19	25
52.00	40.00	56.00	42.11	47.37	47.37	47.37	26.32	42.11	60.00

Appendix 5 (continued).

	<i>Levieria acuminata</i>	<i>Hedycarya loxocarya</i>	<i>Hedycarya cupulata</i>	<i>Hedycarya angustifolia</i>	<i>Kibaropsis caledonica</i>	<i>Hedycarya arborea</i>	<i>Tambourissa purpurea</i>	<i>Tambourissa elliptica</i>	<i>Tambourissa ficus</i>
1	3.43-3.58	2.59-3.34	2.47-3.42	2.38-3.47	2.71-4.52	2.53-2.9	2.5-2.61	1.29-2	2.24-2.98
2	72-136	88-147	65-116	19-118	113-233	43-84	35-99	52-145	83-176
3	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
4	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
8	2.33-3.16	1.53-4.52	2.79-5.30	2.48-4.75	4.31-5.85	3.69-4.76	2.27-4.14	3.28-4.83	2.37-3.57
9	1	0	0	0,1	0,1	0	0	1	1
10	12	20	20	23	0	8	16	14	11
11	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
12	8-15	13-18	13-27	15-21	9-14	15-22	8-17	9-14	11-17
13	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0,1
14	1.55-2.4	1.47-2.06	1.36-1.73	1.3-1.5	1.6-2	1.5-2	1.47-1.83	1.6-2.15	1.5-2.67
15	6-8	8-10	9-12	8-12	14-18	10-15	4-11	10-19	10-14
16	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
17	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	1	0,1	0,1	1	0	1	0	0	0
20	1-2	1	1-2	1-4	n/a	1-3	n/a	n/a	n/a
21	1	1	1	2	n/a	2	n/a	n/a	n/a
22	3.65-8.57	5.29-10.8	5.47-10.5	2.23-12.1	n/a	6.03-7.86	n/a	n/a	n/a
23	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
24	0	1	0?	1	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
25	0	0	0	1	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
	13	10	14	13	9	13	12	9	6
	25	25	25	25	19	25	19	19	19
	52.00	40.00	56.00	52.00	47.37	52.00	63.16	47.37	31.58

Appendix 5 (continued).

	<i>Tambourissa tau</i>	<i>Ephippiaandra madagascariensis</i>	<i>Tambourissa leptophylla</i>	<i>Tambourissa longicarpa</i>	<i>Decarydendron ranomafanensis</i>	<i>Xymalos monospora</i>	<i>Hortonia floribunda</i>	<i>Palmeria foremanii</i>	<i>Palmeria scandens</i>
1	3.17-3.87	1.55-1.88	1.5-1.87	1.39-3.1	1.89-2.16	2.12-2.61	1.5-3.11	2.67-2.93	1.81-3.31
2	165-298	34-120	60-230	71-325	36-82	55-141	39-109	44-104	102-123
3	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0,1
4	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
5	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0,1
6	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0,1
7	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
8	2.61-4.49	2.50-2.67	2.71-4.67	1.76-4.16	2.40-3.33	2.61-4.17	1.79-2.46	1.78-4.76	2.00-2.61
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	13	13	16	13	13	23	14	15	12
11	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0,1
12	12-18	15-30	10-21	16-26	9-15	12-17	12-18	15-18	18-25
13	1	1	0,1	0,1	0	0	0,1	0	0
14	1.73-2.24	1.7-3.27	1.38-2.13	1.65-2.65	1.5-2.33	1.29-1.72	1.14-1.76	1.29-1.36	1.23-2.21
15	8-15	6-8	9-13	6-15	7-13	8-12	4-6	9-14	10-14
16	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
17	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
18	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0,1
19	0	1	0	1	0	0,1	0	0	0
20	n/a	1-3	n/a	1-2	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
21	n/a	2	n/a	1	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
22	n/a	6.09-11.32	n/a	8.87-14.42	n/a	4.88-6.52	n/a	n/a	n/a
23	n/a	0,1	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
24	n/a	1	n/a	1	n/a	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
25	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
	9	8	9	12	11	11	11	12	8
	19	25	19	25	19	25	19	19	19
	47.37	32.00	47.37	48.00	57.89	44.00	57.89	63.16	42.11

Appendix 5 (continued).

	<i>Monimia rotundifolia</i>	<i>Monimia ovalifolia</i>	<i>Peumus boldus</i>
1	1.35-1.52	1.23-1.61	1.71-2.32
2	47-146	61-163	24-65
3	1	1	1
4	1	1	1
5	0	0	1
6	0	0	1
7	1	1	1
8	1.78-2.61	2.20-2.57	2.06-2.42
9	0	0	0
10	5	5	22
11	0	0	0
12	15-20	13-18	12-23
13	0	0	0,1
14	2.04-3.13	2.18-4.27	1.38-2.2
15	8-10	9-11	6-11
16	0	0	1
17	1	1	0
18	0	0	0
19	0	0	0
20	n/a	n/a	n/a
21	n/a	n/a	n/a
22	n/a	n/a	n/a
23	n/a	n/a	n/a
24	n/a	n/a	n/a
25	n/a	n/a	n/a
	8	8	10
	19	19	19
	42.11	42.11	52.63