



Figs 358 and 359 (next page). Taxilejeunea pulchriflora Pears.

Plants green, 0.6-1 mm wide. Leaves ovate, 0.4-0.5 x 0.3-0.45 mm, apex acuminate and deflexed, sometimes rounded. Lobules very variable, often reduced to a fold, if well developed inflated, with a strongly arched keel, 1/3-1/2 the length of the lobe, apical tooth one-celled, with hyaline papilla on proximal side. Cells pellucid, 18-25(-30) x 25-40 µm in leaf centre, walls thin, trigones and intermediate thickenings small but distinct. Underleaves broadly orbiculate, bifid to middle, sinus V-shaped, base rounded, 1.5-2 x the width of stem. Monoicous. Perianths pyriform, exserted for 1/2 or more of its length, with 5 equal keels in the upper 1/3-1/2, the keels cristate. Habitat: Montane forest with *Dicranoloma billardieri*-mossballs in canopy, *Carapa grandiflora-Syzygium* swamp forest, 2000 m. Distribution in Rwanda: Nyungwe NP: Karamba, Kamiranzovu. Distribution in Africa: Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, Cameroon, Central African Republic, DR Congo, Kenya, Tanzania.





Figs 360 and 361 (next page). Telaranea coactilis (Spruce) J.J.Engel & G.L.S.Merr. Synonyms: Arachniopsis coactilis Spruce; A. diacantha auct. non (Mont.) Howe. Plants very small and fragile, on decaying wood or terrestrial, filamentous, with hair-like leaves, whitish-green. Stems irregularly branched, branches purely ventral-intercalary, flattened, very thin, with a hyalodermis. Rhizoids at base of underleaves, sparse. Leaves transverse, divided to the base into 1-2 uniseriate filaments, the filaments only 1 cell wide from base to apex and 8-10 cells long. Cells longer than wide, thin-walled, oil bodies not observed, eventually lacking. Underleaves lacking or very small, consisting of 2 small, adjacent cells, each with a slime papilla at apex. Autoicous. Perianths very long, cylindrical, mouth with long, bristle-like lacinia. Habitat: On soil, peat, rotten wood and on rocks, 2000-3200 m.
Distribution in Rwanda: Nyungwe NP: Rwasenkoko, Karamba, Kamiranzovu, Uwinka.
Distribution in Africa: Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Annobón, DR Congo, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa. Also Madagascar, Mascarenes, South America (Guyana, Brazil). Note: Probably all records of Telaranea (= Arachniopsis) diacantha from Africa and Madagascar belong to *T. coactilis*.





Figs 362 and 363 (next page). Telaranea redacta (Steph.) J.J.Engel & G.L.S.Merr. Synonyms: Lepidozia redacta Steph.; Telaranea nematodes auct. non (Gottsche ex Aust.) Howe. Plants very small and fragile, filamentous, with hair-like leaves, whitishgreen. Stems "zig-zag"-like. Rhizoids at base of underleaves, sparse. Leaves transverse, to succubous, leaf lobes biseriate at base, uniseriate filaments distinctly constricted at septda. Underleaves very small, 2-3-lobed. Autoicous. Perianths subcylindrical, eplicate, mouth with few bristle-like lacinia, not constricted. Habitat: On rocky slopes in heath forest and on decaying wood or soil in montane forest, 2000-2400 m. Distribution in Rwanda: Gishwati Forest: Gikungu. Nyungwe NP: Karamba, Kamiranzovu, Uwinka. Distribution in Africa: Ghana, DR Congo, Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, South Africa. Note: Stephani (1914) described the species from the Nyungwe (= Rugege) forest as Lepidozia redacta. It was later listed as a synonym of Telaranea nematodes (Wigginton & Grolle, 1996) until Engel & Merrill (2004) raised it again to specific rank. Telaranea nematodes seems to be restricted to lowland- and mid-altitude rainforests in Western and Central Africa.





Figs 364 and **365** (next page). *Telaranea trifida* (Steph.) R.M.Schust. Synonym: *Lepidozia trifida* Steph. Leaves (3) 4-lobed, the lobes 3-4 cells wide at base, the uniseriate row 4-5 cells long. Underleaves 4-lobed, the lobes with uniseriate row of 2 cylindric cells. Autoicous. **Habitat:** The ecological amplitude seems to be rather narrow as it was collected only in swamps and peat bogs, 2330-2400 m. **Distribution in Rwanda: Nyungwe NP:** along road from Butare to Cyangugu at border of district, Rwasenkoko, 2330-2400 m. **Distribution in Africa:** Cameroon, DR Congo, Uganda.





Figs 366 and 367 (next page). Tetralophozia cavallii (Gola) Váňa Synonyms: Chandonanthus cavallii (Gola) S.W.Arnell; C. quadrifidus Steph. Plants epiphytic or rupicolous, small, reddish-brown, growing in tufts. Stems prostrate to suberect, simple, (0.6-)1-2 cm long. Leaves imbricate, transversely inserted, deeply symmetrically (3-)4-lobed, wider than long, c. 0.6 mm long, margin almost entire, ciliate near base, cilia up to 55 μm long. Cells with indistinct trigones, nodulose, mid-leaf cells 18 x 19 μm. Underleaves similar to leaves, but deeply 2-lobed, c. 0.55 mm long. Habitat: Hagenia-Hypericum forest, ericaceous forest and Dendrosenecio-Lobelia paramo, 3000-3900 m. Distribution in Rwanda: Volcano NP: Karisimbi, in the saddle between Mt. Bisoke and Mt. Karisimbi, Karisimbi, on E-slopes along trail to summit Bisoke, Sabinyo, Gahinga. Distribution in Africa: DR Congo, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe (?).





Figs 368 and 369 (next page). *Tritomaria exsecta* (Schmidel ex Schrad.) Schiffn. ex Loeske

Plants in loose or dense patches. Stems up to 1-2 cm long, flaccid, ascending to erect. Leaves imbricate, suberect or spreading, canaliculate to concave, ovate, unequally (2-)3-lobed, 0.65-0.8(-1) mm long. Cells thick-walled, with minute trigones, 10-20 x 8-15 µm. Gemmae in masses at apices of lobes of sterile plants. Habitat: Hagenia-Hypericum forest (with mossballs on branches), 3000-3300 m. Distribution in Rwanda: Volcano NP: Karisimbi, in the saddle between Mt. Bisoke and Mt. Karisimbi. Distribution in Africa: Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, South Africa.





Figs 370 and 371 (next page). *Tylimanthus laxus* (Lehm. & Lindenb.) Spruce Synonym: *Tylimanthus ruwenzorensis* S.W.Arnell. Stems 2-3 (5) cm tall, arising from microphyllous stolons. Leaves obliquely ovate, ventrally secund, dorsally and ventrally decurrent (similar to *Plagiochila*), 2-4 x 0.8-2 mm, leaf apex variable, shallowly 2-lobed to retuse or rounded, leaf margin sometimes with rhizoids. Cells 22 x 35-45 μm, with trigones. Habitat: Afroalpine species, *Lobelia stuhlmannii-Dendrosenecio adnivalis*-paramo, 3700 m. Distribution in Rwanda: Volcano NP: Karisimbi. Distribution in Africa: Ghana, Ethiopia, Uganda (Ruwenzori), Kenya (Mt. Kenya), Tanzania (Kilimanjaro, Uluguru mountains), Malawi. Also Réunion, Azores, Madeira, South America.



10. 2. Thallose Liverworts





Figs 372 and 373 (next page). Aneura pinguis (L.) Dumort.

Thallus dorsally concave, fleshy, yellowish-green to dark green, greasy in appearance, branches (20-)30-60(-70) x 3-7 mm, in the middle (9-)10-13(-20) cells thick. Dioicous. Calyptra clavate, up to 4-15 x 2 mm, fleshy, surrounding sporophytes. **Habitat:** Montane swamps and bogs, 2300-2500 m. **Distribution in Rwanda: Nyungwe NP:** Rwasenkoko, swamp along road to Bweyeye c. 2 km S of Pindura. **Distribution in Africa:** Tanzania, South Africa. Also Réunion, Seychelles. Subcosmopolitan and widespread in the Northern Hemisphere.





Fig. 374. Aneura pseudopinguis (Herzog) Pócs

Synonym: *Riccardia pseudopinguis* Herzog. Thallus flat, translucent, green, opaque, closely adhereing to the substrate (usually decaying wood or bark), branches up to 100 mm x 3-8 mm, in the middle only 5-7(-9) cells thick tapering to an unistratose margin 2-6 cells wide. Dioicous. Calyptra clavate, up to 5 x 1-2 mm, fleshy, surrounding sporophytes. **Habitat:** Soil and rotten wood, 2000-2600 m. **Distribution in Rwanda: Nyungwe NP:** Kamiranzovu, Mt. Bigugu. **Distribution in Africa:** Ivory Coast, Bioko, Rio Muni, DR Congo, Uganda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, South Africa. Also South America, Seychelles.



Figs 375 and 376 (next page). Asterella abyssinica (Gottsche) Grolle,
Synonym: Fimbriaria abyssinica Gottsche in Gottsche et al. Thalli small to medium-sized, in crowded mats, green to light olive-green, simple or furcate. Ventral surfaces green, with large scales in two rows. Autoecious. Antheridia in sessile cushions. Gynoecial receptacles on 4-5 mm long stalk, carpocephala suborbicular, 3.5-4 mm diameter, pseudoperianth with 8-10 white segments. Habitat: Hagenia-Hypericum forest, on stream banks or damp rocks, 2000-3300 m. Distribution in Rwanda: Volcano NP: Karisimbi, in the saddle between Mt. Bisoke and Mt. Karisimbi, Kinigi, foot of Muhabura. Nyungwe NP: Cyamudongo. Distribution in Africa: Sierra Leone, Bioko, Cameroon, DR Congo, Burundi, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Malawi, Zimbabwe, South Africa.