A NEW LOCALITY FOR THE REMARKABLE LICHEN COENOGONIUM INTERPLEXUM NYL(1)

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Abstract: A new locality for Coenogonium interplexum.

Since the first report of this species from Taiwan (Wang-Yang, 1972), based on a specimen from Ho-ping (和平), in eastern Taiwan, *Lai 2040* (TAI), many specimens of *Coenogonium* have been collected from various localities, but most of these are sterile or with immature fruiting bodies. These were found at Fun-chi-hu (奮起湖), Chia-yi Co., Pa-shien-shan (八仙山), Tai-chung Co., Pei-tsa-tien-shan (北插天山), Tao-yuan Co., and were collected by *Wang and Lai* (*Nos. 1588*, *1608*, *1666* respectively.

On December 15, 1972, a collecting trip was made again to Pei-tsa-tien-shan, this time we collected fertile specimens of this rare lichen growing on trunks or boulders in a deciduous broad-leaved forest (*Wang-Yang & Lai*, 1824a, 1824b, 1825, 1826). The morphology of this interesting lichen was previously discussed (Wang-Yang, 1972). Specimens from this locality have grayish-green thalli, resembling aerial algae, with yellowish apothecia adnate on the thalli, spores are apparently 1-septate and more or less oblique.



Figure: Localities where Coenogonium interplexum has been collected.

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