THE 'VERRUCARIA FUSCELLA GROUP' IN POLAND WITH SOME NOMENCLATORIAL REMARKS

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ABSTRACT

The Verrucaria fuscella group in Poland is revised. Two species, Placopyrenium fuscellum and Verrucaria polysticta, are confirmed for Poland, and Placopyrenium canellum is reported for the first time. Dermatocarpon subfuscellum var. serpentini Servit is synonymized with P. fuscellum and V. fuscella f. subpruinosa Servit is synonymized with V. polysticta.

KEY WORDS: Placopyrenium canellum, P. fuscellum, Verrucaria polysticta, Poland, synonymization.

INTRODUCTION

The species of the *V. fuscella* group are characterized by a well-developed superficial thallus divided into small and separate areoles angular in outline, with distinct black sides and the upper surface marked by dark lines. They have at least a partially dark brown pigmented medulla. Perithecia are without an involucrellum and are completely immersed in the thallus. Some species initially grow on thalli of members of the *V. nigrescens* group and on some species of the genus *Aspicilia*, later becoming independent and occurring mainly on calcareous rocks in sunny places or rarely on siliceous rocks in moist habitats (Orange 2009).

In a recent revision of the V. fuscella group in Great Britain and Ireland (Orange 2004), three species are accepted: V. canella (with its synonyms V. aspiciliicola R. Sant. and V. aspiciliae Zehetl.), V. fuscella (syn. V. glebulosa Nyl.) and V. polysticta (with synonyms V. fuscella var. nigricans Nyl., V. nigricans, and V. subfuscella). However, recent molecular phylogenetic analyses and morphological studies have shown that it is necessary to revise the present morphology-based generic delineation of the lichen family Verucariaceae in order to account for evolutionary relatedness between species (Gueidan et al. 2007, 2009; Navarro-Rosinés et al. 2007). According to Navarro-Rosinés et al. (2007) molecular phylogenetic analyses have shown that two species from V. fuscella group, such as V. canella and V. fuscella belong to Placopyrenium (Breuss 2009), whereas V. polysticta is nested in the Endocarpon group and is recognized as 'Verrucaria' polysticta (Gueidan et al. 2007, 2009).

In Poland members of the *V. fuscella* group have been reported as species of the genera *Verrucaria*, *Lithoicea* and *Dermatocarpon*. The first historical data on the species from Poland were published by Körber (1855), who reported *V. fuscella* (Turner) Winch as a frequent species in Silesia. In his lichen monograph of Silesia, Stein (1879) listed the typical *Lithoicea fuscella* Turner together with the form *glaucina* Ach. No new records were added until 1927 when Motyka reported *V. glaucina* in the Tatra Mts (Motyka 1927).

The interest in the group in Central Europe intensified in this period. Zschacke (1934) discussed as many as nine species: V. acrotelloides A. Massal., V. alutacea Wallr., V. canella Nyl., V. controversa A. Massal., V. fuscella, V. glaucina, V. nigricans (Nyl.) Zschacke, V. polysticta Borrer and V. subfuscella Nyl. According to Servít, some of the species reported by Zschacke in fact belong to Dermatocarpon. He therefore changed their status and proposed new combinations, for example D. subfuscellum (Servít 1936), D. glaucinum (Servít 1952) and D. subpruinosum (Servít 1946), for the form V. fuscella f. subpruinosa Servít (Servít 1936). However, at present the name V. glaucina (syn. D. glaucinum) is excluded from the V. fuscella group by Fröberg (1989) because the type material of V. glaucina in UPS and H-ACH was recognized as V. caerulea DC. As found in this study, some the specimens published under the name V. glaucina in Europe belong to the V. fuscella group.

The contemporary history of the species from *V. fuscella* group in Poland is quite complicated. Members of the group have often been confused and either oppositely named or incorrectly determined as *V. glaucina*. In their mono-

graph of lichens, Porosty Polskie, Nowak and Tobolewski (1975) correctly differentiated the taxa referred to as $V.\ fuscella$ and $V.\ polysticta$. However, the authors used unspecific key characters for the taxa and misplaced figures showing both species (figure 19b named $V.\ fuscella$ belongs to $V.\ polysticta$, while figure 33 named $Dermatocarpon\ subfuscellum\ shows\ P.\ fuscellum$). Additionally, the name $V.\ nigricans\$ was included as a synonym of $V.\ fuscella\$ in regional and national checklists following Wirth (1995) (Bielczyk 2003; Fałtynowicz 2003). Fałtynowicz (2003) mistakenly reported the name $V.\ polysticta\$ as a synonym of $V.\ caerulea\$ in the Polish checklist of lichens. The synonimization was most likely unintended as may be concluded based on the synonyms quoted by the author.

A taxonomic revision of the species from *V. fuscella* group in Poland is urgently needed for the above reasons. Two species, *Placopyrenium fuscellum* and *Verrucaria polysticta*, are confirmed for Poland in this study, while one, *Placopyrenium canellum*, is reported for the first time.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The study is based on the material from Polish herbaria (GPN, KRAM, KRAP, KTC, POZ, WRSL). The original collections as well as other reference specimens from KRAM, NMW, PRM were also studied. The material was examined using standard microscopic techniques. Thallus anatomy was investigated using handmade sections mounted in water. All measurements were made in water.

The distribution of species in Poland is discussed and mapped using exclusively documented data; other data are not considered in this paper. The ATPOL system was used to code the data on the maps using Gnomon 3.3.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Placopyrenium canellum (Nyl.) Gueidan & Cl. Roux

in Navarro-Rosinés et al., Bull. Soc. Linn. Provence 58: 174. 2007. – *Verrucaria canella* Nyl., Flora 66: 102. 1883.

Prothallus absent or indistinct, black. Thallus superficial, well developed, 260-600 µm thick, cracked, areoles separated by deep cracks, angular in outline, plane or slightly concave, pale grey to brownish, pruinose, 120-800(-1100) um diam. Upper surface subdivided by dark lines. Margin thin, initially not broken into discrete areas, but very early divided by cracks. Medulla colourless to densely pigmented, often occupying half of thallus thickness. Algal layer continuous to dissected by brown pigmented medulla parts, algae up to 5-7 µm diam., arranged in well-defined columns. Perithecia 1-3(-5) per mature areole, immersed, ostiole visible as a small depression. Involucrellum absent. Exciple 150-280 µm wide, colourless to brown below. Asci 8-spored. Ascospores colourless, simple, narrowly oblongellipsoid, $(18-)20-23(-28) \times 6-7(-10) \mu m$, perispore present, sometimes difficult to distinguish from ascospore wall. Conidiomata not detected in material examined.

Note. The species is distinguished from P. fuscellum and V. polysticta by the larger ascospores (20-23 × 6-7 µm) and the presence of a perispore. Young thalli of P. canellum are additionally parasitic on Aspicilia sp. Placopyrenium canellum may have spores growing up to 32 µm according to

Zschacke (1934). Zschacke also distinguished this species by a whitish medulla using this feature as a key character. Orange (2004) observed a range of pigmentation, from colourless to densely pigmented, in *P. canellum* in Great Britain. A similar range was observed in the material from Poland.

REMARKS. Although *P. canellum* was described from Wales more than one hundred years ago as *V. canella* (Nylander 1883), the taxon was for a long time ignored and neglected by lichenologists. Only Zschacke (1934) mentioned the species as occurring in N Wales and N England in a monograph of Verrucariaceae from Central Europe. According to Orange (2004), the taxon was re-described by Zehetletiner (1978) from Croatia as *V. aspiciliae* Zehetl., a parasitic species on *Aspicilia calcarea* occurring in the eastern part of the European Mediterranean Basin and in England. Subsequently the name *V. aspiciliae* was a synonymised with *V. canella* (Orange 2004).

ECOLOGY AND DISTRIBUTION. In Poland *V. canella* was found on *Aspicilia calcarea* growing on unshaded calcareous in mountain regions in Gorce Mts and Pieniny Mts (Fig. 1). This is the first report of the species from Poland. It has been reported in Europe from scattered localities in the Mediterranean Basin as well as in France, Hungary, Sweden, England and Wales (Zehetleiner1978; Orange 2004).

Specimens examined: Poland: EG-22 – Gorce Mts, Ochotnica Dolna Borysiówka village, S slope of the Twarogów hill, 520 m, 5 Aug. 1999, P. Czarnota (GPN 2255) as *V. fuscella*; EG-33 – Pieniny Mts, Wąwóz Sobczański, on calcareous rocks 680 m, 1 Sept. 1981, J. Pyrek & Z. Toborowicz (KTC) as *V. subfuscella*.

Additional specimens examined. France: Côte d'Or, Fleurey-sur-Ouche, 01.1959, ? (KRAM-L 18567); Great Britain: Wales: V.C. 49, Caernarvonshire, Great Ormes Head, 23/7.8, 1927, D. A. Jones (NMW 44.64.1352).

Placopyrenium fuscellum (Turner) Gueidan & Cl. Roux

in Navarro-Rosinés et al., Bull. Soc. Linn. Provence 58: 174 (2007). – *Lichen fuscellus* Turner, Trans. Linn. Soc.

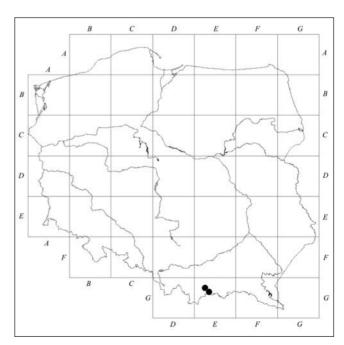


Fig. 1. Distribution map of $Placopyrenium\ canellum\ (Nyl.)$ Gueidan & Cl. Roux in Poland.

London 7: 90, tab. VIII, fig. 2. 1804. – *Verrucaria fuscella* (Turner) Winch, The Botanist's Guide 2: 45. 1807.

Dermatocarpon subfuscellum var. serpentini Servít, Beih. Bot. Centralb. 55: 270. 1936. Type: Moravia, Mohelno in rup. serpentini ca. 300 m, 1927, J. Suza (PRM! syntype) – Dermatocarpon serpentini (Servít) Servít, Stud. Bot. Cechoslov, 7(2-4): 57, 1946.

Prothallus absent or indistinct. Thallus superficial, well developed, 250-800 um thick, cracked, young areoles angular elongate, 100-200 × 300-600, mature areoles separated by deep cracks, angular in outline, (300-)500-1000 × 700-1000(-2000) µm diam. Upper surface of mature areoles divided into smaller angular units by dark lines, pruinose. Medulla densely pigmented. Algal layer dissected by brown pigmented medulla parts, algae up to 7-10 um diam., arranged in well-defined columns; photosynthetic units with perithecia often 3-4 times thicker than units without perithecia. Perithecia 0.2-0.3 mm, a few present in the same photosynthetic unit; ostiole appearing at thallus surface as brownish spot 20-50(-80) µm wide. Involucrellum absent. Exciple colourless to dilute brown below, 150--290 µm wide, immersed in photosynthetic units, occasionally flanked by dark pigmented medulla. Asci 8-spored. Ascospores colourless, simple, oblong-ellipsoid 12-15 × 5.5-7.0 µm, perispore absent. Conidiomata not detected in material examined.

NOTE. Placopyrenium fuscellum differs from V. polysticta in angular, elongate areoles with the upper surface usually sparsely marked by dark lines, perithecia not flanked by dark medulla arising in the photosynthetic units with ostioles appearing at the thallus surface as spots up to 20-50(-80) µm wide. It differs from P. canellum in smaller ascospores without a perispore.

REMARKS. Servít (1936) distinguished *Dermatocarpon subfuscellum* var. *serpentini* by areoles uniformly pruinose and distinctly black-bordered but it is treated here as a synonym of P. *fuscellum*. The type collection of the variety (PRM 858284) has a well-developed thallus, up to 250-800 µm thick and cracked with areoles separated by deep cracks and angular in outline. Areoles are marked by dark lines in outline and on the upper surface. Exciples of perithecia are colourless except ostioles appearing at the thallus surface as brownish to blackish spots. Ascospores are without a perispore and are 12-15 \times 5.5-7.0 µm. Morphological and anatomical analyses show that the taxon is conspecific with P. *fuscellum*.

ECOLOGY AND DISTRIBUTION IN POLAND. This species occurs on exposed, sunny natural calcareous rocks. Young individuals of the species are parasitic on thalli of *V. nigrescens* while mature ones become independent. Recorded from the Sudety Mts (Pogórze Izerskie Foothills and Góry Kaczawskie Mts) and the Carpathian Mts (Beskid Średni Mts, Gorce Mts, Pieniny Mts, Beskid Sądecki Mts Beskid Niski Mts and Bieszczady Mts) in the south. It was also found in the Góry Świętokrzyskie Mts, the Wyżyna Wieluńska Upland and the Wyżyna Krakowsko-Częstochowska Upland in central Poland (Fig. 2).

In Poland, the name *V. fuscella* has been reported in many publications (see Fałtynowicz 2003). Some records of *P. fuscellum* are confirmed for the following: Sudety Mts (Kossowska 2008), Jura Krakowsko-Częstochowska Upland (Nowak 1961), Pieniny Mts (Kiszka 1997, 2001) and Bieszczady Mts (Glanc and Tobolewski 1960) [see

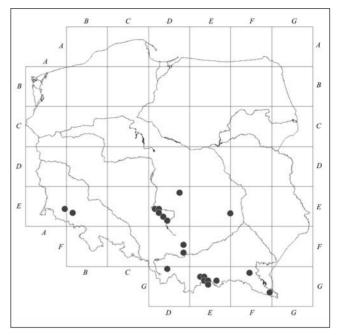


Fig. 2. Distribution map of *Placopyrenium fuscellum* (Turner) Gueidan & Cl. Roux In Poland.

specimens examined]. However, some other records represent *V. polysticta* [see under the species]. The species distribution presented here on a map (Fig. 2) is discussed exclusively on documented data.

Specimens examined: Poland: AE-59 – Pogórze Izerskie foothills, Pilchowice, Wapniak Mt., 1997, M. Kossowska (WRSL); BE-61 - Góry Kaczawskie Mts, Wojcieszów, 610 m, 6 Sept. 1978, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 22914) as V. subfuscella; Wojcieszów, Miłek Mt., 1988, A. Zalewska (WRSL); DE-51 – Wyżyna Wieluńska Upland, Węże near Działoszyn, 20 May 1963, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 43172) as V. subfuscella; Weże near Działoszyn, 8 Oct. 1971, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 34526) as V. nigricans; DE-52 - Wyżyna Wieluńska Upland, Zalesiaki near Działoszyn, 1 June 1963, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 43170) as D. subfuscellum; Szklana Góra near Działoszyn, 2 May 1965, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 21503) as D. subfuscellum; DE-62 - Wyżyna Wieluńska Upland, Łobodno near Kłobucko, 2 June 1964, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 63168) as D. subfuscellum; DE-73 – Wyżyna Wieluńska Upland, Kamyk near Kłobucko, 21 May 1964, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 43169) as D. subfuscellum; DE-84 – Wyżyna Krakowsko-Częstochowska Upland, between Olsztyn and Przymiłowice, 4 July 1963, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 34609); DF-17 - Wyżyna Krakowsko-Częstochowska Upland, Berkowa Góra, 10 June 1974, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 17630) as D. subfuscellum; DF-48 -Wyżyna Krakowsko-Częstochowska Upland, Dolina Prądnika valley, Ojców National Park, 30 April 1956, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 18606); DF-68 - Wyżyna Krakowsko-Częstochowska Upland, Dolina Bolechowicka valley, 10 Oct. 1956, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 19312); Nieplice near Rudawa, 320 m, 30 Sept. 1986, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 30436); DG-04 – Beskid Średni Mts, Koleby near Żywiec, 400 m, 21 Sept. 1965, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 13490) as V. subfuscella; EG-22 - Gorce Mts, Ochotnica Dolna Borysiówka, S slope of the Twarogów hill, 520 m, 5 Aug. 1999, P. Czarnota (GPN 2041) as V. subfuscella; S slope of the Twarogów hill, 9 Sept. 1960, K. Glanc (KRAM-L 38596); S slope of the Twarogów hill, 680 m, 14 July 1966, K. Glanc (KRAM-L

35727); EG-23 – Gorce Mts, near Ochotnica Dolna Michałki, 430 m, 5 Aug. 1999, P. Czarnota (GPN 2208); Lubań Mt., E slope of Baszta hill, 480 m, 27 Aug. 1967, K. Glanc (KRAM-L 35725); EG-33 - Pieniny Mts, Wawóz Sobczańsk gorge, on calcareous rocks 580 m, 6 Aug. 1954, Z. Tobolewski (POZ); Małe Pieniny Mts, Stolarzówka, 742 m, 24 June 1982, J. Pyrek & K Toborowicz (KTC) as V. subfuscella; EG-34 – Małe Pieniny Mts, Mała Woda nature reserve, 2 June 1999, J. Kiszka (KRAP) as V. subfuscella; EG-44 – Małe Pieniny Mts, Wysoki Kamień nature reserve, 12 Aug. 2008, J. Kiszka (KRAP) as V. subfuscella; EG-36 – Beskid Sądecki Mts, Żebracze nature reserve, 810 m, 5 July 2001, P. Czarnota (GPN 2581) as V. subfuscella; FE-70 - Góry Świętokrzyskie Mts, Cmielów near Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski, 19 Aug. 1971, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 19899, 22407) as V. subfuscella; FG-14 – Beskid Niski Mts, Sieniawa village, by Wisłok river on sandstone, 315 m, 20 Aug. 1974, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 33306); FG-69 -Bieszczady Mts, Bereżki, 650 m, 25 Sept. 1959, K. Glanc (KRAM-L 24207).

Additional specimens examined: Bulgaria: Pirin Mts, Bayovi Doupki, 21 Sept. 1975, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 35203); Czech Republic: Moravia, Mohelno. 260-300 m, 1927 & 1930, J. Suza (PRM 858274, 858275, 858283, 858284, 858285); Great Britain: England: V.C. 69, Westmorland, Asby. Great Asby Scar National Nature Reserve, 35/65.10 and 64.10, 2006, B. Krzewicka 3138 (KRAM-L 50212, 50225); England: V.C. 70, Cumberland, Keswick, River Greta, Calvert's Bridge, 35/2743.2385, 2006, B. Krzewicka 3054 (KRAM-L 50224); Ukraine: Podilskyi Tovtry National Park, Kitaihorod, 15 km SE of Kamianest Podilsky, 24 June 2003, P. Czarnota 3700 (KRAM-L 48670).

Verrucaria polysticta Borrer

Engl. Bot. Suppl. 2: plate 2741. 1834.

Verrucaria fuscella f. subpruinosa Servít, Beih. Bot. Centralb. 55: 253. 1936. Type: Styria. Kraubath, Gulsen, in rup. Serpentin. 24.6.1931. J. Suza. (PRM syntype!) – Dermatocarpon subpruinosum (Servít) Servít, Stud. Bot. Cechoslov. 7(2-4): 62. 1946. – Verrucaria subpruinosa (Servít) auct.

Verrucaria fuscella var. nigricans Nyl., Flora 64: 189. 1881. – Verrucaria nigricans (Nyl.) Zschacke, Rabenh. Kryptog.-Fl. 9: 274. 1934.

Verrucaria subfuscella Nyl., Lich. Scand.: 271. 1861. – *Dermatocarpon subfuscellum* (Nyl.) Servít, Beih. Bot. Centralb. 55: 270. 1936.

Prothallus present, blackish, non-fimbriate. Primary areoles arising on prothallus. Thallus superficial, well developed, 280-700(-1000) µm thick, cracked, areoles separated by deep cracks, mature areoles 300-1100 diam., multiangular in outline, plane or slightly concave. Upper surface grey or light brown to brown, pruinose or not, usually marked by dark lines. Medulla densely pigmented, often occupying half or more of thallus thickness (50-)100-200 µm. Algal layer dissected by brown pigmented parts of medulla, algae up to 7-10 µm diam., arranged in well-defined columns. Perithecia immersed, 1-6(-9) per areole, arising between the photosynthetic units, rarely within one of the units; ostiole appearing at thallus surface as brownish to black, slightly concave disc 100-260 µm wide. Involucrellum absent. Exciple dark brown, usually flanked by dark medulla,

150-290 μ m wide. Asci 8-spored. Ascospores colourless, simple, oblong-ellipsoid or ellipsoid, 12-15 \times 5.5-7.0 μ m, perispore absent. Conidiomata not detected in material examined.

NOTE. The species is distinguished from *P. canellum* by smaller ascospores without perispores. It differs from *P. fuscellum* in multi-angular areoles with the upper surface usually richly marked by dark lines, perithecia flanked by dark medulla, mostly arising between photosynthetic units, ostioles appearing at the thallus surface as disc-shaped up to 100-260 µm wide.

REMARKS. Servít (1936) distinguished V. fuscella f. subpruinosa by the ash-grey to whitish, +/- pruinose upper surface of the thallus. The description in the protologue was rather vague and emphasized misleading characters. The type collection of the form subpruinosa (PRM 645359) is characterised by a well-developed thallus growing up to 500-700 μ m, with the upper surface marked by dark lines, and mature areoles having 3-4 perithecia flanked by dark medulla with ostioles appearing at the thallus surface as brownish to blackish discs 100-150 μ m wide and by ascospores 12-15 \times 5.5-7.0 μ m. Both V. fuscella f. subpruinosa and V. polysticta are characterized by the same features. Therefore the name Verucaria fuscella f. subpruinosa is proposed here to be synonymized with V. polysticta.

Some recent checklist (e.g. Vězda and Liška 1999, Faltynowicz 2003) have used the name *V. subpruinosa* Servít, but this apparently not validly published.

ECOLOGY AND DISTRIBUTION IN POLAND. This species grows on calcareous rocks in sunny places. In Poland V. polysticta occurs in areas with large natural limestone outcrops, i.e. in the Wyżyna Krakowsko-Częstochowska Upland, the Pieniny Mts and the Western Tatra Mts. It grows at scattered localities on calcareous sandstones in the Bieszczady Mts and Beskidy Zachodnie Mts within the Polish Carpathians. It was recorded in the Góry Świętokrzyskie Mts outside the Carpathians (Fig 3). Verrucaria polysticta has been published in Poland mainly under the name V. subfuscella and V. nigricans or mistaken as V. fuscella (see Tobolewski 1965; Fałtynowicz 2003), and the occurrence of the species is confirmed here for the following regions: Jura Krakowsko-Częstochowska Upland (Nowak 1961), Gorce Mts (Czarnota 2000), Pieniny Mts (Kiszka 1997, 2001). However, it is worth noting that V. polysticta has also been mistaken with P. fuscellum.

Specimens examined: Poland: DF-48 - Wyżyna Krakowsko-Częstochowska Upland, Dolina Sąspowska valley, Ojców National Park, 9 Aug. 1957, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 21368) as V. nigricans; Dolina Sąspowska valley, Ojców National Park, 6 Aug. 1957, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 19313, 19330) as V. fuscella; DF-58 - Wyżyna Krakowsko-Częstochowska Upland, Dolina Kobylańska valley, 6 Aug. 1957, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 21373) as V. nigricans; near Rudawa, 280 m, 9 Oct. 1971, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 29978) as V. fuscella; DF-68 – Wyżyna Krakowsko-Częstochowska Upland, Dolina Brzoskwinki valley, Tenczyński Landscape Park, 13 Sept. 1957, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 21366) as V. nigricans; Nieplice near Rudawa, 280 m, 30 Sept. 1986, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 30448) as V. fuscella; DF-97 – Beskid Makowski Mts, Skawce, 300 m, 6 Sept. 1995, U. Bielczyk & R. Kozik (KRAM-L 42568) as V. fuscella; DG-04 - Beskid Średni Mts, Pasmo Pewelskiego range, Łyska, 400 m, 21 Sept. 1965, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 12133) as V.

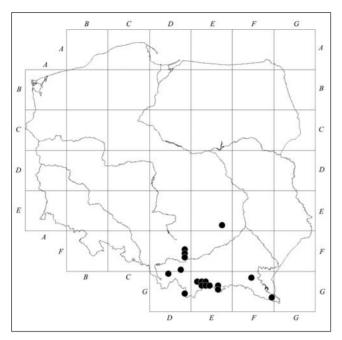


Fig. 3. Distribution map of Verrucaria polysticta Borrer in Poland.

fuscella; DG-58 - Tatry Zachodnie Mts. Bobrowiec Mt., 1400 m, Aug. 1982, K. Toborowicz (KTC) as V. glaucina; EE-87 – Góry Świętokrzyskie Mts, Łagów, old quarry, 24 April 1982, K. Toborowicz & I. Wrocławska (KTC) as V. subfuscella; EG-21 – Gorce Mts, below the Średniak meadow 1080 m, 3 Sept. 1997, P. Czarnota (GPN 1614/94) as V. fuscella; EG-22 - Gorce Mts, Ochotnica Dolna, Borysiówka, S slope of the Twarogów hill, 600 m, 10 May 1959, K. Glanc (KRAM-L 35720) as V. fuscella; S slope of the Twarogów hill, 680 m, 9 Sept. 1960, K. Glanc (KRAM-L 38595, 35729) as V. nigricans; S slope of the Twarogów hill, 740 m, 5 July 1967, K. Glanc (KRAM-L 35722) as V. fuscella; S slope of the Twarogów hill, 680 m, 9 Sept. 1966, K. Glanc (KRAM-L 19245) as V. nigricans; EG-23 - Gorce Mts, Lubań Mt., S slope of Makowica hill, 620 m, 4 Aug. 1968, K. Glanc (KRAM-L 24206, 35721) as V. fuscella; EG-32 - Pieniny Mts, Sromowce Wyżne, Pulsztyn Mt. 605 m, Aug. 1981, K. Toborowicz (KTC) as V. subfuscella; EG-33 - Pieniny Mts, Wawóz Sobczański gorge, on calcareous rocks, 580 m, 6 Aug. 1954, Z. Tobolewski (POZ) together with V. fuscella; Wawóz Sobczański gorge, 600 m, 4 May 1957, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 18605) as V. fuscella; Wawóz Sobczański gorge, 720 m, 2 Sept. 1981, K. Toborowicz (KTC) as V. subfuscella; Wąwóz Sobczański gorge, on calcareous rocks 680 m, 1 Sept. 1981, J. Pyrek & Z. Toborowicz (KTC) as V. subfuscella; Sromowce Niżne, Grabczycha by Dunajec river, 450 m, 24 Sept. 1980, K. Toborowicz (KTC) as V. subfuscella; Sromowce Niżne, Grabczycha by the Dunajec river, 529 m, 22 June 1982, K. Toborowicz (KTC) as V. subfuscella; Wawóz Homole gorge, on calcareous rocks 11 Sept. 1959, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 21204) as V. nigricans; EG-34 - Beskid Sądecki Mts, Pasmo Radziejowej range, Kamień św. Kingi rocks, 1100 m, 18 Aug. 1960, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 21465) as V. fuscella; EG-36 – Beskid Sądecki Mts, Żebracze nature reserve, 810 m, 5 July 2001, P. Czarnota (GPN 2601) as V. fuscella; EG-46 – Beskid Sądecki Mts, Żegiestów, ? (KRAM-L 10791, 10792) as *V. fuscella*; FG-14 – Beskid Niski Mts, Sieniawa village, by Wisłok river on sandstone, 315 m, 20 Aug. 1974, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 33329); FG-69 – Bieszczady Mts, Bereżki, 650 m, 25 Sept. 1959, K. Glanc (KRAM-L 35723) as *V. fuscella*.

Additional specimens examined: Bulgaria: Bleak Sea coast, near Varna, Aladzha monastery, 2 Aug. 1962, J. Nowak (KRAM-L 9346); Great Britain: England: V.C. 69, Westmorland, Asby. Great Asby Scar National Nature Reserve, 35/65.10 and 64.10, 2006, B. Krzewicka 3140 (KRAM-L 50227).

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