A phylogenetic reconstruction of Antennaria (Asteraceae: Inuleae)

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A cladistic analysis of 32 sexually reproducing species of Antennaria Gaertn. revealed that the genus comprises five constitutive monophyletic groups: Geyeriae, Argenteae, Dimorphae, Pulcherrimae, and Catipes. Three of the groups, Argenteae, Dimorphae, and Geyeriae, have retained relatively large numbers of plesiomorphic characters. The members of these three groups are mostly nonstoloniferous and have not evolved characters often associated with sexual dimorphism that occur in the remainder of Antennaria. Consequently these three groups closely resemble the suprageneric outgroup, Anaphalis and Gnaphalium. The Pulcherrimae and Catipes represent the most specialized groups. These two groups have wider distributions and occur in a much greater diversity of habitats than the Argenteae, Dimorphae, and Geyeriae. Evolutionary advancement in the genus has been toward dioecism and coincident sexual dimorphism, probably as a method to promote outcrossing. In addition, polyploidy and two asexual means of reproduction, agamospermy and horizontal stolons, have evolved in the more specialized groups, the Pulcherrimae and Catipes. Antennaria probably arose from Mexican Gnaphalium sometime during the Oligocene or Miocene, migrated into the western United States where it has evolved and migrated into other areas of the northern hemisphere and South America.

Key words: Antennaria, Asteraceae, Inuleae, cladistics phylogeny, biogeography.

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Une analyse cladistique de 32 espèces du Antennaria Gaertn. se reproduisant sexuellement, a révélé que le genre comprend cinq groupes monophylétiques constitutifs : Geyeriae, Argenteae, Dimorphae, Pulcherrimae et Catipes. Trois de ces groupes (Argenteae, Dimorphae et Geyeriae) ont retenu des nombres assez importants de caractères plésiomorphes. Les membres de ces trois groupes sont surtout non stolonifères et n'ont pas évolué de caractères souvent associés au dimorphisme sexuel rencontré chez les autres Antennaria. Ainsi, ces trois groupes ressemblent étroitement au hors-groupe supragénérique, Anaphalis et Gnaphalium. Les Pulcherrimae et Catipes représentent les groupes les plus spécialisés. Ces deux groupes ont une plus grande distribution et se retrouvent dans une plus grande diversité d'habitats que les Argenteae, Dimorphae et Geyeriae. La tendance évolutive dans le genre a été vers la dioécie et le dimorphisme sexuel coïncidents, probablement comme une méthode de promouvoir la xénogamie. De surcroît, la polyploïdie et deux types de reproduction asexuée, agamospermie et des stolons horizontaux, sont apparus dans les groupes les plus spécialisés, les Pulcherrimae et Catipes. L'Antennaria est probablement apparu au cours de l'Oligocène ou du Miocène, issu du Gnaphalium mexicain, et s'est déplacé vers l'ouest des États-Unis où il a évolué et s'est propagé à d'autres régions de l'hémisphère nord et de l'Amérique du Sud.

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The genus Antennaria Gaertn. (Asteraceae: Inuleae: Gnaphaliinae) consists of 37 to 40 species in temperate to arctic regions of the Northern Hemisphere and South America, with its center of diversity in western North America. Thirty-two of these species are sexually reproducing diploids and (or) polyploids. The remaining species represent the several polyploid agamic complexes within the genus (Bayer 1987a). The majority of the taxonomic problems in the genus are associated with these polyploid complexes. The vast morphological variability in the polyploid complexes is the result of hybridization among the sexual species, these hybrid combinations being preserved by gametophytic apomixis (Bayer 1985a, 1985b, 1987a, 1990). Conversely, the sexual species are typically morphologically distinct from each other and consequently have fewer taxonomic problems (Bayer 1987a). Those isolated taxonomic problems that were present among the sexual species have been largely addressed (Bayer 1987b, 1988a, 1988b, 1989b, 1989d; Bayer and Stebbins 1982).

Antennaria is closely related to Gnaphalium L. (Bayer and Stebbins 1981; Bayer 1984; Bayer and Stebbins 1987). Anaphalis DC. could be the sister group to Antennaria because they are both dioecious and based on x = 14, while Gnaphalium is hermaphroditic or monoecious and based on x = 7. It is likely that both Antennaria and its close relative Anaphalis DC. were derived as dioecious (sometimes polygamodioe-

cious) offshoots of primarily hermaphroditic or polygamous *Gnaphalium* because dioecious breeding systems often evolve from hermaphroditic ones via monoecy (Bawa 1980). Additionally, most members of the subtribe Gnaphaliinae are either homogamous with hermaphroditic flowers or polygamous (Hilliard and Burtt 1981). Some perfect florets are occasionally found in some *Antennaria* and quite frequently in *Anaphalis* species, indicating that some plants within these genera are polygamodioecious. However, it is uncertain whether dioecy in *Antennaria* and *Anaphalis* is a homologous or homoplastic feature.

Anaphalis is north temperate, primarily Asian, in distribution with 25–30 (65) species, whereas Gnaphalium is cosmopolitan with a disputable 150–200 species worldwide (Merxmüller 1974). Recently Hilliard and Burtt (1981) proposed the split of Gnaphalium into two segregate genera, Gnaphalium sensu stricto and Pseudognaphalium Kirpiczn., based primarily on the characteristics of the stereome. The anatomy of the stereome, the thickened base of the phyllary, has been identified as an important taxonomic character at the generic level in the Gnaphaliinae (Drury 1970; Hilliard and Burtt 1981). At this time it is uncertain whether these two groups will be accepted as taxonomically usable groups by other workers in the Inuleae, especially because the majority of the species of Gnaphalium sensu lato have not yet been reclassified. Until the new world species of Gnaphalium sensu lato

can be investigated systematically, I think it best to recognize all the species as belonging to *Gnaphalium*.

Based on present day distributions, it is probable that Antennaria and Anaphalis arose from different portions of the genus Gnaphalium sensu lato, Antennaria from the Mexican species of the genus and Anaphalis from the Asian species complex. It is not clear whether Gnaphalium or Anaphalis should be regarded as the sister group of Antennaria, which is partially the result of our very incomplete knowledge of both Anaphalis and Gnaphalium.

A monograph of *Antennaria* has never been presented and consequently the subgeneric relationships within the genus have never been discussed in any detail. Authors have often recognized subgeneric groups based on phenetic differences, but not on phylogeny. The purpose of this paper is to present a phylogeny of *Antennaria* that will help delimit monophyletic subgroups within the genus. This morphologically based phylogenetic hypothesis can then be compared to phylogenies based on other methods such as chloroplast DNA restriction analyses.

Materials and methods

Specimens of Antennaria were borrowed for morphological study from various herbaria, including ALA, CAN, DAO, F, MONTU, NDG, NY, RM, and US. Additionally, extensive collections at ALTA were utilized. Gnaphalium and Anaphalis were used as a suprageneric outgroup in this analysis. Specimens of about 30 species of Central American and a few North American Gnaphalium were borrowed from TEX. The species that were examined as members of the outgroup include Anaphalis margaritacea (L.) Benth. & Hook., A. triplinervis Benth., Gnaphalium aecidiocephalum (Grierson) L. O. Williams, G. altamiranum Greenm., G. attenuatum DC., G. brachphyllum Greenm., G. brachypterum DC., G. canescens DC., G. conoideum HBK., G. ehrenbergianum Schultz-Bip., G. eleagnoides (Klatt) Blake, G. greenmanii Blake, G. hintoniorum Turner, G. inornatum DC., G. jaliscense Greenm., G. lavendulifolium (HBK.) Blake, G. liebmannii Schultz-Bip., G. macounii Greene, G. oxyphyllum DC., G. palustre Nutt., G. roseum HBK., G. schraderi DC., G. stolonatum Blake, G. stramineum HBK., and G. viscosum HBK. In many cases several specimens of each species were examined to determine the degree of intraspecific variation of characters. The sizable living collections of Antennaria, Anaphalis, and Gnaphalium maintained in the phytotron at the University of Alberta, as well as 10 years of field experience, were used as the basis for assessing the leaf-odor characteristics.

Four basic steps were followed in the phylogenetic analysis: selection of taxa, selection of characters and their states, polarization of the character states, and cladogram construction. These are discussed in detail below.

Selection of the taxa

Only those taxa that reproduce sexually and are of nonhybrid origin were included in this study. The term sexual is used throughout the paper to describe sporophytes that possess sexually reproducing gametophytes. Although it is possible to include hybrid polyploids (i.e., allopolyploids) within the analysis (Funk 1985), this leads to reticulations in the hierarchy. One method of dealing with hybrids in a cladistic analysis, assuming they can be identified, is to remove them prior to the analysis (Humphries and Funk 1984; Funk 1985). The five polyploid complexes in Antennaria, including A. alpina (L.) Gaertn. s.l., A. howellii Greene s.l., A. parvifolia Nutt. s.l., A. parlinii Fern. s.l., and A. rosea Greene s.l., are of multiple hybrid origin, sometimes involving up to as many as eight sexual species in the evolutionary history of the particular complex (Bayer 1985a, 1985b, 1987a, 1989c, 1990; Bayer and Crawford 1986). These hybrid poly-

ploids, having been identified based on both morphology and biochemical genetics, have been excluded from this analysis.

With respect to circumscription of taxa, I have followed recent revisions, treatments, and guidelines by Bayer and Stebbins (1982, 1987) and Bayer (1988a, 1989a, 1989d). I have included species from group 1 (diploids and polyploids from sections not containing apomicts) and group 2 (sexual diploids and polyploids from sections containing apomicts) as defined and outlined by Bayer and Stebbins (1987). Species circumscription within the Pulcherrima/Carpatica group, including A. anaphaloides Rydb., A. carpatica (Wahlb.) Bl. & Fingerh., A. eucosma Fern., A. lanata (Hook.) Greene, A. pulcherrima (Hook.) Greene, and A. villifera Boriss. follows the recommendations of Urbanska (1983a, 1983b). In most cases, my species delimitations agree with those recognized by Cronquist (1955) and Sharsmith (1960), which address most of the western North American species used in the analysis. Notable exceptions are my circumscription of A. luzuloides T.&G. to include A. microcephala A. Gray and the recognition of A. microphylla Rydb., which both Cronquist (1955) and Sharsmith (1960) subsume into A. rosea.

Selection of characters and their states

Characters chosen for inclusion within the cladistic analysis are those that had little or no infraspecific variation. Characters that have been traditionally used as diagnostic taxonomic characters have been included whenever possible. When a character was found to have some infraspecific variation, the predominant state was the one recorded. Small amounts of data are missing, the result of a lack of living material defeated the scoring of the leaf-odor character. Comparison of mature staminate and pistillate plant heights (Table 1; character 4) could not be scored in A. rosulata because the species essentially lacks the character due to extreme stem reduction. Twenty-seven, presumably homologous, characters were used in the final analysis (Table 1).

Polarization of the character states

Several authors have discussed methods of determining character state polarization (Crisci and Stuessy 1980; Donoghue and Cantino 1984; Stuessy and Crisci 1984; Wiley 1980) and most agree that the outgroup method is most satisfactory. *Gnaphalium* and *Anaphalis* are used as the suprageneric outgroup in the phylogenetic reconstruction of *Antennaria*, because the determination of a sister group for *Antennaria* is problematical. Only those characters that have the same state in both *Anaphalis* and *Gnaphalium* have been included in the analysis as way of assuring that the characters are correctly polarized. The commonly occuring state in the suprageneric outgroup was taken as least derived (= plesiomorphous). One character, synflorescence branching (Table 1; characters 20a-c), is a multistate character and therefore the data were transformed into a series of three, two-state characters, following the procedure outlined in Felsenstein (PHYLIP manual, version 2.9).

Cladogram construction

The PHYLIP package of programs (Phylogeny Inference Package, version 2.9) developed by Joe Felsenstein was used to perform the cladistic analysis. The number of species in the analysis (32) is large and therefore a considerable number of trees are possible. The MIX program employing Wagner parsimony and the global branch swapping option (G) was used in an attempt to find the most parsimonious tree. An ancestor was specified using the ancestor option (A) of the MIX program, where all character states as they occur in the outgroup were designated as primitive. The MIX program was compiled, using TURBO PASCAL (Borland International, Inc.), and run on an IBM-PC compatible computer. The program was executed 15 times on the data set (Table 2) and the order of entry of taxa was varied for each run.

Results and discussion

Character selection and polarization

A list of 27 characters selected for inclusion in the phylogenetic reconstruction and their states is presented in Table 1.

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The basic data matrix (Table 2) lists the 32 species and their states for each of the 27 characters. The majority of the Gnaphalium and both Anaphalis species that were investigated possess the plesiomorphous states for these characters. Eleven of the 23 Gnaphalium species possess the apomorphous state for some characters including the following: Gnaphalium aecidiocephalum (apomorphous state for characters 1, 14, 20, 23, 24, 26), G. brachyphyllum (25), G. brachypterum (21), G. eleagnoides (23, 24, 26), G. hintoniorum (15), G. jaliscense (21), G. lavendulifolium (11, 14, 20, 21, 24, 26), G. macounii (8, 15), G. oxyphyllum (8, 15), G. stolonatum (5, 9, 20, 24), and G. viscosum (8, 15, 21). The odor character (19) is sometimes difficult to evaluate in herbarium material, but my experience with fresh material of Anaphalis and Gnaphalium is that they are either odorless or have a strong cudweed (tobacco) odor. This cudweed odor is very strong even in some herbarium material (i.e., as in A. margaritacea). I don't know of any Anaphalis or Gnaphalium that has the citronella odor that is characteristic of some species of Antennaria.

Most members of Gnaphalium from Mexico and North America are herbaceous plants, much greater than 10 cm tall, that lack basal leaves, have cauline leaves of similar shape that remain the same size distally up the stem, lack flags and purple glandular hairs on the upper cauline leaves, bear short, erect, glabrous stolons or lack stolons, have adaxially and abaxially pubescent, sessile, more or less linear leaves that are thin in texture and lack the odor of citronella, possess a highly branched, polycephalous synflorescence of cylindrical to campanulate heads, have basally pubescent, light and uniformly colored, acute phyllaries of similar shape and size, produce unpigmented, actinomorphic corollas and have pappus that are only slightly dilated toward the tips. Anaphalis is similar to Gnaphalium, except it is rhizomatous and dioecious. The staminate Anaphalis plants at maturity are the same height as the pistillate plants, a feature considered plesiomorphous.

Reconstruction of the phylogeny

Fifteen cladograms were obtained from the analysis, ranging in length from 96 to 102 steps. The general topology remained the same in all the trees that were obtained; i.e., the basic groups or clades that are discussed in this paper (Geyeriae, Argenteae, Dimorphae, Pulcherrimae, and Catipes) were always present and always contained the same taxa. The greatest amount of variation in the cladograms appeared in the ultimate clades, especially in the relationships among the taxa in the Catipes group. The Alpinae clade usually contained the same taxa, although in some analyses A. umbrinella was included in the clade. The Dioicae and Umbrinellae clades obtained the least stable relationships among the trees. Consequently, a much greater amount of confidence can be placed on the structure of the major clades in the tree presented in this paper (Fig. 1), but less reliable are the relationships of members of the Dioicae/Umbrinellae clades.

One of the most parsimonious cladograms obtained contained 97 character state changes and is presented as Fig. 1. I present this cladogram because it most closely approached my intuitive phylogeny for *Antennaria* and was only one step longer than the most parsimonious tree. There are 26 reversals and 40 parallelisms, generating a total homoplasy of 68.0%. The high level of homoplasy is comparable to that obtained in other studies of Asteraceous groups (57% in *Coreopsis*, Jansen et al. 1987; 50% in *Acmella*, Jansen 1985; 80% in *Montañoa*,

Funk 1982). In the following discussion, numbers in parentheses refer to characters designated in Table 1 and portrayed in Fig. 1.

Several characters, the secondary apomorphies, display a number of parallelisms and reversals within the group, including caulis height (2), cauline leaf shape (4), stolon pubescence (12), number of principal veins in basal leaves (18), synflorescence branching pattern (20), corolla pigmentation (26), and staminate pappus type (27). Conversely, some characters, the primary apomorphies, display few or no parallel character changes or reversals, including staminate plant height (unique change, 3), leaf pubescence on abaxial surface (an autapomorphy, 16), pistillate capitulum shape (unique change, 21), staminate phyllary shape (unique change, 22), basal rosette condition (unique change, 5), cauline leaf size (one reversal, 6), stolon type (one parallel change, 11), odor of young leaves (one parallel change, 19), and caudex characteristics (one parallel change, 1).

Inspection of the cladogram (Fig. 1) reveals that several monophyletic groups can be recognized within *Antennaria*. A careful search of the literature indicates that subgeneric categories in *Antennaria* have never been formally discussed at a generic level. Borissova (1959) devised some sections and series in *Antennaria* for the Eurasian taxa, but these account for only three of those discussed in this study. Rydberg (1922) divided *Antennaria* into 11 groups by means of a key, but these are invalid, since their rank was not indicated. Until formal taxonomic recognition can be affected, it seems best to implement the available names provided by Rydberg (1922) and Borissova (1959) for the different groups of *Antennaria*. These different monophyletic groups may eventually be recognized at the rank of either subgenera or sections within the genus.

Group Geyeriae consists of a single taxon, A. geyeri, which has a rather limited distribution in California, Oregon, and Washington. It is an isolated monophyletic group because the remainder of the genus shares two synapomorphies, presence of basal leaves (5) and dimorphic staminate phyllaries (22). Antennaria geyeri is similar to Anaphalis in that basal leaves are lacking, and even though it is dioecious, secondary reproductive characteristics are primarily monomorphic. Sexual dimorphism is poorly developed in A. geyeri and is apparent only in the slightly different shapes of the corollas. Sexual dimorphism, including secondary reproductive characters, is developed to differing degrees in all species of Antennaria. All sexually dimorphic characters are considered apomorphous, including differential height between staminate and pistillate plants and differences in the phyllary shapes and pappus type between the two types of sporophytes (Table 1). Interestingly, the pistillate head characteristics in Antennaria are similar to Gnaphalium and Anaphalis, whereas the staminate head characteristics of most species, such as broad phyllaries, dilated pappus bristles (Antennarioid type; Table 1), and vasiform corollas, are very different from the outgroup.

Antennaria argentea Benth., A. luzuloides, and A. arcuata Cronq. constitute the monophyletic group, Argenteae. The group is united by the possession of one synapomorphy, the presence of pubescent stolons (12). In addition, these species have retained the plesiomorphous characters of uniformly colored phyllaries (24), a character shared only with the A. rosulata and A. microphylla of the Dioicae group (Fig. 1), and a much-branched synflorescence (20a). The species in this group are all plants of the northwestern United States and adjacent

TABLE 1. Twenty-seven characters and character states used in a cladistic analysis of Antennaria where 0 designates the plesiomorphous state and 1, the apomorphous state

and 1, the apomorphous state						
Habitat, habit, and flowering stem	16. Leaf pubescence on abaxial surface					
. Base of plant	0, pubescent					
0, herbaceous or lignescent, virgate	1, totally glabrous					
1, base a woody caudex	17. Leaves					
2. Caulis height	0, sessile					
0, >10 cm	1, with distinct petiole					
1, <10 cm	18. Number of principal veins in basal leaves					
3. Staminate plant height at maturity	0, one					
0, about the same height as pistillate	1, many					
1. much shorter	19. Odor of young leaves					
4. Cauline leaf versus basal leaf shape	0, odor of citronella absent					
0, same shape, monomorphic	1, odor of citronella present					
1, dimorphic	Synflorescence					
5. Basal rosette	20a-c. Synflorescence branching					
0, basal leaves absent or evanescent	20a.					
1, basal leaves well developed and persistent	0, branched, paniculate					
6. Cauline leaf size	1, unbranched corymbose					
	20 <i>b</i> .					
0, same size as or larger than basal leaves 1, gradually reduced to half the length/width or less	0, corymbose					
7. It services the recombling the tips of the phyllaries that	1, racemose					
7. Flags; a flat, scarious tip resembling the tips of the phyllaries that	20 <i>c</i> .					
occur at the apices of the upper cauline leaves	0, corymbose					
0, absent	1, solitary					
1, present						
8. Purplish glandular hairs on upper stem and leaves	Capitula 21. Pistillate capitulum shape					
0, absent						
1, present	0, narrow, subcylindrical					
Stolons	1, turbinate to campanulate					
9. Stolon growth form	22. Staminate phyllary shape; those then compared with the act					
0, short and erect	pistillate phyllaries					
1, longer and horizontal, usually rooting at tips	0, acute, the heads of both sexes monomorphic					
10. Leaf size along stolon	1, blunt, the heads dimorphic					
0, not markedly reduced in size	23. Involucre pubescence					
1, greatly reduced, rudimentary or lacking	0, base of involucre wooly					
11. Stolon type	1, glabrous					
0, herbaceous	24. Phyllary coloration					
1, lignescent, the plant then suffruticose	0, median phyllaries uniformly colored					
12. Stolon pubescence	1, colors distinctly zoned, multicolored					
0, slightly pubescent, the surface of the stolon visible	25. Phyllary tip coloration					
1, densely pubescent, the surface obscured	0, tips of phyllaries light colored, white, stramineous, gold					
13. Stolon length and leaf arrangement	brown, or light pink					
0, stolons relatively longer and the leaves not congested	1, dark colored, red, dark brown, dark olive-green, or black					
1, stolons relatively shorter, leaves congested, cushion plants	Florets					
Basal leaves	26. Corolla pigmentation					
14. Basal leaf texture	0, corolla unpigmented, white					
0, thin in texture	1, pigmented, usually red-colored					
1, coriaceous and usually marcescent	27. Staminate pappus type					
15. Leaf pubescence on adaxial surface	0, "gnaphalioid" type, similar to species of Gnaphalium, or					
0 pubescent	slightly dilated at tips if at all, barbellate to denticulate					

British Columbia (A. luzuloides) and occur at lower elevations in steppe to montane zones (Bayer and Stebbins 1987). Antennaria arcuata is one of the rarest Antennaria species and is known only from the type locality in Idaho and one Wyoming and two Nevada sites (Bayer and Stebbins 1987).

0, pubescent

1, glabrous

The Dimorphae clade, including A. dimorpha (Nutt.) T.&G., A. flagellaris (Gray) Gray, and A. stenophylla (Gray) Gray, are plants that occur in the most xerophytic habitats of any Antennaria. They are found in dry steppe habitats in the northwestern states, with A. dimorpha extending into areas of the southwestern states and southern Alberta and British Columbia. The group possesses one synapomorphy, dark colored phyllary tips (25). The group also displays symplesiomorphies for linear shaped capitula (21) and the "Gnaphalioid" type

pappus (27), which are synapomorphies shared by the remaining two groups, Pulcherrimae and Catipes.

slightly dilated at tips if at all, barbellate to denticulate

1, "antennarioid" type, conspicuously dilated at tips, clavate

It is interesting to compare the first three groups, Geyeriae, Argenteae, and Dimorphae, since they possess a large number of plesiomorphous features. They are all plants of the western United States and adjacent Alberta and British Columbia, occurring mostly in arid habitats at low elevations. All lack the apomorphous characters of campanulate or turbinate capitula (21), reduced and dimorphic basal vs. cauline leaves (4 and 6), petiolate leaves (excluding A. argentea) (17) and long, horizontal stolons that root at their tips (excluding A. arcuata and A. flagellaris) (9).

Group Pulcherrimae, which includes A. anaphaloides, A. carpatica, A. eucosma, A. lanata, A. linearifolia Wedd.,

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TABLE 2. OTU by character data matrix for the phylogenetic analysis of the genus *Antennaria*

Taxa	Characters						
Outgroup	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	0000	
A. alaskana	01101	11100	00100	00000	01110	1111	
A. anaphaloides	10001	00000	00000	00100	00110	1001	
A. arcuata	00001	00011	01000	00000	00010	0000	
A. argentea	10011	00000	01000	00100	00011	0001	
A. aromatica	01111	10110	00110	01010	01110	1111	
A. carpatica	10001	01000	00000	00100	01110	1111	
A. corymbosa	00101	10010	00000	00000	00110	1011	
A. densifolia	01111	11010	01110	01000	01110	1111	
A. dimorpha	01001	00000	01100	00001	01010	1110	
A. dioica	00111	10010	00001	01000	01110	1011	
A. eucosma	10001	00000	00000	00100	00110	1101	
A. flagellaris	01001	00011	00000	00001	01010	1100	
A. geyeri	00000	00000	10000	00000	00000	0000	
A. lanata	10001	01000	00000	00100	01110	1101	
A. linearifolia	11001	00000	01110	001?0	01110	1011	
A. luzuloides	10001	00000	01000	00100	00011	0001	
A. marginata	00111	10110	01001	01010	01110	1011	
A. microphylla	00111	10110	00100	01000	00110	0001	
A. monocephala	01111	11110	00001	01001	01110	1110	
A. neglecta	00111	11011	01000	00000	01110	1010	
A. nordhagiana	01101	11110	00001	110?0	01111	1111	
A. plantaginifolia	00111	10010	00000	01100	00110	1011	
A. pulchella	01111	10110	00000	01000	01110	1111	
A. pulcherrima	10001	01000	00000	00100	00110	1101	
A. racemosa	00111	00110	01001	01110	11111	1010	
A. rosulata	01-11	10110	00100	01001	01110	0001	
A. solitaria	00111	11011	01000	01101	01110	1000	
A. stenophylla	00001	00000	00000	00000	01011	1100	
A. suffrutescens	01111	10110	11011	01001	01110	1000	
A. umbrinella	00111	10010	00000	01000	01110	0101	
A. villifera	10001	01000	00000	00100	01110	1111	
A. virginica	00111	10010	00000	01000	00110	1011	

Note: The sequence of characters follows that given in Table 1. A dash (-) indicates lack of that character in a particular taxon. A question mark indicates a lack of information about the taxon.

A. pulcherrima, and A. villifera, is monophyletic. The clade is delimited by two primary synapomorphies, the presence of a woody caudex at the base of the plant (1) and leaves with many parallel principal veins (18) and six symplesiomorphies, the lack of long horizontal stolons (9), staminate and pistillate plants of the same height (3), and cauline leaves of similar size and shape as the nonpetiolate basal leaves (4, 6, 17). The Pulcherrimae group is more widely distributed than any of the other groups, having Eurasian species, widely distributed North American species, and A. linearifolia of the South American Andes (Bayer and Stebbins 1987). The members of this group are primarily montane to arctic and alpine species with many occurring in rather mesic habitats. The fact that few character state changes occur in this clade (Fig. 1) may be an indication that some of the species should be subsumed into others. Additionally, they could be more stable species and consequently their patristic distances are less than species of Antennaria in other clades.

The Catipes group is a large, monophyletic assemblage composed of three subgroups, Alpinae, Dioicae, and Umbrinellae (Fig. 1). The group contains the type species of the genus, A. dioica (L.) Gaertn., and so comprises Antennaria sensu stricto. The sexual progenitors of the polyploid agamic complexes all occur in the Catipes group and therefore subgroups containing the agamic complexes will presumably

also be circumscribed under this group. Polyploidy is prevalent among many species within this group of sexually reproducing species, whereas it is absent or uncommon in the other groups (especially groups Geyeriae, Argenteae, and Dimorphae). The group Dioicae consists primarily of North American species occurring in a diversity of habitats (excepting Scandinavian A. nordhagiana Rune and Rönning and Eurasian A. dioica). Several noteworthy synapomorphies delimit this group, including long, horizontal stolons (9), shorter staminate plants than pistillate ones at the time of seed dispersal (3), and the cauline leaves are much reduced in size when compared with the basal leaves (6) (except for a reversal in A. racemosa Hook.).

Antennaria umbrinella Rydb. comprises the monotypic, monophyletic subgroup Umbrinellae (a name based on the type species). It is delimited from other subgroups of the Catipes group by possession of the symplesiomorphic feature of unpigmented corollas (26), which is mostly absent from the taxa of other subgroups (Fig. 1). It differs from the Alpinae group in that it lacks the glandular hairs (8) and flags (7), and is taller than the dwarf arctic and alpine plants (2) of the Alpinae (Fig. 1). It is most similar to the Dioicae and is delimited from that group by possessing dark phyllaries (25), which are also characteristic of the Alpinae group. The Umbrinellae is a group that possesses characteristics of both of the other subgroups of the Catipes group, but is phenetically most similar to members of the Dioicae. Antennaria umbrinella occurs primarily in the montane and subalpine zone of the northern portion of the Rockies (Bayer and Stebbins 1987).

The monophyletic subgroup Alpinae consists of arcticalpine species occurring primarily in western North America, including the western Arctic, and a narrow endemic, A. nordhagiana, in northern Norway (Bayer and Stebbins 1987). The subgroup possesses two principal synapomorphies in that they all have phyllaries with dark-colored tips (25) and cauline stems that are relatively short, 10 cm or less (2) (Fig. 1). The subgroup is also demarcated imperfectly by the presence of flags on their upper cauline leaves (7, exception is A. pulchella Greene) and purple or brown glandular hairs on the upper stem and upper cauline leaves (8, exception is A. densifolia Porsild). Within subgroup Alpinae, one monophyletic assemblage consists of A. monocephala DC. and A. nordhagiana recognized by the synapomorphy of glabrous adaxial leaf surfaces (15). Another monophyletic group within the subgroup Alpinae, comprising A. alaskana Malte, A. aromatica Evert, and A. densifolia, consists of plants with an alpine cushion plant growth form (13).

The Dioicae subgroup consists of three major clades, but the results of different analyses have demonstrated that the greatest number of changes between cladistic analyses occur within this group. Since a great deal of confidence cannot be placed on the clades within the Dioicae, they will not be discussed in any detail. Antennaria marginata Greene, A. neglecta Greene, A. racemosa, A. solitaria Rydb., A. suffrutescens Greene, and A. virginica Stebb. embody one monophyletic subgroup. All of the members of the subgroup possess pubescent stolons (12) and "Antennarioid"-type staminate pappus (27) (Fig. 1). One clade in the subgroup, consisting of the sister pair A. neglecta - A. solitaria, are species that are endemic to the deciduous forests and prairies of eastern and central North America. The second clade in the subgroup consists of A. marginata, A. racemosa, and A. suffrutescens united by two synapomorphies, glandular hairs on the upper

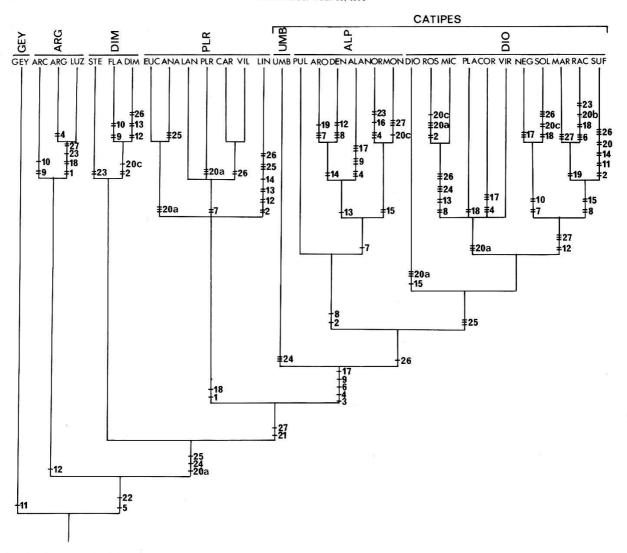


FIG. 1. Cladogram depicting cladistic relationships of sexual species of Antennaria. Numbers refer to characters given in Table 1. The species are labeled with the first three letters of their specific epithets (see Table 2), except for A. pulcherrima (PLR) to distinguish it from A. pulchella (PUL). Monophyletic groups and subgroups are indicated above the species and are abbreviated as follows: GEY, Geyeriae; ARG, Argenteae; DIM, Dimorphae; PUL, Pulcherrimae; UMB, Umbrinellae; ALP, Alpinae; DIO, Dioicae. Single bars denote unique character changes, double bars indicate parallelisms, and triple bars signify reversals.

cauline leaves and stem (8) and glabrous adaxial leaf surfaces (15). Antennaria marginata, A. racemosa, and A. suffrutescens are montane species that occur in western North America, but have nonoverlapping ranges (Bayer and Stebbins 1987).

The second subgroup of the Dioicae (Fig. 1), comprising A. corymbosa E. Nels., A. microphylla Rydb., A. plantaginifolia (L.) Richardson, A. rosulata Rydb., and A. virginica Stebb., is a monophyletic group that is allied on the basis of two symplesiomorphies, possess nonpubescent stolons (12), and "Gnaphalioid"-type staminate pappus (27) (Fig. 1). The third clade containing a single species, A. dioica, differs from the previous clade only by the possession of glabrous adaxial leaf surfaces (15).

Conclusions and summary

The genus Antennaria comprises five major monophyletic groups: Geyeriae, Argenteae, Dimorphae, Pulcherrimae, and

Catipes (Fig. 2). Three of the groups, Argenteae, Dimorphae, Geyeriae, have retained a relatively large number of plesiomorphic features and occur in arid habitats with rather restricted ranges, principally in the western United States (Fig. 2). The members of these three groups are mostly nonstoloniferous and have not evolved characters often associated with sexual dimorphism that occur in the remainder of Antennaria, and thus they most closely resemble species of Anaphalis and Gnaphalium (Fig. 2). Antennaria probably arose in western North America or Central America, from Mexican Gnaphalium. This is supported by the fact that western North America is not only the center of diversity for Antennaria, but is also where the species having the largest number of plesiomorphic features are centered (Fig. 2).

The Pulcherrimae and Catipes (Fig. 1) represent the most specialized groups and have attained more extensive distri-

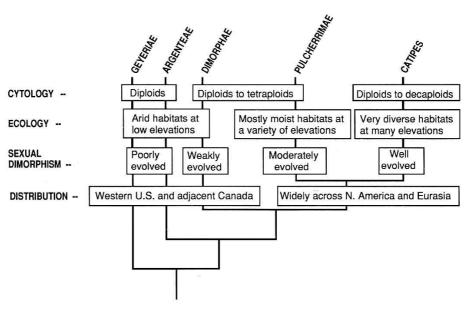


Fig. 2. Reduced cladogram portraying relationships among the five groups of sexual species of *Antennaria*. Cytological and ecological aspects, breeding system evolution, and distribution patterns of the various groups are superimposed on the cladogram.

butions and occur in a much greater diversity of habitats than the Argenteae, Dimorphae, and Geyeriae (Fig. 2). The Catipes is the most highly specialized group because sexual dimorphism is highly developed in many primary and secondary sexual characteristics. Also, the plants possess horizontal stolons, an efficient means of asexual reproduction, and are the sexual progenitors of the polyploid agamic complexes (Fig. 2). Polyploidy is most common and its euploid levels are most numerous (up to decaploid) among members of group Catipes. The Geyeriae and Argenteae are strictly diploid, whereas members of the Dimorphae and Pulcherrimae have some autotetraploid cytotypes. (See Bayer and Stebbins (1987) for a complete discussion of chromosome diversity in the genus.)

Evolutionary advancement in the genus has obviously been toward dioecism and coincident sexual dimorphism, probably as a method to promote outcrossing (Fig. 2). Also, polyploidy and two asexual means of reproduction, agamospermy and horizontal stolons, have evolved in the more specialized groups (Fig. 2). The evolutionary movement in the genus has been toward species occurring in increasingly specialized habitats (Fig. 2), and indeed several edaphic endemics, including A. suffrutescens (serpentine endemic) and A. aromatica (limestone talus endemic), are among the most advanced species of Antennaria.

I offer the following scenario to explain the phytogeography and evolution of *Antennaria*. I suggest that *Antennaria* arose from Madrean *Gnaphalium* sometime during the Oligocene or Miocene. A species such as *G. stolonatum*, which bears a striking resemblance to some species of *Antennaria*, would be illustrative of the archetype that could have given rise to *Antennaria*. As aridity increased in western North America during the late Tertiary, the newly evolved group migrated into the Great Basin and Columbia Plateau region, where the least specialized *Antennaria*, groups Argenteae and Geyeriae, still occur today in open forest habitats at relatively low elevations. Furthermore, other asteraceous groups with Madrean affinities

that were adapted to xeric conditions had spread rapidly into this area during the Miocene as well (Taggart and Cross 1980; Taggart et al. 1982; Leopold and Denton 1987; Wolfe 1987). Suitable habitats for the early Antennaria groups, the montane zone with Pinus ponderosa, were present in the Columbia Basin and Great Basin in the Middle Miocene (Taggart and Cross 1980; Leopold and Denton 1987). Axelrod and Raven (1985) have suggested that several herbaceous perennial genera, such as Aster, Astragalus, Eriogonum, Haplopappus, Penstemon, and Senecio, developed initially in montane woodland environments and as the climate and topography changed and diversified during the Tertiary, these groups evolved numerous species that radiated into sites from desert to alpine. Antennaria likewise appears to fit into this pattern. Aridity increased as the Miocene progressed into the Pliocene, especially as the result of the continual rising of the Cascade (Leopold and Denton 1987) and Sierra Nevada ranges (Chabot and Billings 1972). In response to this increasing aridity, the most xerophytic group, the Dimorphae, evolved. The Dimorphae, like the Argenteae and Geyeriae, are presently distributed in western North America, south of the Wisconsinan glacial terminus (Fig. 2). The Pulcherrimae and Catipes were apparently the most recent groups to arise. Both groups have extended their ranges beyond the western United States into Eurasia and to a much lesser extent South America. Land bridges have existed intermittently across Beringia from the Mesozoic up until as recently as 13 000 years BP (Matthews 1979) and so Antennaria could have migrated to Eurasia at any time from the Middle Miocene through to the end of Pleistocene. I think it more likely that the genus migrated to Eurasia via Beringia instead of across a European - North American land bridge. Weak evidence in support of this includes the fact that the present day diversity of Antennaria in northeastern North America is low, especially when compared with Alaska and the Yukon. Antennaria nordhagiana of Norway is certainly most closely related to and more derived than Alaskan A. monocephala. There is also an apparent decrease in the number of species from west to east across Eurasia. The paucity of species in Eurasia and South America may indicate that the groups simply haven't had enough time to speciate there because of their relatively recent migration to those areas.

The Pulcherrimae have colonized both glaciated and unglaciated areas of North America and Eurasia, but the fact that a large number of diploid members of the group, A. anaphaloides, A. lanata, and A. pulcherrima, occur primarily in the western United States and adjacent southern Canada points to this region as the center of origin for this group (Urbanska 1983b). The sexual tetraploid members of the Pulcherrimae have been very successful in migrating across Canada and Eurasia. The sexual species of the Catipes evidently evolved prior to the Quaternary because they occur primarily in unglaciated regions and indeed some are found in areas that have been proposed as glacial refugia (Dahl 1955; Rutter 1984), such as A. nordhagiana in northern Norway and A. densifolia in unglaciated portions of the Northwest Territories and Yukon (Bayer 1989b). Three centers of diversity for sexual members of the Catipes exist, the western United States is a primary center, while the Alaska-Yukon area and the eastern United States are secondary (Bayer and Stebbins 1987). The polyploid sexual and agamic complexes, such as A. alpina, A. howellii, and A. rosea, were the most recent to evolve as they were derived from the sexual progenitors of section Catipes (Bayer 1987) and have colonized the previously glaciated regions of North America and Eurasia. The overwhelming success of the Catipes seems to be correlated with the high incidence of polyploidy and agamospermy in certain species of this group.

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