Hiroshi Inoue*: Notes on Plagiochila eatoni Aust., a Hawaiian liverwort

Plagiochila is a large genus in the Hepaticae comprising more than 1500 species described from all over the world, in which many dubious species are included. Some species have recently been transferred to other genera, for example, Plagiochilion Hatt. and Xenochila Schust. During the course of a monographic study of Plagiochilion, I had the opportunity to examine the type specimen of Plagiochila eatoni Aust., a Hawaiian species which has been placed in the "Oppositae" group (now treated as Plagiochilion).

Plagiochila eatoni was collected by Baldwin in Aug. 1875 at West Maui. It was first studied by Austin and described as a new species (in msc.). Diagnoses and figures were published by Evans (1891) with a short description, who stated, "P. eatoni is apparently a near ally of P. brauniana Nees.....but the leaves are distinctly imbricate and somewhat longer than they are broad." Stephani (1897) enumerated this species in his list of the Hawaiian hepatics. In 1906, he followed Evans' concept of P. eatoni, but certainly he did not study the type material. Following Carl (1931) grouped it in the subgenus Oppositae and noted, "Die Art wird von Evans mit P. brauniana verglichen und beide nahe Verwandtschaft hervorgehoben."

The type material deposited in the herbarium of Yale University (YU) consists of two packets collected at the same locality and with the same number (Baldwin no. 109). One of them agrees well with Evans' description and figures of P. eatoni; the other is Plagiochila species not belonging to the "Oppositae" group. Evans' description is so short that I am adding here my own observations on the basis of the type material.

Plants about 10 cm long, about 3 mm wide with leaves, simple, reddish brown. Stem brown, about 0.4 mm thick, about 14 cells across, cortical cells in 2-3 layers, with moderately thickened walls, walls brownish, medullary cells with white, thin walls. Leaves with an oblique insertion, opposite, imbricate, obliquely to nearly horizontally spreading, ovate or orbicular-ovate, 1.3-1.4 mm wide and 1.4-1.5 mm long, margins entire throughout, the dorsal margin hardly
decurrent, slightly connate at the base with the opposite leaf, more or less inflated toward base, the ventral margin not decurrent, connate with the opposite leaf at base. Cells of the leaf apex and margin 20–23×27–36 μ, of the leaf middle 27–34×36–40 μ, of the leaf base 30–37×34–46 μ, walls thin throughout, reddish in the distal half of the leaf; trigons large, nodulose. Underleaves absent. Rhizoids restricted to a small area at or near the ventral end of the leaf insertion, fasciculate, nearly colorless. Plants dioecious (female plants not observed). Male inflorescences terminal, bracts about 7 pairs, closely imbricate,

*Szegypilla eatoni* (Aust.) Inoue. a. Cells from leaf middle, ×300. b. Cells from leaf margin, ×300. c. Part of cross section of stem, ×300. d–f. Leaves, ×10. g. Part of plant, dorsal view, ×10. h. Part of male inflorescence, ×10. i. Part of plant, ventral view, ×10. j. Part of male inflorescence, showing insertion lines of bracts, ×20. All figs. based on type specimen.
entire throughout, similar to the leaves in shape but strongly saccate and having a clear reddish pigmentation at the base, the insertion line of bracts V-shaped, paraphyses absent.

Among the diagnostic characters for the species, the followings seem to be most important in typifying *P. eatoni*; (1) rhizoids are fasciculate and restricted to a small area of the ventral base of leaves, (2) a reddish pigmentation of male bracts and in the distal half of leaves, and (3) saccate male bracts with a V-shaped insertion line. These characteristics easily separate *P. eatoni* from other species of both *Plagiochila* and *Plagiochilion*. In *Plagiochilion* the leaves are opposite but they are always dentate at the margin near the inflorescence (except for *P. braunianus*) and never have reddish pigmentation. All of the characteristics of *P. eatoni* agree with those of *Syzygiella* Spruce. I cannot find no objection to transferring *P. eatoni* to the genus *Syzygiella*.

**Syzygiella eatoni** (Aust.) Inoue, comb. nov.


Specim. exam.: West Maui, Hawaiian Islands; 5000 ft. alt., on truncks of tree; Aug. 1875 (D.D. Baldwin leg. no. 109—a type in herb. YU). Range: Hawaiian Islands (West Maui). The genus *Syzygiella* seems to be a new addition to the flora of Hawaiian Islands.

The genus *Syzygiella* contains some 40 described species, but few of them have been carefully studied. Some species now included in *Plagiochila*, especially those from South America, should be transferred to *Syzygiella*. Therefore, it is now impossible to state exactly the relationship of *S. eatoni* to the other species.

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Addendum

In vol. 37 no. 6 (1962) of this Journal, I described a new species, “Plagiochila querpartensis”, from Isl. Quelpaert, Korea. But the specific epithet was incorrect. By the spirit of the Art. 73 of the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature, this epithet should be corrected as follows:

Plagiochila quelpaertensis Inoue, emend.


Jungermannia pumila With. について (井上 浩) Hiroshi INOUE: On Jungermannia pumila With. in Japan

Jungermannia pumila は日本では北海道に分布が知られていて、典型的な周極要素の一つに数えられる。1900 年に吉永虎馬氏は Stephani の同定によって本種を知知県横倉山で記載しているが、果してこれが正確な同定であったかどうかは疑問が残る。北海道からは Beschereille (1894) および Stephani (1897) の記載にはじまり、最近では服部 (1957)，尾川 (1960) などの記載がある。上述のように正確な産地は日本では北海道だけでなく分っていなかったが、1955 年 3 月に知知県長岡郡本山町にある白髪山で採集したものは典型的な Jungermannia pumila であった。

白髪山は蛇紋岩地形であり、高等植物にもいくつか特殊なもののが知られているが、著者の Acrobelbus ciliatus, Bazzania trilobata などが分布している。Jungermannia pumila は白髪山の約 1300 m, 流水中の蛇紋岩上に密着して生育していた。四国では数少ない Bazzania trilobata や本種のような北方系の苔類が蛇紋岩上に遺存的に分布することが、北海道阿寒山のような北方の蛇紋岩地に日本中～南部に分布する種類ないしは南方系のものが不連続的に分布することを考え合わせ、興味深い現象であると思う。

Jungermannia pumila With., a typical arctic or subarctic species, was found disjunctively in Shikoku: Mt. Shiraga, Kochi Pref.; ca. 1300 m alt.; on submerged serpentine rocks!; H. Inoue no. 4277, 4288, Mar. 25, 1955. In Japan, this species was previously only known from Hokkaido. (国立科学博物館)