

CATALOGUE OF POLISH SMUT FUNGI, WITH NOTES ON FOUR SPECIES OF *ANTHRACOIDEA*

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Abstract. A catalogue of smut fungi known in Poland is presented, incorporating the current nomenclature and classificatory system for the species. The species now known from Poland number 174, classified in 30 genera and 14 families. The Polish collections of *Anthracoidea* Bref. on *Carex fuliginosa* (= misnamed *C. sempervirens*), *C. hartmanii*, *C. humilis*, *C. michelii* and *C. sempervirens* are revised. *Anthracoidea buxbaumii* Kukkonen, *A. humilis* Vánky and *A. michelii* Vánky are records new for Poland. *Anthracoidea sempervirentis* Vánky, previously poorly known, is considered to be fairly common in the Tatra Mts. All species of *Anthracoidea* are fully documented with voucher specimens, original descriptions and SEM micrographs, and their distribution in Poland is mapped.

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INTRODUCTION

The long-standing tradition of research on smut fungi in Poland goes back to the works of Schröter (1869, 1887), the later taxonomic monographs of Kawecka-Starmachowa (1936, 1939) and Kochman (1936), and the postwar monograph by Kochman and Majewski (1973). These studies are supplemented by a number of reports published mostly in Polish and German literature.

Since the publication of the monograph by Kochman and Majewski (1973) there has been remarkable progress in studies on smut fungi, contributing descriptions and re-evaluations of many species. Some species have been synonymized or reallocated to other genera. This has brought significant changes in the taxonomy and nomenclature of smut fungi. Reports on several newly discovered species in Poland have been published since the 1970s. Thus, it is appropriate to provide a catalogue of smut fungi known in Poland, incorporating the current nomenclature and modern classificatory system. The catalogue

is a shortened form of a forthcoming checklist of Polish smut fungi (Majewski, Ruszkiewicz-Michalska & Piątek, submitted). The checklist will be greatly expanded, and will comprise data on synonyms, host species and records published after Kochman and Majewski's work.

We also provide the results of studies on four species of *Anthracoidea* Bref., which is the most taxonomically complicated genus of smut fungi in Poland. Three species of this genus, *A. buxbaumii* Kukkonen, *A. humilis* Vánky and *A. michelii* Vánky, are reported for the first time in Poland; the fourth, *A. sempervirentis* Vánky, is briefly reviewed, and the species discussed are fully documented with voucher specimens, original descriptions and SEM micrographs.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The catalogue is based on critical analysis of the information given by Kochman and Majewski (1973)

and subsequent papers (below). The majority of recent taxonomic additions and changes have been incorporated. Species nomenclature is based largely on Vánky (1994), with innovations and changes published since that study came out (Vánky 1998a, b, 1999, 2001a, 2004; Piepenbring *et al.* 1999; Ershad 2000; Piepenbring 2000; Bauer *et al.* 2001a; Vánky & McKenzie 2002; Piątek 2005a).

Smut fungi have long been included in one order, Ustilaginales, with the two families Tillettaceae and Ustilaginaceae. Major changes resulting from extensive ultrastructural and molecular studies have been introduced in the last two decades (Bauer *et al.* 1997, 2001b; Begerow *et al.* 1998; Vánky 1999, 2001b, c; Weiss *et al.* 2004). Smut fungi are currently included in two classes, Ustilaginomycetes and Urediniomycetes, and numerous orders and families. In this paper, the classificatory system has been adopted after Vánky (2001b) with the modifications introduced by Vánky (2001c) and Weiss *et al.* (2004).

The collections of *Anthracideae* species analyzed in this paper come from KRAM and LBLM. Except for a few records of *A. michelii* and *A. sempervirentis*, only materials collected within the borders of present-day Poland have been included. Observations and measurements of spores were made from samples mounted in 5% KOH under a NIKON Eclipse E600 light microscope with Nomarski phase contrast. For SEM studies, dry spores were dusted on a clean slide, mounted on one side of double-sided tape and affixed to an aluminum stub. The stubs were sputter-coated with carbon using a CRESSINGTON sputter-coater and viewed with a Hitachi S-4700 scanning electron microscope at a working distance of 12–13 mm. SEM micrographs were taken in the Laboratory of Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy and Microanalysis at the Institute of Geological Sciences of the Jagiellonian University, Kraków.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

CATALOGUE OF POLISH SMUT FUNGI

The monograph by Kochman and Majewski (1973) comprised 149 species known to occur in Poland, classified in 19 genera and two families. In the past three decades there has been significant progress in taxonomic, nomenclatural and phytogeographical studies, and many findings on changes related to European smut fungi have been published. On the one hand, the results of these studies have brought about a reduction in the number of Polish smut

fungi; for example, two known species of *Schroeteria* G. Winter, viz. *S. decaisneana* (Boud.) de Toni and *S. delastrina* (Tul. & C. Tul.) G. Winter, were excluded from the smut fungi because ultrastructural study showed them to be ascomycetes (Nagler *et al.* 1989). Other species have been synonymized with others: *Entyloma aschersonii* (Ule) Woronin with *E. magnusii* (Ule) Woronin, *Ustilago corconitica* (Bubák) Liro with *U. striiformis* (Westend.) Niessl, *Ustilago levis* (Kellerm. & Swingle) Magnus with *U. hordei* (Pers.) Lagerh., *Ustilago perennans* Rostr. with *U. avenae* (Pers.) Rostr., and *Ustilago raciborskiana* Siemaszko & Wróbl. with *Microbotryum anomalum* (J. G. Kunze ex G. Winter) Vánky (Vánky 1994).

On the other hand, descriptions of new species and revisions of some others have added smut fungi species known from Poland. *Microbotryum violaceum* (Pers.: Pers.) G. Deml & Oberw. *s.l.*, for instance, was treated in its broad sense in Kochman and Majewski (1973). Now this collective species is represented in Poland by six species: *M. dianthorum* (Liro) H. Scholz & I. Scholz, *M. lychnidis-dioicae* (DC. ex Liro) G. Deml & Oberw., *M. silenes-inflatae* (DC. ex Liro) G. Deml & Oberw., *M. stellariae* (Sowerby) G. Deml & Oberw., *M. violaceo-verrucosum* (Brandenb. & Schwinn) Vánky, and *M. violaceum* (Pers.: Pers.) G. Deml & Oberw. *s. str.* Similarly, *Entyloma picridis* Rostr. *s.l.* is currently divided into smaller species, three of which are known in Poland: *E. arnoseridis* Syd. & P. Syd. *ex* Cif., *E. hieracii* Syd. & P. Syd. *ex* Cif., and *E. leontodontis* Syd. & P. Syd. *ex* Cif. Another example, *Urocystis primulicola* Magnus *s.l.*, is now represented in Poland by two species, *U. primulae* (Rostr.) Vánky and *U. primulicola* Magnus *s.str.* Finally, while *Microbotryum aviculare* (Liro) Vánky was treated by Kochman and Majewski (1973) as a variety, ‘*Ustilago anomala* var. *avicularis* (Liro) B. Lindeb.’ it is now considered to be a good species (Vánky 1994). Similarly, ‘*Ustilago montagnei* var. *major* Desm.’ is now treated as a species, *Ustanciosporium majus* (Desm.) M. Piepenbr. (Piepenbring 2000).

Apart from those additions, the number of Polish smut fungi has also increased simply

because new species have been discovered in Poland, such as *Tilletia holci* (Westend.) J. Schröt. (Michalski 1982), *Tilletia sesleriae* Juel (Romaszewska-Sałata 1982), *Entyloma helosciadii* Magnus (Skirgiełło et al. 1992; Mułenko 1994), *Microbotryum eichorii* (Syd.) Vánky (Adamska & Błaszkowski 2000; Adamska 2001), *Urocystis dactylidina* (Lavrov) Zundel (Adamska 2001), *Ustilago trichophora* (Link) Körn. (Pusz & Kita 2001; Madej et al. 2001), *Microbotryum pin-guiculae* (Rostrup) Vánky (Piątek et al. 2005), *Schizonella intercedens* Vánky & A. Nagler (Piątek 2005a), *Tothiella thlaspeos* (Beck) Vánky, *Tracya lemnae* (Setch.) Syd. & P. Syd. (Płachocka 2005) and *Urocystis muscaridis* (Niessl) Moesz (Wołczańska & Rozwałka 2005).

Several groups of smut fungi still require further re-examination to clarify their status in Poland. The most problematic species belong to the genus *Anthracoidea* Bref. In their monograph, Kochman and Majewski (1973) listed 11 species of *Anthracoidea* from Poland. The concept of this genus, although correct at the time, has changed greatly. Vánky (1979) added to this list *A. tomentosae* Vánky and *A. sempervirentis* Vánky, which he newly described. On the basis of the host plants mentioned in Kochman and Majewski (1973), Nannfeldt (1977, 1979) concluded that several species of *Anthracoidea* newly described or resurrected from oblivion are known from Poland, but he did not examine voucher specimens. Nannfeldt lists the following species: *A. angulata* (Syd.) Boidol & Poelt, *A. bigelowii* Nannf., *A. intercedens* Nannf., *A. irregularis* (Liro) Boidol & Poelt, *A. karii* (Liro) Nannf., *A. vankyi* Nannf., and (with some doubts) also *A. fischeri* (P. Karst.) Kukkonen. One of them has already been confirmed in Poland: *A. vankyi* (Piątek 2005b). The others need to be confirmed with a re-examination of herbarium materials, but except for *A. fischeri* we included them in our checklist (marked with an asterisk). The first author (M.P.) is currently making a critical analysis of all materials of *Anthracoidea* deposited in Polish herbaria, including verification of host identifications. Preliminary results are reported in the present paper.

Synonymizations and deletions with resurrec-

tions and additions of species have been expanded; thus the total number of smut fungi reported from Poland is now 174, classified in 30 genera belonging to 14 families.

Class USTILAGINOMYCETES R. Bauer,
Oberw. & Vánky

Canad. J. Bot. 75: 1311. 1997.

Subclass ENTORRHIZOMYCETIDAE R. Bauer
& Oberw.

Canad. J. Bot. 75: 1311. 1997.

Order ENTORRHIZALES R. Bauer & Oberw.

Canad. J. Bot. 75: 1311. 1997.

Family ENTORRHIZACEAE R. Bauer & Oberw.

Canad. J. Bot. 75: 1311. 1997.

Entorrhiza C. A. Weber

Bot. Zeitung 42: 378. 1884.

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Hedwigia 27: 262. 1888.

2. *Entorrhiza casparyana* (Magnus) Lagerh.

Hedwigia 27: 262. 1888.

3. *Entorrhiza cypericola* (Magnus) C. A. Weber

Bot. Zeitung 42: 378. 1884.

Subclass USTILAGINOMYCETIDAE Jülich

Biblioth. Mycol. 85: 54. 1981, emend. R. Bauer & Oberw., Canad. J. Bot. 75: 1311. 1997.

Order UROCYSTALES R. Bauer & Oberw.

Canad. J. Bot. 75: 1311. 1997.

Family MELANOTAENIACEAE Begerow,
R. Bauer & Oberw.

Canad. J. Bot. 75(1997): 2053. 1998.

Melanotaenium de Bary

Bot. Zeitung 32: 105. 1874.

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Oesterr. Bot. Z. **42**: 40. 1892.
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Bot. Zeitung **32**: 106. 1874.
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Sist. Zametki Mater. Gerb. Krylova Tomsk. Gousud. Univ. Kujbyševa **11**: 4. 1937.
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& Oberw.
Canad. J. Bot. **75**(1997): 2052. 1998.
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Waldh.
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Hedwigia **19**: 160. 1880.
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Fungi europ. 396. 1861.
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Ustilaginales of the World: 314. 1953.
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Budapest és környékének gombái: 137. 1942.
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Abh. Schles. Ges. Vaterl. Cult., Abth. Naturwiss. **1869/1872**: 7. 1869.
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in Rabenhorst, Krypt.-fl. Deutsch., Oester. Schweiz **2**(1): 120. 1881.
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Notes Roy. Bot. Gard. Edinburgh **21**: 241. 1955.
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Irmischia **1**(1881): 4. 1882.
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Mycol. Pap. **10**: 2. 1944.
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Verh. Bot. Vereins Prov. Brandenburg **20**: 53. 1878.
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A Kárpát-medence üszöggombái: 211. 1950.
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A Kárpát-medence üszöggombái: 199. 213. 1950.
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Waldh.
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Rostaniha **1**: 66. 2000.
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Ershad
Rostaniha **1**: 66. 2000.
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Mycotaxon **92**: 34. 2005.

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- NOTES ON FOUR SPECIES OF *ANTHRACOIDEA*
- In the last monograph on Polish smut fungi (Kochman & Majewski 1973) and in the subsequent reports (Romaszewska-Sałata 1975, 1977; Kućmierz 1976, 1977a, b; Braun & Hirsch 1978; Sałata *et al.* 1986; Mułenko 1989; Mułenko *et al.* 1995; Sałata & Mułenko 1996) *Anthracoidea caricis* (Pers.) Bref. *emend.* Nannf. is treated in Poland in its broad sense, reported from the following host plants: *Carex digitata*, *C. fuliginosa*, *C. hirta*, *C. michelii*, *C. montana*, *C. ornithopoda*, *C. pallescens*, *C. pilulifera* and *C. sempervirens*.
- In the second half of the 20th century, this collective species was divided into some minor but homogenous species on the basis of host taxonomy and spore morphology: for example, *Anthracoidea angulata* (Syd.) Boidol & Poelt, *A. hostiana* B. Lindeb. *ex* Nannf., *A. humilis* Vánky, *A. irregularis* (Liro) Boidol & Poelt, *A. michelii* Vánky, *A. pseudirregularis* U. Braun, and *A. sempervirens* Vánky (e.g., Boidol & Poelt 1963; Nannfeldt 1979; Vánky 1979, 1983; Braun 1982). The entire complex in Poland requires further re-examination.

For the present study we examined herbarium collections of infected *Carex fuliginosa* and *C. sempervirens*, and reconsidered records of *Anthracoidea caricis* on *Carex michelii*. In addition, our recent collecting trips in Poland yielded smutted plants of *C. hartmanii* and *C. humilis*, which had not been found to be infected by *Anthracoidea* species in Poland before. The species of *Anthracoidea* on these species of *Carex* are identified as follows:

***Anthracoidea buxbaumii* Kukkonen (Figs 1–3)**

Ann. Bot. Soc. Zool. Bot. Fenniae 'Vanamo' **34**: 88. 1963.

Sori in ovaries, scattered in the inflorescence, as globose to subglobose, hard black bodies up to 2 mm in diameter, covered by a thin, silvery membrane when young, later powdery. Spores large, dark reddish-brown, ovoid, polyhedral to irregular, in plane view 14–25 × 20–28 µm, with 1–3 internal swellings and without light-refractive spots, wall up to 2 µm thick, rather evenly thickened, surface verruculose, warts rounded, up to 0.5 µm high.

SPECIMENS EXAMINED. POLAND. POLESIE: Bagno Bubrów swamp in Poleski National Park, on *Carex hartmanii* Cajand., 20 June 1997, leg. W. Mullenko (LBLM 8476, KRAM F-54088), same locality and host, 25 July 1998, leg. W. Mullenko (LBLM 8477).

Anthracoidea buxbaumii parasitizes *Carex buxbaumii* and *C. hartmanii*, sedges belonging to *Carex* sect. *Atratae*. In Europe, *Anthracoidea paniceae* Kukkonen on *Carex bicolor* may also occur on representatives of this section, but this host is accidental for this *Anthracoidea* species (Vánky 1994). *Anthracoidea buxbaumii* is apparently a rare smut fungus. Nannfeldt (1979) listed only few European countries where it was observed. Most records are from *C. buxbaumii*; the smut was known on this host from Finland, Norway, Sweden (Nannfeldt 1979) and the European part of Russia (Scholler *et al.* 2003). On *C. hartmanii* it was reported only from Hungary, Sweden (Nannfeldt 1979), Romania (Vánky 1985) and Slovakia (Paulech 1998). The finding reported here is the first one in Poland (Fig. 7), and the

collections come from *C. hartmanii*. It seems that *Anthracoidea buxbaumii* on *C. buxbaumii* occurs in Northern Europe, while in Central Europe it infects *C. hartmanii*.

***Anthracoidea humilis* Vánky**

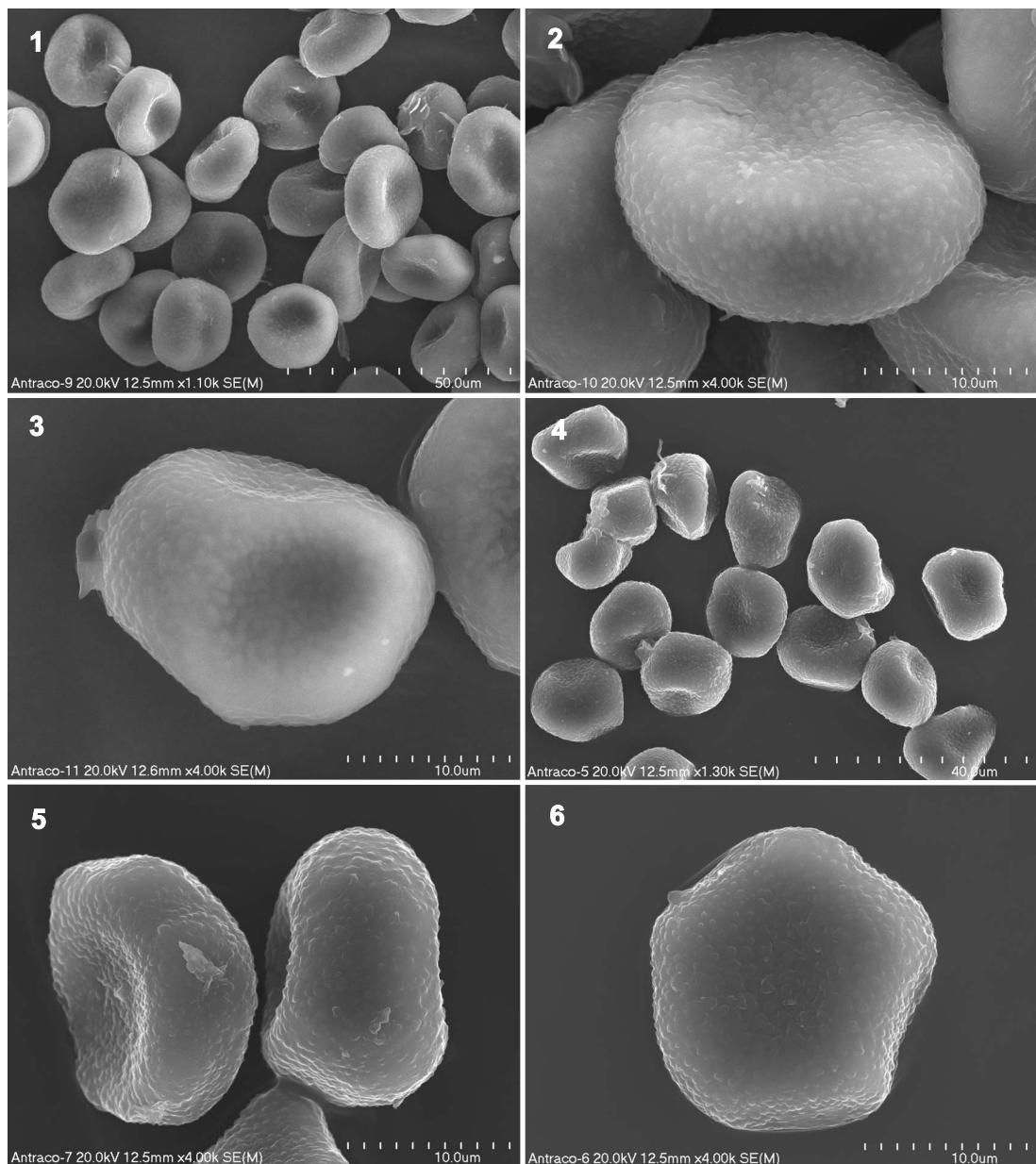
(Figs 4–6)

Mycotaxon **18**: 321. 1983.

Sori in ovaries, scattered in the inflorescence, as globose to subglobose, hard black bodies up to 2 mm in diameter, covered by a thin, silvery membrane when young, later powdery. Spores medium-sized, dark reddish-brown, polyhedral to irregularly subpolygonal, in plane view 16–21 × 18–25 µm, with 1–3 weakly seen internal swellings and with light-refractive areas, wall unevenly thickened, up to 3 µm thick, surface distinctly verruculose, warts rounded, up to 0.5 µm high, irregularly spaced.

SPECIMENS EXAMINED. POLAND. WYŻyna MAŁOPOLSKA UPLAND: Biała Góra Reserve near Miechów, on *Carex humilis* Leyss., 3 May 2004, leg. M. Piątek & J. Piątek (KRAM F-54087); Wały Reserve near Racławice, on *Carex humilis* Leyss., 11 July 2004, leg. M. Piątek & J. Piątek (KRAM F-54015).

Anthracoidea humilis infects only *Carex humilis* belonging to *Carex* sect. *Digitatae*. In Europe, *A. irregularis* (Liro) Boidol & Poelt (on *C. digitata*, *C. ornithopoda*, *C. pallens*, *C. pediformis*) and *A. rupestris* Kukkonen (on *Carex glacialis*) also occur on representatives of this section. The former has very irregular spores, and the latter a thinner wall and abundant internal swellings. *Anthracoidea humilis* has been described relatively recently. Its holotype and isotypes come from Romania. In the original description the species was also reported from Austria and Germany (Vánky 1983), and further found in Switzerland, France (Scholz & Scholz 1988), Spain (Almaraz & Durrieu 1997) and Bulgaria (Denchev 2001). Now Poland must be added to the geographical range of *A. humilis* (Fig. 7). Two populations have been found in steppe reserves in the *Inuletum ensifoliae* plant association, of which *C. humilis* is a characteristic species. The infected ovaries appear and disappear relatively early in the vegetative season.



Figs 1–6. 1–3. Spores of *Anthracoidea buxbaumii* Kukkonen (SEM, from LBLM 8477). 4–6. Spores of *Anthracoidea humilis* Vánky (SEM, from KRAM F-54087).

The first find comes from the beginning of May. Only degraded sori were observed in the second locality found on 11 June. The most suitable collection time for *A. humilis* is in May and the first half of June.

Anthracoidea michelii Vánky

(Figs 8–9)

Bot. Not. 132: 223. 1979.

Sori in ovaries, scattered in the inflorescence, as subglobose, hard black bodies up to 2 mm in

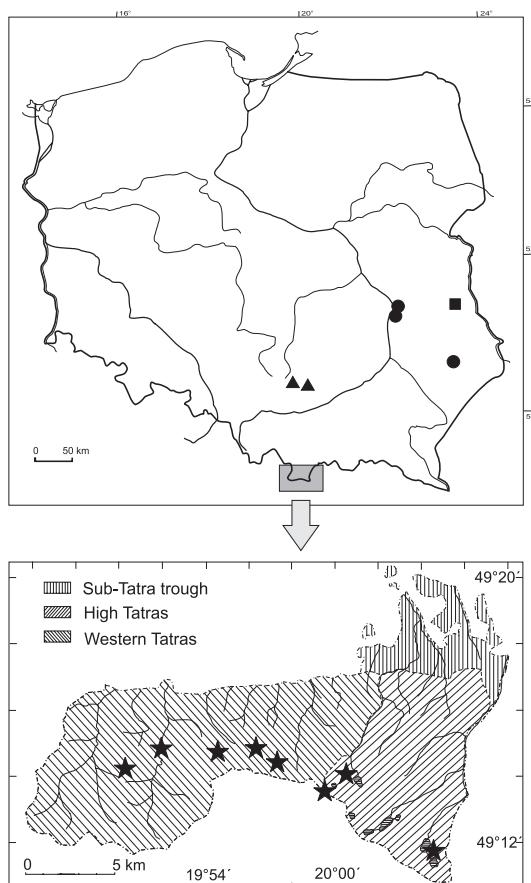


Fig. 7. Distribution of discussed *Anthracoidea* species in Poland: ■ – *Anthracoidea buxbaumii* Kukkonen, ▲ – *Anthracoidea humilis* Vánky, ● – *Anthracoidea michelii* Vánky, ★ – *Anthracoidea sempervirentis* Vánky.

diameter. Spores medium-sized, reddish-brown to dark reddish-brown, quite variable in shape, subangular, polyhedral to irregular, in plane view 14–20 × 15–23 µm, with 1–2 internal swellings and common light-refractive areas, wall unevenly thickened, up to 3 µm thick, surface distinctly verruculose to papillate, warts rounded, up to 0.5 µm high.

SPECIMENS EXAMINED. UKRAINE. PODOLIYA: Dobrowlany, on *Carex michelii* Host, June 1914, leg. A. Wróblewski (KRAM F-2478); Szutromińce, on *Carex michelii* Host, 1935, leg. Z. Kawecki (KRAM F-54169).

LITERATURE RECORDS. POLAND. WYŻYNA LUBELSKA UPLAND: Brody, on *Carex michelii* Host,

June 1970–1972, leg. J. Romaszewska-Sałata (ubi?, Romaszewska-Sałata 1975, 1977); Mięćmierz near Kazimierz, on *Carex michelii* Host, June 1970–1972, leg. J. Romaszewska-Sałata (ubi?, Romaszewska-Sałata 1975, 1977); Okale near Kazimierz, on *Carex michelii* Host, June 1970–1972, leg. J. Romaszewska-Sałata (ubi?, Romaszewska-Sałata 1975, 1977).

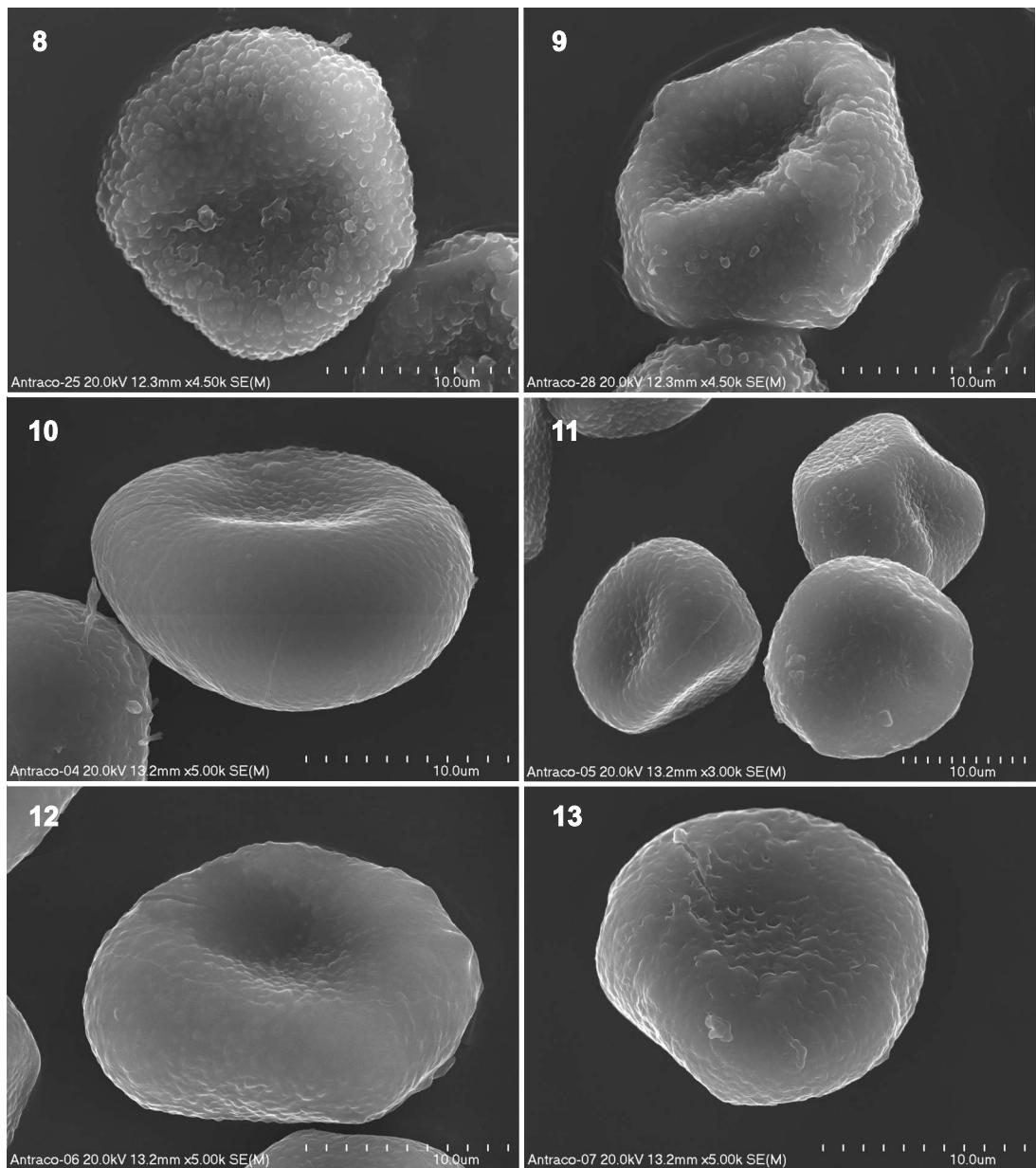
Anthracoidea michelii parasitizes *Carex michelii* and *C. brevicollis*, sedges belonging to *Carex* sect. *Rhomboideales*. Representatives of this section in Europe are also infected by *A. pilosae* Vánky (on *Carex pilosa*); it differs by having larger spores and only occasional light-refractive areas. *Anthracoidea michelii* on *C. michelii* has been reported from several European countries including Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine (Vánky 1979). The latter author reported *A. michelii* also from Poland, specifying the locality as 'Dźwinogrod-Podde' (= Dźwinogród-Podole), but this place is actually in Ukraine. In Bulgaria the smut has been found on *C. brevicollis* (Denchev 2001). From Poland, collections of *Anthracoidea* on *Carex michelii* have been recorded as *A. caricis* (Pers.) Bref. from three localities in the Wyżyna Lubelska upland (Romaszewska-Sałata 1975, 1977). These specimens were not available for re-examination (they are missing from LBLM where they should be deposited), but they belong to *A. michelii* in all probability. We prepared the morphology and SEM micrographs of this species using two collections of *Anthracoidea michelii* on *Carex michelii* from Ukraine. *Anthracoidea michelii* is recognized here for the first time in Poland (Fig. 7).

Anthracoidea sempervirentis Vánky

(Figs 10–13)

Bot. Not. 132: 225. 1979.

Sori in ovaries, scattered in the inflorescence, as subglobose to ovoid, hard black bodies up to 2 mm in diameter. Spores medium-sized, dark reddish-brown, rounded, moderately polygonal to irregular, in plane view 15–22 × 19–25 µm, without internal swellings but sometimes with light-refractive spots, wall up to 2 µm thick, and up to 4 µm thick at the angles, surface finely ver-



Figs 8–13. 8–9. Spores of *Anthracoidea michelii* Vánky (SEM, from KRAM F-2478). 10–13. Spores of *Anthracoidea sempervirens* Vánky (SEM, from KRAM F-54090).

ruculose, warts rounded, up to 0.5 µm, irregularly spaced or confluent.

SPECIMENS EXAMINED. POLAND. WESTERN CARTHMIANS: Tatra Mts, Przełęcz Liliowe pass, on *Carex*

sempervirens Vill., June 1916, leg. A. Wróblewski (KRAM F-2500), same locality and host, 6 Aug. 1917, leg. A. Wróblewski (KRAM F-2485); Mały Kościelec Mt, on *Carex sempervirens* Vill., June 1916, leg. A. Wróblewski (KRAM F-2495), same locality and host, 5 Aug.

1917, leg. A. Wróblewski (KRAM F-2499); Dolina Kościeliska valley, on *Carex sempervirens* Vill., 13 Aug. 1917, leg. A. Wróblewski (KRAM F-2498); Kominy Tylkowe Mt, near Dolina Smytnia valley, on *Carex sempervirens* Vill., 13 Aug. 1917, leg. A. Wróblewski (KRAM F-2493); above Morskie Oko lake, on *Carex fuliginosa* Schkuhr (= misnamed *C. sempervirens* Vill., teste T. Majewski), 1957, leg. B. Starmachowa (KRAM F-9913); Sucha Dolina valley, 1580 m a.s.l., on *Carex fuliginosa* Schkuhr (= misnamed *Carex sempervirens* Vill., teste W. Paul), 15 Aug. 1979, leg. B. Salata (LBLM 8474); Piekło rocks, 1450 m a.s.l., on *Carex fuliginosa* Schkuhr (= misnamed *Carex sempervirens* Vill., teste W. Paul), Aug. 1979, leg. B. Salata (LBLM 8475); UKRAINE. EESTERN CARPATHIANS: Chornohora Mts, Kizie Ułohy Mt, 1860 m a.s.l., on *Carex sempervirens* Vill., 8 Aug. 1935, leg. A. Środoń (KRAM F-54090).

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Anthracoidaea sempervirentis infects several species of *Carex* belonging to *Carex* sect. *Aulocystis*, but it occurs most commonly on *Carex sempervirens*. In Europe, *A. altera* Nannf. and *A. misandreae* Kukkonen may also parasitize on representatives of sect. *Aulocystis*, but they have rounded to slightly irregular spores with the wall evenly thickened. The geographical range of *A. sempervirentis* includes the mountains of Central and Southern Europe, where it was reported from several countries (Vánky 1979; Scholz & Scholz 1988; Almaraz & Durrieu 1997; Denchev 2001). In the Carpathians, including the Tatras, it is a fairly common species on *Carex sempervirens*. The collections by Antoni Wróblewski (given above) were previously published under the name ‘*Cintractia caricis* (Pers.) Magn.’ (Wróblewski 1922). The two collections on *Carex fuliginosa* published as ‘*Anthracoidaea caricis* (Pers.) Bref.’ (Mułenko et al. 1995) suggested that the species may be *A. misandreae*, but examination of voucher specimens revealed that the host plant is actually *C. sempervirens*, and the smut is *A. sempervirentis*. Similarly, two collec-

tions on *C. fuliginosa* recorded by Starmachowa (1963) as ‘*Cintractia caricis* (Pers.) Magn.’ are based on misidentifications of the host plants: it is indeed *C. sempervirens* (Kochman & Majewski 1973) smutted by *A. sempervirentis*. Vánky (1979) was the first author to report *Anthracoidaea sempervirentis* from Poland under its specific name. He listed two collections of this fungus which, although he did not specify the localities, probably originated from the Tatra Mts. Later he recorded this smut on *Carex ferruginea* in the Tatras (Vánky 1985). In Polish literature, the name *A. sempervirentis* first appeared in a paper by Salata and Mułenko (1996), and recently in the checklist by Mułenko et al. (2004). *Anthracoidaea sempervirentis* is the most common *Anthracoidaea* species in the Tatra Mts, surely more common than is shown on the map (Fig. 7). In addition to the Polish collections, we included a collection from Ukraine because the SEM micrographs were made from this specimen.

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