

TAXONOMIC STUDIES OF *ALTERNARIA* FROM CHINA II. NEW SPECIES AND NEW RECORDS ON AMARANTHACEAE, BASELLACEAE AND CHENOPODIACEAE

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ABSTRACT 3 new species and 2 new records of *Alternaria* are reported. The type specimens are deposited in Herbarium of Shandong Agricultural University, Plant Pathology (HSAUP).

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Taxa on Amaranthaceae

Alternaria achyranthis J.Z. Zhang et T.Y. Zhang, sp. nov. Fig. 1

Maculae suborbiculares, griseae, 5mm diam. Caespituli epiphylli. Conidiophora solitaria, pallide brunnea vel brunnea, non ramosa, recta vel geniculata, septata, $25.5 \sim 48.5 \times 3.5 \sim 7 \mu\text{m}$. Conidia solitaria vel breviter catenata, obclavata, obpyriformia vel ellisoidea, leviter flavo-brunnea, $3 \sim 5$ transverse septata, $0 \sim 3$ longitudinaliter vel oblique septata, echinata, $33.5 \sim 45 \times 13.5 \sim 17.5 \mu\text{m}$. Rostra cylindrica vel triangulariter subulata, pseudorostra geniculata, non septata, $7.5 \sim 45 \times 3.5 \sim 5 \mu\text{m}$.

Hab. in foliis vivis *Achyranthis bidentatae* Bl., Xian, Shaanxi Provincia, HSAUP 950200(= ZW93-269), holotypus.

Leaf spots circular to subcircular, greyish, ca. 0.5cm in diam. Fruiting mainly epiphyllous. Conidiophores solitary, erect, straight to geniculate unbranched, septate, pale brown to brown, paler towards the apex, $25.5 \sim 48.5 \times 3.5 \sim 7 \mu\text{m}$; Conidia solitary or in short chains, obclavate, obpyriform or ellipsoidal, slightly narrower at base ends, pale yellowish brown to brown, with $3 \sim 5$ transverse and $0 \sim 3$ longitudinal or oblique septa, some conidia with verrucose surface, $33.5 \sim 45 \times 13.5 \sim 17.5 \mu\text{m}$ excluding beaks; Rostra shorter or the same length as spore bodies, cylindrical or sometimes conical, aseptate, some of them may transform into secondary conidiophores (pseudorostra) and become geniculate, $7.5 \sim 45 \times 3.5 \sim 5 \mu\text{m}$.

Holotype: HSAUP 950200 (= ZW93-269), on leaf spots of *Achyranthes bidentata* Bl., Xian, Shaanxi province, Zhang Jing-ze & Wang Jin, 29 Sept. 1993.

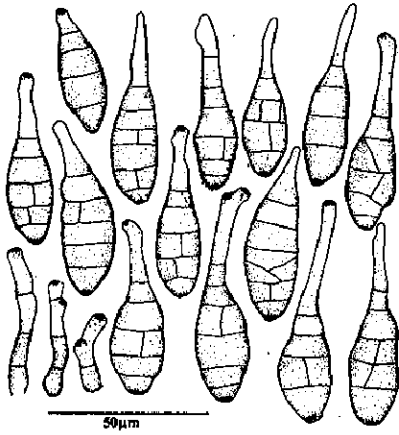


Fig.1 *Alternaria achyranthis* J.Z.Zhang & T.Y.Zhang. Conidia and conidiophores ex HSAUP 950200, the holotype.

Discussion: Three species have been described on species of *Amaranthaceae*. Among them, *A. alternantherae* Helcomb & Antonopoulos (1976) has been transferred to the genus *Nimbya* by Simmons (1995) as *N. alternantherae* (Helc. & Antonop.) Simmons & Alcorn. *A. achyranthis* can be easily distinguished from *A. amaranthi* (C. H. Peck) van Hook by its conidial shape. The other most closely related species is *A. celosiae* (Tassi) O. Savulescu (1968). However, the character of that the conidia of the new taxon have only 0–3 longitudinal and oblique septa clearly differentiates it from *A. celosiae* (Tassi) O. Savulescu.

Alternaria celosiae (Tassi) O. Savulescu.

Herb. Mycol. Roman. "Tr. Savulescu". Bucuresti. (1968). P.770

Macrosporium celosiae Tassi, Bull. Labor. Orto Botan. Siena 4:12. 1901.

Specimen examined: HSAUP 950201 (= ZW93049) on leaf spots of *Amaranthus* sp., J.Z. Zhang & J. Wang, Xian, Shaanxi, 22 Sept. 1993.

This species is a new record to China.

Taxon on Basellaceae

Alternaria basellae T.Y. Zhang, sp. nov., Fig.2

Maculae orbiculares, centro albae vel pallide brunneae, margine subpurpuratae, 2~10 mm diam. Caespituli epiphylli. Conidiophora plerumque solitaria, infusata, ramosa vel non ramosa, septata, 17.5~58.5 × 3~4 μm. Conidia solitaria vel breviter catenata, infusata vel brunnea, obclavata, 5~8 transverse septata, 2~7 longitudinaliter vel oblique septata, distincte constricta, (21.5~)27.5~43.5(~55.5) × 9~11.5(~13) μm. Rostra cylindrica, septata, pseudorostra ad apicem leviter sufflata, (0~)7~66.5(~125) × 2.5~4 μm.

Hab. in foliis vivis *Basellae rubrae* L., Yangling, Shaanxi Provincia, HSAUP 950006 (= ZTY94-002), holotypus; Leling, Shandong Provincia, HSAUP 950240 (= ZTY95-234); Taian, Shandong, HSAUP 950241 (= ZTY95-220); Milin, Xizang (Tibet), HSAUP 950113 (= ZTY95-113).

Leaf spots circular, whitish grey to pale brown in

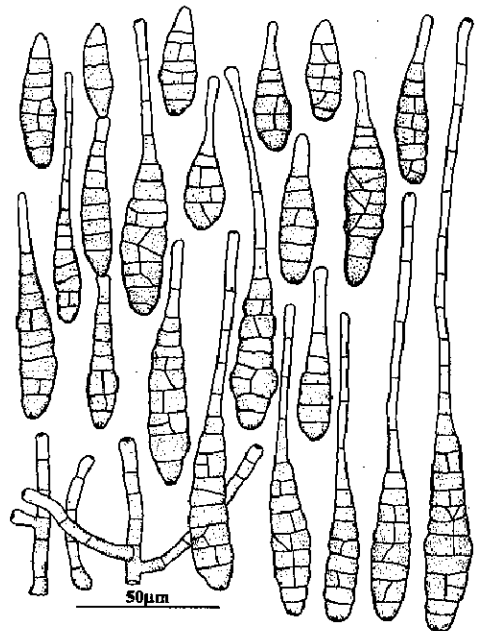


Fig.2 *Alternaria basellae* T.Y. Zhang. Conidia and conidiophores ex HSAUP 950006, the holotype.

the central area, olivaceous brown in peripheral area, with a subpurple margin, 2~10mm in diam. Fruiting mainly epiphyllous. Conidiophores solitary or in small fascicles, light brown, branched or unbranched, septate, $17.5\sim 58.5 \times 3\sim 4\mu\text{m}$; Conidia solitary or in short chains, obclavate, light brown to brown, spore body with 5~8 (often 7) transverse and 2~7 (often 4) oblique and longitudinal septa, constricted at septa, $(21.5\sim) 27.5\sim 43.5(\sim 55.5) \times 9\sim 11.5(\sim 13)\mu\text{m}$; Rostra and pseudorostra cylindrical, septate, often swollen at apex of pseudorostra, $(0\sim)7\sim 66.5(\sim 125) \times 2.5\sim 4\mu\text{m}$.

Holotype: HSAUP 950006(= ZTY94-002), on leaf spots of *Basella rubra* L., Yangling, Shaanxi, T.Y.Zhang. 15 Aug.1994.

Specimens examined: On leaf spots of *Basella rubra* L., include HSAUP 950240 (=ZTY95-234), Leling, Shandong, T. Y. Zhang, 8 Oct. 1995; HSAUP 950241 (= ZTY95-220), Taian, Shandong, T. Y. Zhang, 3 Aug. 1995; HSAUP 950113 (= ZTY95-113), Milin, Xizang (Tibet), T.Y. Zhang, 19 July 1995.

This is the first report of an *Alternaria* species parasitizing species of Basellaceae to cause remarkable leaf spots.

Taxa on Chenopodiaceae

Alternaria chenopodiicola T.Y. Zhang, W.Q. Chen et M.X. Gao, sp. nov. Fig.3

Maculae irregulares, flavo-brunneae. Caespituli hypophylli. Conidiophora solitaria vel fasciculata, infusata, recta vel curvata, ramosa vel non ramosa, septata, $20\sim 70 \times 4\sim 6\mu\text{m}$. Conidia solitaria vel breviter catenata, flavo-brunnea, obclavata, obpyriformia vel longe ellipsoidea, 5~8 transverse septata, 3~6 longitudinaliter vel oblique septata, leviter constricta, $33\sim 62 \times 12\sim 18\mu\text{m}$. Rostra infusata, plerumque 1 septata, $20\sim 46 \times 2.5\sim 6\mu\text{m}$.

Hab. in foliis vivis *Chenopodii glauci* L., Qufu, Shandong Provincia, HSAUP 950251 (= CG95-092), holotypus.

Leaf spots mostly at the point ends of the blades, irregular, yellowish brown. Fruiting mainly hypophyllous. Conidiophores solitary or fasciculate, branched or unbranched, erect, straight or geniculate, septate, light brown, $20\sim 70 \times 4\sim 6\mu\text{m}$; Conidia yellowish brown, solitary or in short chains, obclavate, obpyriform or ellipsoidal, with 5~8 transverse and 3~6 longitudinal and oblique septa, $33\sim 62 \times 12\sim 18\mu\text{m}$ excluding beaks; Rostra light brown, mostly with 1 septum, cylindrical, $20\sim 46 \times 2.5\sim 6\mu\text{m}$.

Holotype: HSAUP 950251 (= CG95-092), on leaf spots of *Chenopodium glaucum* L., Qufu, Shandong, China, Y. Chen and M.X. Gao, 25 Sept. 1995.

Discussion: 3 taxa at species level have been described so far on species of Chenopodiaceae. Among them, *Alternaria salicorniae* H.Riedl & Ershad (1977) has small spores ($24\sim 30 \times 8\sim 12\mu\text{m}$) and looks morphologically very similar to *A. alternata* (Fr.) Keissl., *A. chenopodii* Raabe (1939) has relatively narrow ($10\sim 12\mu\text{m}$) and long beaked conidia. In conidial morphology, *A. chenopodiicola* is close to *A. spinaciae* Allesch et Noack (see saccardo, 1902). Longitudinally and obliquely multi-septate

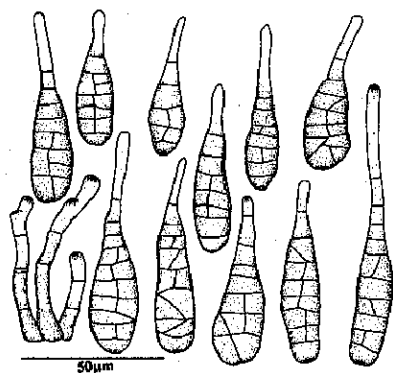


Fig.3 *Alternaria chenopodiicola* Zhang, Chen et Gao. Conidia and conidiophores ex HSAUP 950251, the holotype.

and short beaked conidia of *A. chenopodiicola* readily differentiate it from *A. spinaciae* which has distinctly cylindrically beaked conidia.

Alternaria spinaciae Allesch et Noack

Bolet. Instit. Agron. do Estado de São Paulo em Campinas (1898), 9(2):83.

Specimens examined: HMAUABO 100680, on leaf spots of *Spinacia oleracea* L. Yangling, Shaanxi; HSAUP 950142 (= TYZ95-142), T. Y. Zhang, 20 July 1995, Milin, Xizang (Tibet).

This species is a new record to China.

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中国链格孢属的分类研究 II.

生于苋科、落葵科和藜科植物上新种与新记录种

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摘 要 链格孢生于苋科植物上新种一个, *Alternaria achyranthis*, 新记录种一个, *A. celosiae*; 生于落葵科植物上的新种一个, *A. basellae*; 生于藜科植物上的新种一个, *A. chenopodiicola*, 中国新记录种一个, *A. spinaciae*. 新种模式标本保藏在山东农业大学植物病理学标本室(HSAUP).

关键词: 新种, 牛膝链格孢, 落葵链格孢, 藜生链格孢, 新记录, 苋苋链格孢, 菠菜链格孢

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