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REVISION OF FRENGUELLI'S (1941) PATAGONIAN ANGIOSPERM FOSSIL LEAF COLLECTION WITH COMMENTS ON THE ORIGINAL LOCALITIES (EOCENE-MIOCENE) NICOLÁS A. CAVIGLIA and ROBERTO R. PUJANA Nicolás A. Caviglia [nicocavi09@gmail.com], Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales.-CONICET; Av. Ángel Gallardo 470 - C1405DJR - Buenos Aires - Argentina Roberto R. Pujana [rpujana@gmail.com], Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales.-CONICET; Av. Ángel Gallardo 470 - C1405DJR - Buenos Aires – Argentina. 55 pages, 8 figures, 1 table y 1 appendix Propuesta para el cabezal: ANGIOSPERM FOSSIL LEAVES FROM PATAGONIA

20 Abstract. Frenguelli (1941) described a fossil leaf assemblage of 36 taxonomic units (9 21 gymnosperms and 27 angiosperms) collected from ten localities in southwestern Patagonia. Frenguelli's article has two limitations according to present day standards: 1) most of the 22 23 material was neither described nor illustrated; 2) the fossiliferous localities were not associated to any formal stratigraphic unit. A revision of the fossiliferous outcrops and of the 24 descriptions and systematics of the angiosperm taxa of this collection was made. The original 25 fossiliferous localities were explored and included into three formal stratigraphic units: Río 26 Turbio, Río Guillermo and Río Leona formations. We recognized 27 taxa: 7 were assigned to 27 28 known fossil-species, 18 were kept in open nomenclature and the other two were synonymized to another genus. In addition, new paleofloristic information of each unit was 29 reported: in the Río Turbio Formation the first record of the Salicaceae (*Thouinia philippii*?) 30 31 was recorded; in the Río Guillermo Formation it was reported the first record of the Grossulariaceae, Lauraceae and Salicaceae; and in the Río Leona Formation Nothofagus 32 variabilis and Escalloniiyphyllum sp. were described for the first time. 33 34 **Keywords.** Patagonia, Paleogene, Paleoflora, Río Turbio Formation, Río Guillermo Formation, Río Leona Formation. 35 36 Resumen. REVISIÓN DE LA COLECCIÓN DE HOJAS DE ANGIOSPERMAS FÓSILES DE PATAGONIA DE FRENGUELLI (1941) CON COMENTARIOS SOBRE LAS 37 LOCALIDADES ORIGINALES (EOCENO-MIOCENO). Frenguelli (1941) describió un 38 conjunto de hojas fósiles, recolectadas en diez localidades en el suroeste de la Patagonia, 39 donde identificó 36 unidades taxonómicas (9 gimnospermas y 27 angiospermas). Sin 40 41 embargo, el artículo de Frenguelli presenta principalmente dos problemas: 1) la mayor parte del material no se describió ni se ilustró; 2) las localidades fosilíferas no estaban asociadas a 42 ninguna unidad estratigráfica formal. Por lo tanto, se realizó una revisión de los afloramientos 43

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45	colección. Las localidades fosilíferas originales fueron exploradas e incluidas en tres			
46	unidades estratigráficas formales: las formaciones de Río Turbio, Río Guillermo y Río Leona.			
47	Se reconocieron 27 taxones: 7 fueron asignados a especies fósiles conocidas, 18 se			
48	mantuvieron en nomenclatura abierta y los otros dos fueron sinonimizados a otro género. Este			
49	estudio proporcionó nueva información paleoflorística a las tres unidades nombradas: en las			
50	formaciones Río Turbio y Río Guillermo se reportó el primer registro de Salicaceae			
51	(Thouinia philippii?) y Grossulariaceae, Lauraceae y Salicaceae, respectivamente; y en la			
52	Formación Río Leona Nothofagus variabilis y Escalloniiyphyllum sp. fueron descritos por			
53	primera vez.			
54	Palabras clave. Patagonia, Paleógeno, Paleoflora, Formación Río Turbio Formation,			
55	Formación Río Guillermo, Formación Río Leona.			
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CENOZOIC Patagonian leaf floras experienced several taxonomic turnovers and they were particularly influenced by the climate changes, marine transgressions and Andean uplift (Barreda and Palazzesi, 2007). Many fossil leaves from this region were described during the first half of the 20th century (Dusén, 1899; Berry, 1925, 1928, 1937, 1938; Fiori 1931, 1939, 1940). Some of these were never revised before, including those studied by Frenguelli (1941). In addition, the descriptions of those articles include terminology nowadays in disuse, and the illustrations lack the detail of current photographs. Hickey (1973) proposed the first Leaf Architecture Manual, where a linear terminology for descriptions was suggested in order to facilitate comparisons. Since then, some of the mentioned leaf megafloras were reviewed and/or studied again from new material from the same localities, but, in both cases, under this new methodology (e.g. Wilf *et al.*, 2003; Panti, 2014; Vento and Prámparo, 2018).

Frenguelli's (1941) leaf samples came from 10 localities from southwestern

Patagonia, in Santa Cruz province, Argentina. A total of 36 impression/compression taxa (i.e. 9 gymnosperm and 27 angiosperm leaves) were reported by the author. However, he illustrated 19 of those fossil taxa, and provided descriptions of only 5. Moreover, some of the illustrations lack clear indications: for example, a rock piece that contains, according to the author, more than one type of leaf, is presented as a general image without indications of which leaf corresponds to each taxonomic unit (e.g., Frenguelli, 1941, p. 207, Plate V).

Recently, Césari *et al.* (2015) described and illustrated one of the fossil-species of Frenguelli (1941): *Rubus primaverae* Frenguelli. Besides this, no further revision of the material was made.

In this manuscript a detailed revision of the angiosperm leaves published by Frenguelli (1941) is made. We include detailed descriptions and photographs of the samples. In addition, original geological and stratigraphic positions of the samples were reviewed (e.g. Malumián and Panza, 2000).

[Figure 1]

GEOLOGICAL SETTING

The Patagonian strata named by Frenguelli (1941) "estratos magellanianos" that crop out in southwestern Santa Cruz province, Argentina (Fig. 1), include sediments later referred to different geological formations (e.g. Malumián and Panza, 2000). These strata include Río Turbio (Eocene–Oligocene), Río Guillermo (Oligocene–Miocene) and Río Leona (Miocene) Formations (Fig. 2).

Río Turbio Formation

The Río Turbio Formation (Hünicken, 1955; Leanza, 1972; Nullo and Combina, 2002) is traditionally divided into lower and upper sections or members, and it is supported with an erosive discordance over the Cerro Dorotea Formation (Malumián and Caramés, 1997; Malumián and Panza, 2000). The evolution of both members represents a tidal system: the lower one with tidal channels and tidal platforms; and the upper with tidal channels, tidal delta and lagoon deposits (Malumián and Panza, 2000; Panti, 2010). Both members bear coal measures, and a glauconite bed at the base of the upper member is present (Malumián and Panza, 2000).

Based on paleontological information, the age proposed by most of the authors, following different proxies, for the Río Turbio Formation was Eocene (Malumián and Panza, 2000 and references therein). However, recent detritic zircon ages extend the deposition of the upper member up to the Oligocene (Fosdick *et al.*, 2015).

Fossil pollen grains from this stratigraphic unit were studied by Romero (1977), Romero and Zamaloa (1985), Romero and Castro (1986), Fernández *et al.* (2012), Fernández (2018); fossil leaves by Berry (1937), Hünicken (1955, 1967, 1995), Fernández *et al.* (2012),

Vento and Prámparo (2018), Panti (2010, 2014, in press); fossil woods by Ancíbor (1989, 1990), Brea (1993), Pujana (2008) and Pujana and Ruiz (2017, 2019).

Río Guillermo Formation

The Río Guillermo Formation (Leanza, 1972; Nullo and Combina, 2002) represents high energy fluvial systems. It is supported with an erosive discordance over the Río Turbio Formation with a thick conglomerate at the base (Malumián and Panza, 2000; Nullo and Combina, 2002). It is worth mentioning that Hünicken (1955) used the name "Río Guillermo strata" to include the nowadays formally defined Río Guillermo and Río Leona

Formations which crop out in the surroundings of the Río Turbio city.

The age was usually considered Oligocene based on its stratigraphic position (Malumián and Panza, 2000; Vento *et al.*, 2016). According to recent zircon dating it extends up to the Oligocene–Miocene boundary (Fosdick *et al.*, 2011, 2015).

Fossil leaves from this stratigraphic unit were studied by Hünicken (1955, 1995), Panti (2011), Vento *et al.* (2016); fossil woods by Pujana (2008).

Río Leona Formation

The Río Leona Formation (Furqué and Camacho, 1972; Malumián and Panza, 2000; Nullo and Combina, 2002) includes the upper part of the "Río Guillermo strata" of Hünicken (1955). It crops out in southwestern Patagonia and represents continental deposition during the lower Miocene. Marenssi *et al.* (2005) have interpreted the paleoenvironment of the formation as representing different fluvial systems. The formation was supposed to have an Eocene–Miocene age based on different proxies (Malumián and Panza, 2000 and references therein; Barreda *et al.*, 2009; Malumián *et al.*, 2013). Recent isotopic ages indicate a lower Miocene age (Fosdick *et al.*, 2011, 2015).

Fossil pollen was studied by Barreda *et al.* (2009); fossil leaves by Césari *et al.* (2015); fossil woods by Pujana (2007, 2008, 2009a, b). In addition, fossil leaves and woods were reported in Chile by Torres *et al.* (2009, 2013) from outcrops assigned to this stratigraphic unit.

[Figure 2]

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Fossil specimens

The fossil leaves were collected by J. Brandmayr in the 1930s and studied by Frenguelli (1941). The collection contains 52 rock samples deposited in the Museo de La Plata (FCNyM), Buenos Aires province, Argentina, under the specimen numbers LPPB 4070–4121. They were assigned by Frenguelli (1941) to 9 gymnosperm and 27 angiosperm fossil leaf taxonomic units. Some of the fossil leaves were painted with varnish (e.g. Fig 6.1). Some of the fossils were originally documented as line drawings and photographs by Frenguelli (1941). The collection numbers, and the repository original book of the paleobotanical collection was checked and no discrepancies were found between it and Frenguelli (1941), although three specimens were not found (Appendix). The angiosperm leaves were described following the Manual of Leaf Architecture (Ellis *et al.*, 2009). However, some terminologies used such as those referring to vein course and relative thickness (gauge) of veins or divergence angle of secondaries were taken from Hickey (1973). The APG IV (2016) proposals for angiosperm classification were followed. For open nomenclature Bengston (1988) was followed.

The fossil leaves were observed and studied under binocular lens, where microphotographs of the venation were taken. In addition, photographs with macro lens (Canon 60D with macro EF 50 mm lens) were taken.

Origin of the fossil leaf collection

Frenguelli (1941) mentioned that the fossils were collected in ten localities (Fig. 1): 1) one kilometer southeast of Estancia (=Ea.) San José (*ca.* 51°32'34"S 72°21'50"W); 2) Río Turbio valley between Ea. Primavera and Ea. Dorotea (*ca.* 51°31'36"S 72°14'11"W); 3) Ea. Primavera (*ca.* 51°28'53"S 72°14'04"W); 4) Río Turbio valley, south of Ea. Primavera (*ca.* 51°29'18"S 72°15'58"W); 5) road between Ea. San José and Ea. Primavera (*ca.* 51°31'47"S 72°16'42"W); 6) one kilometer east of Ea. Dorotea (*ca.* 51°33'39"S 72°10'26"W); 7) upper course of Turbio river, one kilometer upriver of Ea. Primavera (*ca.* 51°27'26"S 72°13'58"W); 8) near Ea. Rospentek (*ca.* 51°40'56"S 72° 8'47"W); 9) upper course of Turbio river, between Ea. Primavera and 6th lot (*ca.* 51°27'45"S 72°10'25"W); 10) upper course of Turbio river, near the previous locality (*ca.* 51°27'41"S 72° 9'35"W). He included these outcrops into a grouped called "estratos magellanianos" and divided them into two subgroups: the lower one,"B" which includes mostly marine localities (1 to 6), and the upper one "C" which includes continental localities (7 to 10).

The stratigraphic units which crop out in each locality (based on the original map, Frenguelli 1941, p. 174) were recognized in successive field trips, and by placing them in the geological maps of Malumián and Panza (2000). The map provided by Frenguelli (1941) lacks scale and details that would allow the outcrops to be placed in an exact position. In addition, no detailed information was provided on the type of sediment that each one carries.

Based on this information, each of the ten localities was assigned to a stratigraphic unit. In each of them the presence of leaves or leaf fragments was corroborated. In most of

182	the localities (except localities 9 and 10) an accurate stratigraphic position was proposed (see			
183	Discussion below). The diversity of the leaves of each locality was compared with new			
184	information of the stratigraphic units to check the consistency of the stratigraphic placement.			
185	Table 1 includes those localities with the proposed stratigraphic unit.			
186	[Figure 3]			
187	SYSTEMATIC PALEONTOLOGY			
188	In the first part only the best preserved fossil species are described. After these descriptions			
189	are included species considered doubtful, with Discussion in each of them.			
190	Clade Eudicots APG IV, 2016			
191	Order Escalloniales Link, 1829			
192	Family ESCALLONIACEAE Brown ex. Dumortier, 1829			
193	Genus <i>Escallonia</i> Mutis ex. Linnaeus, 1782			
194	Type species. Escallonia myrtilloides Linnaeus, 1782			
195	Escallonia? sp.			
196	Figure 4.1, 4.4			
197	1941 Escallonia sp.; Frenguelli: 204, pl. 3: 4.			
198	1967 Escallonia sp.; Hünicken: 185, 186, pl. 3, fig, 10.			
199	Studied material. LPPB 4079.			
200	Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 5 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper member			
201	of the Río Turbio Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table 1).			
202	Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, lamina shape oblong, with slightly medial			
203	asymmetry, 5.0 cm long and 1.3 cm wide. Base asymmetrical, acute. Petiole thick, 1.0 cm			
204	long. Margin serrate, one order of teeth, cc/st in shape, 1 teeth/cm, regularly spaced and			

separated by rounded sinuses. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight, stout distally but moderate proximally. Major secondaries veins brochidodromous. Secondary veins fine, 6 pairs, irregularly spaced, curved, inserted at acute angle (40–50°). Secondary veins decurrently attached to the midvein. Each tooth vascularized by a vein of the same caliber than a secondary originated in the brochidodromous archs, near the margin. The veins enter centrally in each tooth. Presence of intersecondary veins in some portions of the lamina. Venation of tertiary and higher order not preserved.

Discussion. The specimen is well preserved. Frenguelli (1941) described, illustrated (Plate 3, Fig. 4, p. 205) and proposed this fossil-species. It is characterized by the oblong lamina, the asymmetrical base, the serrated margin with irregular spaced teeth, and the brochidodromous secondary venation pattern. The new description agrees with the original, only the description of intersecondary veins, not mentioned by Frenguelli (1941), was added.

Other fossils from Patagonia were previously identified as *Escallonia* sp. Hünicken (1955, 1967) mentioned *Escallonia* sp. from the lower member of the Río Turbio Formation (fossiliferous locality Diquecito, stratigraphic level 't'). He described and illustrated it, but did not give specific determination due to the poor preservation of it. In addition, he mentioned the resemblance with Frenguelli's (1941) specimen. In the revision of Hünicken's (1955, 1967) material, Vento and Prámparo (2018) considered that the materials of Hünicken's (1955, 1967) and Frenguelli's (1941) are the same fossil species. We agree with this affirmation.

Although Frenguelli (1941) include this material in *Escallonia*, the preservation is too poor to include it in the genus. However, the margin type and the venation pattern can be observed in some genera of Escalloniaceae, like *Escallonia* and *Anopterus* Labill. Frenguelli (1941) compared this fossil species with the living *Escallonia rosea* Grisebach. Although

229 they share the main characters, *Escallonia rosea* has a much larger lamina and more number of teeth/cm. 230 Order LAURALES L. de Jussieu ex Berchtold and Presl., 1789 231 Family LAURACEAE L. de Jussieu, 1789 232 Genus Ocotea Aublet, 1775 233 Type species. Ocotea guianensis Aublet, 1775 234 235 Ocotea? sp. Figure 4.2, 4.5 236 237 Studied material. LPPB 4070-4071. Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 5 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper member 238 239 of the Río Turbio Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table 1). 240 **Description**. Simple, microphyll leaves, lamina with medial symmetry, 6.4 cm long and 2.7 cm wide, concave and slightly asymmetric base, entire margin, petiole normal (0.4 241 242 cm long). Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight and stout. Major secondary veins 243 eucamptodromous. Secondary veins fine, only 2 pairs visible, extremely curved, inserted at acute angle (60–70°), decurrently attached to the midvein. Presence of intramarginal vein. No 244 tertiary veins or higher order were observed. 245 246 Discussion. Frenguelli (1941) included these samples in Oreodaphne? sp., but without providing any further information. Three fragmented specimens in the collection 247 were found. This is coincident with the repository book of the paleobotanical collection. This 248 taxonomic unit is characterized by a chordate base, entire margin, eucamptodromous 249 secondary venation pattern, and intramarginal vein. 250 The most similar fossil-species from Patagonia is *Oreodaphne preacutifolia*, 251 described from the middle Eocene of Río Pichileufú (Berry, 1938). The base shape, 252

secondary venation pattern and intramarginal vein are related to the material studied here.

However, *Oreodaphne preacutifolia* has an asymmetrical lamina.

Although Frenguelli (1941) relates these specimens in Oreodaphne, its fragmentary state difficult to made an assignation. However, they shared many characters with some genera of the Lauraceae. It shares a similar venation pattern with *Oreodaphne acutifolia* Nees, but also with other Lauraceae living species: *Quiina acutangula* Aublet, *Q. tinifolia* Planch. and Triana and *Ocotea aciphylla* Nees. It is also similar to *Anopterus glandulosus* Labill., especially in the margin features.

Genus *Persea* Miller, 1754

Type species. Persea americana Miller, 1768

Persea? sp.

Figures 4.3, 4.6

Studied material. LPPB 4107.

Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 5 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper member of the Río Turbio Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table 1).

Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, laminar shape elliptic with medial symmetry, 4.1 cm long and 1.8 cm wide, retuse apex and entire margin. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein curved and stout. Major secondaries veins eucamptodromous. Secondaries thick, 3 pairs, irregularly spaced, curved, inserted at acute angle (40–50°). Secondary veins decurrently attached to the midvein in the proximal part of the lamina. Venation of tertiary and higher order not preserved.

Discussion. Frenguelli (1941) listed this taxonomic unit as *Persea microphylla* but without providing any further information. Only a single specimen in the collection with por preservation was found, which is coincident with the repository book. This fossil-species is

characterized by its entire margin, retuse apex and eucamptodromous secondary venation pattern.

Although it is not mentioned in the original publication, it can be assumed that the author included this specimen in *Persea* based on its similarities to *Persea microphylla* described from the Paleocene–Eocene boundary of Lota-Coronel by Engelhardt (1891). However, *Persea microphylla* has an acuminate apex and, therefore, it was not considered the same taxon of Frenguelli's (1941) collection.

[Figure 4]

Other fossil leaves were placed in *Persea* across the Patagonia. Hünicken (1955) mentioned *Persea microphylla* in the Río Turbio Formation but did not provide any description or illustration. Hünicken (1967) described *Persea borrelloii* which was reviewed by Vento and Prámparo (2018), who considered that the material was poorly preserved, so they did not agree with the specific determination, but retained it in the genus *Persea*. However, that fossil material is poorly preserved, and it was not possible to identify if it corresponds to the same taxon studied here. The fossil leaves referred to *P. microphylla* of Hünicken (1955) are not mentioned in Hünicken (1967) or in Vento and Prámparo (2018).

In addition, the identification as *Persea* made by Frenguelli (1941) is questionable, due to the poor preservation of the specimen. However, several species of the Lauraceae have similar characteristics of this fossil-species, such as *Persea ruizzi* Macbride, with a similar venation pattern; and *Acrodiclidium salicifolium* (Sw.) Griseb., which also has a similar venation pattern but a different apex.

Order FAGALES Engler, 1892

Family NOTHOFAGACEAE Kuprianova, 1962

300	Genus Nothofagus Blume, 1851			
301	Type species. Nothofagus antarctica (Forster) Oersted, 1871			
302	Nothofagus densinervosa Dusén, 1899			
303	Figure 5.1, 5.4			
304	1899 Nothofagus densinervosa Dusén; Dusén 1899: 99, pl. 9: 14–19.			
305	1939 Nothofagus densinervosa Dusén; Fiori 1939: 67, pl. 1: 18.			
306	1941 Nothofagus densinervosa Dusén; Frenguelli 1941: 206, pl. 4: 3.			
307	1967 Nothofagus cf. densinervosa Dusén; Hünicken 1967: 168, pl. 2: 7.			
308	1986 Nothofagus densinervosa Dusén; Tanai 1986: 575, pl. 12: 1–12.			
309	2013 Nothofagus densinervosa Dusén; Tosolini et al. 2013, p. 14: 2K, 5B,G.			
310	Studied material. LPPB 4084.			
311	Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 9 of Frenguelli (1941). Río			
312	Guillermo/Río Leona Formations (Fig. 1–2, 3F, Table 1)			
313	Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, lamina with medial symmetry, 4.5 cm long			
314	and 2.2 cm wide. Base symmetrical, acute, petiole normal (1.0 cm long). Apex was not			
315	preserved. Margin dentate, one order of teeth, cv/cv in shape, 6 teeth/cm, regularly spaced			
316	and separated by rounded sinuses. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight with moderate			
317	size. Major secondary veins craspedodromous. Secondaries fine, 10 pairs, regularly spaced,			
318	slightly curved near the margin, inserted at acute angle (50–60°) which smoothly increased			
319	proximally. Secondary veins decurrently attached to the midvein. Each tooth vascularized by			
320	a secondary vein that penetrates it basally and reaches their apex. No higher order of venation			
321	observed.			
322	<i>Discussion</i> . This fossil-species was illustrated by Frenguelli (1941, Plate 4, Fig. 3, p.			
323	206), but without providing description or the quantity of specimens assigned to it. A single			

324 specimen in regular state of preservation was found. This coincides with what was written in the original book of the paleobotanical collection repository. Although the distal part of the 325 lamina is not preserved, it can be related to N. densinervosa by: the dentate margin type, the 326 high number of teeth/cm (six), and the basal vascularization of the teeth. 327 Hünicken (1955, 1967) described N. cf. densinervosa. His material is very similar to 328 the leaves studied here, with the same dentate margin type, number of teeth frequency and the 329 basal vascularization of the teeth. 330 This is the first record of N. densinervosa from the Río Guillermo Formation, but it 331 was mentioned in other localities from Patagonia and Antarctica: Barrancas Carmen Silva 332 (middle Miocene) locality (Dusén 1899), Seymour/Marambio Island (Paleocene) (Dusén, 333 334 1908; Tosolini et al., 2013), Ñirihuau Formation (early-middle Miocene) (Fiori, 1939), and Brush Lake Formation (late Eocene-early Oligocene) (Tanai, 1986). 335 Nothofagus dicksonii (Dusén) Tanai, 1986 336 Figure 5.2, 5.5 337 1899 Fagus dicksonii; Dusén 1899: 95, pl. 8: 14–16. 338 1937 Fagus dicksonii Dusén 1899; Berry 1937: 93, pl. 18: 1. 339 1941 Fagus dicksonii Dusén 1899; Frenguelli 1941: 206, pl. 4: 1. 340 341 1986 Nothofagus dicksonii (Dusén) Tanai; Tanai 1986: 577, pl. 13: 4, 8, 13, 17.

Studied material. LPPB 4090

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Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 4 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper member of the Río Turbio Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table 1).

2018 Nothofagus sp. cf. N. dicksonii (Dusén); Vento and Prámparo 2018: 6, pl. 4: F.

2019 Nothofagus dicksonii (Dusén); Panti 2019: 78, figs. 5A-B, 6H.

Description. Simple microphyll leaves, lamina shape elliptic with medial symmetry, 6.3 cm long and 4.1 cm wide. Base symmetrical, rounded, petiole normal (0.1 cm long). Apex not preserved. Margin deeply serrate, one order of teeth, cv/cv in shape, 2 teeth/cm, regularly spaced and separated by angular sinuses. One secondary vein per tooth. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight with moderate size, thinner in the apical part of the lamina. Major secondary veins craspedodromous. Secondaries fine, 5 pairs, regularly spaced, straight, inserted at acute angle (45–55°). Secondary veins decurrently attached to the midvein. Each tooth vascularized by a secondary vein that penetrates the tooth centrally and reaches the tooth apex. Venation of tertiary and higher order not preserved.

Discussion. This fossil-species was illustrated by Frenguelli (1941, Plate 4, Fig. 4, p. 206), but without providing description or the quantity of specimens assigned to it. In the collection and the repository book two references for this fossil-species were found. However, LPPB 4082 is a rock with several partial leaf remains and *N. dicksonii* is not pointed out, therefore it was not able to identify it (Fig. 8.6). We consider *Nothofagus dicksonii* only based on the LPPB 4090 specimen, characterized by its serrate margin with the deep sinuses, and the frequency of teeth per secondary.

Tanai (1986) considered that *F. dicksonii* has features that allow to be included in *Nothofagus*. Therefore, the materials studied here can be compared to the leaves described by Berry (1937) and Hünicken (1967), also from the Río Turbio Formation. These specimens have many similarities, like the serrate margin with deep sinuses, the frequency of teeth per secondary and the central vascularization of the teeth. Vento and Prámparo (2018) reviewed this same material but they refers with doubts to *Nothofagus* sp. cf. *N. dicksonii*. However, we include all the specimens in the same taxon.

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372	Nothofagus dicksonii was recorded in other Patagonian outcrops such as Barrancas Carmen
373	Silva locality (early-middle Miocene) (Dusén, 1899) and Brush Lake Formation (late Eocene-
374	Early Oligocene) (Tanai, 1986).
375	[Figure 5]
376	Nothofagus elongata Dusén, 1899
377	Figure 5.3, 5.6
378	1899 Nothofagus elongata; Dusén: 97, pl. 10: 12–13
379	1899 Nothofagus lanceolata; Dusén: s/n, pl. 8: 13.
380	1899 Nothofagus cf. N. obliqua Mirbel; Dusén 1899: s/n, pl. 10: 1.
381	1937 Nothofagus elongata; Berry 1937: 94, pl. 18: 7.
382	1941 Nothofagus lanceolata Dusén, 1899; Frenguelli 1941: 206, pl. 4: 1.
383	1967 Nothofagus cf. N. elongata; Hünicken 1967: 166, pl. 2: 1.
384	1989 Nothofagus elongata; Durango de Cabrera and Vergel 1989: 4, pl. 1: 1–2.
385	2011 Nothofagus elongata; Panti 2011: 324, pl. 3: 5–8
386	2016 Nothofagus elongata; Vento et al. 2016: 5, pl. 1: b-c.
387	2019 Nothofagus elongata; Panti 2019: 76, figs. 4E-F, 6F.
388	Studied material. LPPB 4082; LPPB 4086; LPPB 4093.
389	Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 4 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper member
390	of the Río Turbio Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table 1).
391	Description. Simple leaf, microphyll, lamina shape ovate with medial symmetry, 9.6
392	cm long and 3.3 cm wide. Apex acute, base symmetrical, acute. Margin serrate, two order of
393	teeth, st/st in shape, 4 teeth/cm, regularly spaced and separated by angular sinuses. There are

2 teeth per secondary vein. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight with moderate size. Major secondary veins craspedodromous. Secondaries fine, 12 pairs, regularly spaced, straight, inserted at acute angle (50–60°), smoothly decreasing proximally. Secondary veins excurrently attached to the midvein. Each tooth vascularized by a secondary vein that penetrates the tooth through the basal side and reaches their apex. The adjacent inferior tooth vascularized by an outer secondary. No higher order of venation was observed.

Discussion. Three well preserved specimens were found in the collection and in the repository book. *Nothofagus elongata* can be recognized by the serrate margin, with two orders of teeth, regularly spaced, the basal vascularization of them and the high number of secondaries (more than 10 pair of veins). Frenguelli (1941) recognized *N. elongata* (LPPB 4082 and 4093), and *N. lanceolata* (LPPB 4086). Following the Romero and Dibbern (1985) proposals, the latter one is considered a junior synonym of *N. elongata*. Therefore, the leaves identified by Frenguelli (1941) as *N. lanceolata* are referred to *N. elongata*. Neither species were described by the author, but the LPPB 4086 was photographed (Frenguelli, 1941, Plate 4, Fig. 1, p. 206).

Nothofagus elongata was identified before in the Río Turbio Formation by Berry (1937) and Hünicken (1955, 1967) and later revised by Vento and Prámparo (2018). Berry (1937) and Hünicken (1967) described and illustrated material referred to *N. elongata*, which are very similar to the specimens studied here. Hünicken (1955) and Vento and Prámparo (2018) mentioned the presence of this taxon but without describing or illustrating it. However, Vento and Prámparo (2018) mentioned that the specimens are very similar to those described in Vento *et al.* (2016) from the Río Guillermo Formation.

This fossil-species was also mentioned in other Patagonian outcrops: Barrancas

Carmen Silva (middle Miocene) locality (Dusén, 1899), Cullen Formation (middle Miocene)

418 (Durango de Cabrera and Vergel, 1989), and Río Guillermo Formation (Panti, 2011; Vento et al., 2016). 419 Nothofagus variabilis Dusén, 1899 420 Figure 5.7, 5.8 421 1899 Nothofagus variabilis; Dusén 1899: 96, pl. 9: 8–13. 422 1941 Nothofagus variabilis; Frenguelli 1941: 207, pl. 5: 1. 423 1967 *Nothofagus variabilis*; Hünicken 1967: 167, pl. 2: 3–6. 424 1986 Nothofagus variabilis; Tanai 1986: 579, pl. 14: 3–5, 8–12, 14. 425 426 2011 Nothofagus variabilis; Panti 2011: 324, pl. 3: 1-4. 2014 Nothofagus variabilis; Caviglia and Zamaloa 2014: 212, pl. 2: 8. 427 428 2016 Nothofagus variabilis; Vento et al. 2016: 5, pl. 1: f. 429 Studied material. LPPB 4081-4082; 4096 and 4104. Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 3, 4 and 6 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper 430 431 member of the Río Turbio Formation and Río Leona Formation (Fig. 1–2, 3B–C, Table 1). **Description.** Simple, microphyll leaves, laminar shape ovate with medial symmetry, 432 6.1 cm long and 3.7 cm wide. Apex acute, base symmetrical, acute. Margin serrate, two 433 orders of teeth, cv/cv in shape, 7 teeth/cm, irregularly spaced and separated by angular 434 435 sinuses. There are 5 or 6 teeth per secondary vein. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight with moderate size. Major secondary veins craspedodromous. Secondaries fine, 6–8 pairs, 436 regularly spaced, straight, inserted at acute angle (40–50°), consistent. Secondary veins 437 decurrently attached to the midvein. Each tooth vascularized by a secondary vein that 438

penetrates it distally, and reaches their apex. In addition, outer secondaries penetrate the

inferior tooth, and the superior one. Venation of tertiary and higher order not preserved.

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441	Discussion. Presence of this fossil-species is based on four regularly preserved				
442	specimens They can be identified by the margin serrate type, the two orders of teeth, the				
443	arrangement in higher structures and the basal vascularization. Frenguelli (1941) recognized				
444	3 specimens of <i>N. variabilis</i> , not described but illustrated (LPPB 4082; p. 207, Plate V, Fig.				
445	1). In addition, and according to Romero and Dibbern (1985) and Tanai (1986), the specimen				
446	identified as N. cf. obliqua (LPPB 4092) was included in N. variabilis.				
447	Nothofagus variabilis was identified in the Río Turbio Formation by other authors				
448	(Berry, 1937; Hünicken, 1955, 1967; Vento and Prámparo, 2018). However, only Berry				
449	(1937) and Hünicken (1967) described and illustrated N. variabilis, and their leaves resemble				
450	the materials studied here. Hünicken (1955) and Vento and Prámparo (2018) mentioned the				
451	presence of this fossil-species but they did not describe or illustrate it, although the latter				
452	mentioned that the materials are very similar to the one described in Vento et al. (2016) from				
453	the Río Guillermo Formation.				
454	One of the studied specimens (LPPB 4104) came from locality 6, an outcrop of the				
455	Río Leona Formation (Fig. 1, Table 1). This is the first record of <i>N. variabilis</i> from this				
456	formation. This fossil-species was mentioned several times in Patagonia: Barrancas Carmen				
457	Silva (middle Miocene) locality (Dusén, 1899), Brush Lake Formation (late Eocene-Early				
458	Oligocene) (Tanai, 1986), Río Guillermo Formation (Panti, 2011; Vento et al., 2016) and				
459	Ñirihuau Formation (early-middle Miocene) (Caviglia and Zamaloa, 2014).				
460	Order ROSALES Berchtold and Presl., 1820				
461	Family ROSACEAE L. de Jussieu, 1789				
462	Genus Acaena Mutis ex Linnaeus, 1771				
463	Type species. Acaena elongata Linnaeus, 1771				
464	Acaena brandmayri Frenguelli, 1941				

465	Figure 6.1, 6.4			
466	1941 Acaena brandmayri; Frenguelli 1941, 203, pl. 1: 2.			
467	2011 Acaena cf. brandmayri; Panti 2011, 328–330, pl. 4: 5–6.			
468	2016 Acaena brandmayri; Vento et al. 2016, p. 8, Plate 1: G.			
469	Studied material. LPPB 4101.			
470	Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 10 of Frenguelli (1941). Río			
471	Guillermo/Río Leona Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table1).			
472	Description. Compound leaf. Each one of the leaflets are microphyll, laminar shape			
473	elliptic with medial symmetry, 2.5 to 4.2 cm long and 1.5 to 5.6 cm wide. Apex straight, base			
474	symmetrical, cuneate. Margin serrate, one order of teeth, st/st in shape, 3 teeth/cm, regularly			
475	spaced and separated by angular sinuses. One secondary vein per teeth. Primary venation			
476	pinnate. Midvein straight and stout. Major secondary veins craspedodromous. Secondaries			
477	thick, 7–8 pairs, regularly spaced, curved, inserted at acute angle (45–55°). Secondary veins			
478	excurrently attached to the midvein. Each tooth vascularized by a secondary vein that			
479	penetrates it centrally and reaches the apex. Venation of tertiary and higher order not			
480	preserved.			
481	Discussion. This fossil-species is based on one specimen well preserved. It is			
482	characterized by the leaf compound arrangement, the serrate margin type and the margin			
483	venation. It was proposed by Frenguelli (1941), and it was described and illustrated (Plate I,			
484	Fig. 1, p. 203). Moreover, the leaf compound arrangement, the elliptical shape of the leaflets,			
485	the serrate margin and the craspedodromous secondary venation are closely similar to extant			
486	species of Acaena.			
487	Acaena brandmayri was also identified by Vento et al. (2016) from the Río Guillermo			

Formation. This record consists in a single leaflet that is similar with the ones studied here,

489	although they have differences in the base shape, acute and slightly asymmetrical. In			
490	addition, also in the Río Guillermo Formation, it was recorded "Acaena" cf. Acaena			
491	brandmayri (Panti, 2011). It is similar in the arrangement of the leaf and margin type.			
492	Although there are differences in the teeth shape, described as st/cv and the lower teeth			
493	frequency, it is considered to belong to A. brandmayri.			
494	Caviglia and Zamaloa (2014) described Acaena sp. from the Pico Quemado locality,			
495	Ñirihuau Formation (lower-middle Miocene). It is similar to the specimen studied here in the			
496	characteristics of the leaf and the margin type. However, the material from Ñirihuau			
497	Formation has rounded apex and base shape, higher number of teeth/cm and smaller teeth.			
498	[Figure 6]			
499	Genus <i>Rubus</i> Linnaeus, 1753			
500	Type species. Rubus fruticosus Linnaeus, 1753			
501	Rubus primaverae Frenguelli 1941			
502	1941 Rubus primaverae; Frenguelli 1941: 204, pl. 2: 1.			
503	2015 Rubus primaverae; Césari et al. 2015: 148, pl. 2: 1–9.			
504	Studied material. LPPB 4098, 4099, 4100.			
505	Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 10 of Frenguelli (1941). Río			
506	Guillermo/Río Leona Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table1).			
507	Discussion. Frenguelli (1941) proposed this new species based on three specimens			
508	well preserved that were illustrated and described. Later, Césari et al. (2015) described			
509	materials from the Río Leona Formation, including the specimens collected by Frenguelli			
510	(1941) referred to Rubus primaverae. Moreover, the specimen LPPB 4100 was photographed			
511	in the contribution (Césari et al. 2015, p.148, Plate III, Fig. 1-9). Therefore, we consider that			
512	no further descriptions are needed.			

513	Order MALPIGHIALES L. de Jussieu ex. Berchtold and Presl., 1789			
514	Family SALICACEAE Mirbel, 1815			
515	Genus Azara Ruiz and Pavón, 1794			
516	Type species. Azara serrata Ruiz and Pavón, 1794			
517	Azara celastriniformis? Berry, 1938			
518	Figure 6.3, 6.6			
519	1938 Azara celastriniformis; Berry 1938: 108, pl. 36: 7–9.			
520	1941 Azara celastriniformis; Frenguelli 1941: 205, pl. 3: 2.			
521	Studied material. LPPB 4080, 4081.			
522	Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 10 of Frenguelli (1941). Río			
523	Guillermo/Río Leona Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table1).			
524	Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, laminar shape elliptic with medial symmetry,			
525	5.5 cm long and 2.3 cm wide. Apex acute, base asymmetrical, rounded. Margin serrate, one			
526	order of teeth, prominent, cv/cv in shape, 2 teeth/cm, irregularly spaced and separated by			
527	angular sinuses. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein curved, stout in the distal part, and			
528	moderate proximally. Major secondary veins brochidodromous. Secondaries fine, 7 pairs,			
529	irregularly spaced, curved, inserted at acute angle (55–65°) smoothly increasing proximally.			
530	Secondary veins decurrently attached to the midvein. Each tooth vascularized by a vein with			
531	the size of a secondary that originates in the brochidodromous arch, and penetrates the tooth			
532	centrally reaching the apex. In some portions of the lamina tertiary veins observed, which are			
533	straight percurrents. Venation of higher order not preserved.			
534	Discussion. This fossil-species was photographed by Frenguelli (1941, p. 205, Plate			
535	III, Fig. 2), but no description or quantity of specimens assigned to it was provided. Two			
536	specimens well preserved were found in the collection. This is coincident with the repository			

book. They are characterized by the asymmetrical base, the teeth cv/cv shape, prominence, disposition, central vascularization and frequency, and the brochidodromous secondary venation pattern.

This fossil-species was first described from the middle Eocene Río Pichileufú locality

Studied material. LPPB 4115.

This fossil-species was first described from the middle Eocene Río Pichileufú locality (Berry, 1938). It has the same diagnostic characters as the leaves described here. It is worth mentioning that Río Pichileufú material is more abundant and shows a greater variability in some characters: the lamina shape can be also ovate; the apex shape can be also rounded; and the medial and base symmetry.

The laminar shape, apex and base, the serrate margin, teeth venation, teeth/cm frequency and secondary venation pattern are comparable with species of the living genus *Azara*, such as *Azara dentata* Ruiz and Pavón and *Azara lanceolata* Hook. Berry (1938) mentioned an enormous similarity with the living *Azara celastrina* Don from Chile. However, this species has entire or crenate margin.

Order Sapindales L. de Jussieu ex. Berchtold and Presl., 1789

Family Sapindaceae L. de Jussieu, 1789

Genus *Thouinia* Smith 1789 *Type species*. *Thouinia spectabilis* Smith, 1789

Thouinia philippi? Engelhardt, 1891

Figure 6.2, 6.5

1891 Thouinia philippii; Engelhardt 1891, 671, pl. 9: 13; pl. 10: 4, 5.

1922 Thouinia philippii; Berry 1922, 140, pl. 4: 1, 2.

Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 5 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper member of the Río Turbio Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table1).

Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, lamina shape oblong with medial symmetry, 14.1 cm long and 6.2 cm wide. Neither apex nor base preserved. Margin entire and sinuous. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight and stout. Major secondary veins brochidodromous. Secondaries fine, 13 pairs, regularly spaced, curved, inserted at acute angle (60–70°). Secondary veins decurrently attached. Venation of tertiary and higher order not preserved.

Discussion. Frenguelli (1941) listed this species (p. 186), but without providing any further information (i.e. description, illustration or number of specimens). A single specimen was found in a regular state of preservation in the collection. It is characterized by the oblong laminar shape, the entire and sinuous margin and the brochidodromous secondaries veins. These characters are very similar to the living *Thouinidium decandrum* Radlk.

Thouinia philippii was firstly described from the Paleocene/Eocene of Lota Coronel (Engelhardt, 1891), and it is found very similar to the sample studied here. Thouinia philippii was also described by Berry (1922) from the Paleocene of Arauco Concepción. These materials share the same characteristics with the ones described here, with an acuminate apex as in the material of Engelhardt (1891), but not preserved in the fossil leaves published by Frenguelli (1941).

The poor preservation of the studied specimen prevents the placement in *Thouinia* as was made by Frenguelli (1941). However, the sinuous and entire margin and the venation pattern are similar to some living *Thouinia* species, like *Thouinia acuminata* Watson. It is also similar to other species of the Sapindaceae, like *Thouinidium decandrum*, which was compared by Engelhardt (1891) with this fossil-species, and *Atalaya salicifolia* (DC.) Blume.

Order SAXIFRAGALES Berchtold and Presl., 1820

584	Family Grossulariaceae P. de Candolle, 1805
585	Genus <i>Ribes</i> Linnaeus, 1753
586	Type species. Ribes rubrum Linnaeus, 1753
587	Ribes? sp.
588	Figure 7.6, 7.7
589	1941 Ribes sp.; Frenguelli 1941: 203, pl. 1: 5.
590	Studied material. LPPB 4097.
591	Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 3 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper member
592	of the Río Turbio Formation (Fig. 1–2, 3B, Table1).
593	Description. Simple, microphyll leaf, palmately lobed, with 3 lobes, with medial
594	symmetry, 2.6 cm long and 3.7 cm wide. Each lobe elliptic, with rounded apex and entire.
595	Primary venation basal actinodromous or palinactinodromous. Midvein sinuous, thick. Major
596	secondary veins semicraspedodromous. Secondaries fine, 5-6 pairs, irregularly spaced,
597	curved, inserted at acute angle (70-80°). Secondary veins decurrently attached to the
598	midvein. Veins with the same thickness of a secondary came out from the brochidodromous
599	archs and reach the margin. Tertiary venation percurrent convex, with acute angle. No higher
600	order venation observed.
601	Discussion. This fossil-species is based on a well preserved single specimen. It is
602	characterized by the palmately lobed lamina disposition, the principal basal actinodromous
603	and the secondary palinactinodromous venation patterns. Frenguelli (1941) described this
604	fossil-species with an illustration (Plate I, Fig. 5, p. 203).

605	Frenguelli (1941) compared this taxon with Ribes? palmatifolia, described by			
606	Spegazzini (1924) -the exact provenance is unclear, but the author mentioned that it came			
607	from an Eocene deposit The leaves of Spegazzini (1924) are similar in the lamina shape and			
608	palmate with three lobes. However, they differ in the margin type, serrate in <i>Ribes</i> ?			
609	palmatifolia, and entire in Ribes sp.			
610	Frenguelli (1941) included these samples in <i>Ribes</i> , although the preservation of it is			
611	very poor. However, the leaf shape and the secondary venation pattern can be related to some			
612	species of <i>Ribes</i> of the Grossulariaceae, like <i>R. nigrum</i> L. and <i>R. magellanicum</i> Poir. Another			
613	similar species of the family is Grossularia purpusii (Koehne ex Blank.) Rydb.			
614	[Figure 7]			
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616	Genus <i>Escalloniiphyllum</i> Dusén, 1899			
617	Escalloniiphyllum sp. Dusén, 1899			
618	Figure 7.1, 7.4			
619	1899 Escalloniiphyllum sp.; Dusén 1899: 102, pl. 9: 5.			
620	1941 Escalloniiphyllum sp.; Frenguelli 1941: 208, plate 6: 2			
621	Studied material. LPPB 4078.			
622	Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 6 of Frenguelli (1941). Río Leona			
623	Formation (Fig. 1–2, 3C, Table1).			
624	Description. Simple, microphyll leaf, lamina shape ovate with medial symmetry, 3.1			
625	cm long and 1.5 cm wide. Apex rounded, base symmetrical, truncate, petiole normal (1.0 cm			
626	long). Margin serrate, one order of teeth, st/cv in shape, 5 teeth/cm, regularly spaced and			

627 separated by angular sinuses. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight, thick. Major secondary veins simple craspedodromous. Higher order veins were not observed. 628 **Discussion.** This fossil-species is based on a very well preserved single specimen. Its 629 diagnostic characteristics are the truncate base and the serrate margin, with st/cv teeth and 630 high frequency per cm. This specimen was illustrated but not described by Frenguelli (1941) 631 and named as Escalloniiphyllum sp. 632 The fossil-genus Escalloniiphyllum was created by Dusén (1899) based on a leaf from 633 the late Oligocene Río Cóndor locality, which he named Escalloniiphyllum sp. Later, 634 Frenguelli (1941) recognized the same shape of the lamina and apex, and the same margin 635 type between LPPB 4078 and the specimens studied by Dusén (1899), and also used the same 636 637 taxon name, i.e. Escalloniiphyllum sp. Although the material from Río Cóndor has only the proximal part of the lamina preserved, the margin is closely comparable with the holotype. 638 Dusén (1899) compared it with the living *Escallonia serrata*, but there are several 639 640 differences: in the living species the lamina shape is oblong, the base is cuneate, and the teeth 641 are st/st in shape with lower frequency per cm. When this fossil-genus was created by Dusén (1899) no diagnosis or fossil-species 642 was assigned to it. More well preserved specimens are needed to propose a new fossil-643 species. 644 Genus *Hydrangeiphyllum* Dusén, 1899 645 Hydrangeiphyllum affine Dusén, 1899 646 Type species. Hydrangeiphyllum affine Dusén, 1899 647 648 Figure 7.2, 7.5

1899 Hydrangeiphyllum affine; Dusén 1899: 102, pl. 10: 5.

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Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 5 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper member of the Río Turbio Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table1).

Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, lamina shape elliptic, with medial symmetry, 4.9 cm long and 2.1 cm wide. Apex rounded in shape, base symmetrical, rounded. Margin entire. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight, thick. Major secondary veins brochidodromous. Secondaries thick, 5 pairs, regularly spaced, curved, inserted at acute angle (50–60°) smoothly increasing proximally. Secondary veins decurrently attached to the midvein. Minor archs originated besides the principal brochidodromous ones, with veins of the same caliber than a secondary. Tertiary veins reticulate, composite admedial. Exterior tertiary veins terminate at the margin. Quaternary veins irregular reticulate, thick. No higher order venation observed.

Discussion. This fossil-species was identified from a single specimen well preserved, and it is characterized by the lamina shape, entire margin and secondary venation pattern. Frenguelli (1941) did not describe or illustrate it.

Dusén (1899) described it originally from the Barrancas Carmen Silva locality (lower–middle Miocene). His material is very similar to the one studied here, although there are some differences, such as the midvein course, sinuous in Barrancas Carmen Silva specimen. The author mentioned the similarity with extant *Hydrangea scandens*. However, these living species have an acute apex and base, unlike the fossil-species described here.

Angiosperm incertae sedis 1

671 Figure 7.3

1891 Mespilodaphne longifolia Engelhardt; Engelhardt 1891: 653, pl. 4: 1.

1941 Mespilodaphne longifolia Engelhardt 1891; Frenguelli 1941: 203, pl. 1: 3.

1955 Mesphilodaphne longifolia Engelhardt; Hünicken 1955, pp. 44, 72, 114, 115.

675 1967 cf. Mesphilodaphne longifolia Engelhardt; Hünicken 1967, p. 177, pl. 4, Fig. 3.

2018 Angiosperm sp.; Vento and Prámparo 2018, p. 23, pl. 10, Fig. D.

Studied material. LPPB 4072; LPPB 4073; LPPB 4074.

Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 2 of Frenguelli (1941). Río Guillermo

Formation (Fig. 1–2, 3A, Table1).

Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, laminar shape elliptic with medial symmetry, 13.8 cm long and 7.4 cm wide. Apex acuminate in shape, base not preserved. Margin entire. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight and stout. Major secondary veins brochidodromous. Secondaries fine, regularly spaced, curved, inserted at acute angle (60–70°). Secondary veins decurrently attached to the midvein. Presence of intersecondary, perpendicular to the midvein, usually one per intercostal area. Tertiary veins percurrents straight, acute and consistent. Presence of intramarginal vein, where exterior tertiary veins terminate. Quaternary veins irregularly reticulate, thin.

Discussion. This taxonomic unit is based on three well preserved specimens. Frenguelli (1941) included these fossils in *Mespilodaphne longifolia* Engelhardt. This taxonomic unit is characterized by the great lamina size, the acute apex with drip tip ending, the entire margin and the brochidodromous secondary venation pattern, with intramarginal and intersecondary veins (Engelhardt, 1891). Frenguelli (1941) did not describe these veins, and it was represented by a single drawing.

Mespilodaphne longifolia was originally described by Engelhardt (1891) from the Paleocene/Eocene boundary of Lota Coronel in Chile. It is very similar to the material described here, and typical characters can be observed (e.g. lamina size, venation patterns, apex shape). The author compared it with extant Ocotea pretiosa Bentham and Hooker which

is very similar in all the typical characters, although it has an ovate lamina. *Ocotea* was recently synonymized with *Mespilodaphne* (Assis and Mello-Silva, 2010).

Hünicken (1955) mentioned the presence of *Mespilodaphne longifolia* from the Río Turbio Formation, but without providing any illustration or description. Later, Hünicken (1967) described and illustrated this material. Although the author did not consider that it was similar to the specimens studied here, several similarities can be observed, like the lamina size and shape, the primary and secondary venation pattern and the acute with drip tip apex.

Vento and Prámparo (2018) made the revision of the Hünicken (1955, 1967) materials, and considered that due to the lack of base, tertiary and higher venation it is not possible to make an assignation, therefore, they did not include them in the Lauraceae, but they retained the materials in the taxonomic unit "Angiosperm sp.". Also, the authors did not consider that "Angiosperm sp." is the same taxon that the ones studied by Frenguelli (1941). We disagree with this affirmation, and we believe that there are several characters to consider the materials of Frenguelli (1941), Engelhardt (1891) and Hünicken (1955, 1967) as the same taxonomic unit: the acuminate and straight apex, the entire margin, the brochidodromous secondary venation and the presence of intersecondary and intramarginal veins.

Doubtful fossil species

Angiosperm incertae sedis 2

716 Figure 8.1

Studied material. LPPB 4017

Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 5 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper member of the Río Turbio Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table1).

Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, 5.6 cm long and 4.4 cm wide. Apex straight, base not preserved. Margin entire. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein sinuous and normal.

Major secondary veins brochidodromous. Secondaries fine, irregularly spaced, curved,
inserted at acute angle (65–75°). Secondary veins decurrently attached to the midvein.

Presence of intersecondary, perpendicular to the midvein, usually one per intercostal area.

Tertiary veins seems percurrents straight, acute and consistent. No higher order venation can be observed.

Discussion. The specimen LPPB 4017, listed as *Doliocarpus oblongifolia* is poorly preserved, only preserving the apical part of the lamina. Frenguelli (1941) listed this species, but did not provide a description or an illustration. It is characterized by its entire margin and brochidodromous secondary venation.

Doliocarpus oblongifolia was defined by Engelhardt (1891) from leaves collected from the Paleocene–Eocene boundary of Lota Coronel in Chile. Noteworthy, these materials differ from LPPB 4017 in the margin serrate, the semicraspedodromous venation and the absence of proximal part of the lamina. Therefore, the specimen cannot be included into Doliocarpus oblongifolia.

The material studied here does not resemble the leaves of extant *Dolicarpus*, which are usually dentate, and/or with craspedodromous and regular secondary venation. Therefore, this specimen remains with uncertain botanical affinity.

Nothofagus sp. 1

740 Figure 8.2

Studied material. LPPB 4082 4093.

Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 4 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper member of the Río Turbio Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table 1).

Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, 4.3 to 5.1 cm long and 2.4 to 3.1 cm wide.

Apex straight, base not preserved. Margin not observable. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein

straight and normal. Major secondary veins craspedodromous. Secondaries fine, regularly spaced, straight, inserted at acute angle (55–65°). Secondary veins decurrently attached to the midvein. It can't be observed how are inserted in the margin. Higher order venation not observable.

Discussion. Frenguelli (1941) mentioned these specimens as "Fagus integrifolia" but did not describe them. Fagus integrifolia is currently regarded as a junior synonymy of Nothofagus subferruginea (Tanai, 1986). According to Frenguelli (1941), this fossil-species is illustrated in the Plate V (p. 207), but the picture represents a large rock (LPPB 4082) with several partially preserved leaf imprints. The author did not indicate which of the partial leaves "Fagus integrifolia" were. The other specimen, which was not illustrated by Frenguelli (1941), is a fragmented leaf, with only the apical part preserved, but with no margin or further detail. In conclusion, the material studied here can be related to Nothofagus, but it does not allow a specific identification.

[Figure 8]

Nothofagus sp. 2

761 Figure 8.6

Studied material. LPPB 4082, 4091, 4093, 4096, 4104.

Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Localities 3, 4 and 5 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper member of the Río Turbio Formation (Fig. 1–2, 3B, Table 1).

Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, 5.3 to 5.8 cm long and 3.1 to 3.8 cm wide. Apex straight, base rounded and symmetric. Margin not observable. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight and normal. Major secondary veins craspedodromous. Secondaries fine, regularly spaced, straight, inserted at acute angle (60–70°). Secondary veins decurrently

attached to the midvein. It can't be observed how are inserted in the margin. Higher order venation not observable.

Discussion. Frenguelli (1941) mentioned these specimens as "Fagus subferruginea" but did not describe them. "F. subferruginea" (=Nothofagus subferruginea (Dusén) Tanai) was identified by Frenguelli (1941) based on several specimens poorly preserved. It was photographed (p. 207) but not described. However, the illustration of this species is the same as "F. integrifolia" (p. 207, Plate V, LPPB 4082), and the problem is the same: it was not possible to identify which fragmentary leaf was considered as "F. subferruginea" by the author. The specimens LPPB 4096 and LPPB 4104 show numerous incomplete leaves remains, poorly preserved, with no discernible characters for specific determination. And the pieces LPPB 4091 and LPPB 4093 lack preserved margins, which prevents further identification. Therefore, these materials can be related to Nothofagus, but they do not allow a specific identification.

Nothofagus sp. 3

783 Figures 8.6

Studied material. LPPB 4082, 4101.

Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Localities 4 and 10 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper member of the Río Turbio Formation and Río Guillermo/Río Leona Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table 1).

Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, laminar shape elliptic and symmetric, 2.3 to 3.2 cm long and 2.9 to 3.3 cm wide. Apex rounded, base rounded and symmetric. Margin not observable. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight and normal. Major secondary veins craspedodromous. Secondaries fine, regularly spaced, straight, inserted at acute angle (50–

60°). Secondary veins decurrently attached to the midvein. It can't be observed how are inserted in the margin. Higher order venation not observable.

Discussion. Frenguelli (1941) mentioned these specimens as *Nothofagus australis* but did not describe them. The specimen LPPB 4082 is a rock fragment with several partial leaf remains, as it was mentioned above (see Discussion in *Nothofagus* sp. 1). Although Frenguelli (1941) affirmed the presence of *N. australis* (p. 207, Plate V), it was not possible to identify it. The other one (LPPB 4101) lacks the margin. Therefore, the leaves can be related to *Nothofagus*, but they do not allow a specific identification.

Nothofagus cf. crenulata Dusén, 1899

Studied material. LPPB 4081, 4099, 4100.

Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 10 of Frenguelli (1941). Río Guillermo/Río Leona Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table 1).

Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, laminar shape elliptic and symmetric, 4.3 to 5.1 cm long and 2.7 to 3.1 cm wide. Apex rounded, base rounded and symmetric. Margin not observable, probably crenate. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight and normal. Major secondary veins craspedodromous. Secondaries fine, regularly spaced, straight, inserted at acute angle (65°–75°). Secondary veins decurrently attached to the midvein. It can't be observed how are inserted in the margin. Higher order venation not observable.

Discussion. Three specimens are referred to *Nothofagus crenulata*. However, all of them are poorly preserved and without preserved margins. This latter character is diagnostic of the fossil-species (Romero and Dibbern, 1985; Tanai, 1986). The specimen LPPB 4100 was supposedly illustrated (Frenguelli, 1941, p. 204, Plate I), although *N. crenulata* was not identified among the leaves in the rock. In addition, the specimen LPPB 4081 was listed as

815	containing N. crenulata, but the only fossil leaf in the rock is the counterpart of Azara
816	celastriniformis.
817	Nothofagus cf. magelhaenica (Engelhardt) Dusén, 1899
818	Studied material. LPPB 4081.
819	Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 10 of Frenguelli (1941). Río
820	Guillermo/Río Leona Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table 1).
821	Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, laminar shape probably elliptic and
822	symmetric, 5.4 to 6.1 cm long and 3.7 to 4. cm wide. Apex straight, base not preserved.
823	Margin probably serrate. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight and stout. Major
824	secondary veins craspedodromous. Secondaries fine, regularly spaced, straight, inserted at
825	acute angle (60°-70°). Secondary veins decurrently attached to the midvein. It can't be
826	observed how are inserted in the margin. Higher order venation not observable.
827	Discussion. The one specimen is poorly preserved, where the diagnostic characters
828	such as the ovate shape of the lamina, serrate margin with two order of teeth, irregularly
829	spaced, st/st in shape, and presence of outer secondary venation (Dusén, 1899; Romero and
830	Dibbern, 1985) were not observed. This fossil-species was not described or illustrated by
831	Frenguelli (1941), but <i>N. magelhaenica</i> appears identified in the Río Leona Formation
832	(Césari et al., 2015) and in the río Turbio Formation (Panti, 2019). However, a comparison is
833	not possible due to the poor state of the studied specimen.
834	Nothofagus sp. 4
835	Figures 8.3

 $\textbf{Studied material}. \ LPPB\ 4083, 4085, 4109, 4117$

Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Localities 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper member of the Río Turbio Formation, Río Guillermo Formation and Río Leona Formation (Fig. 1–2, 3A–F, Table 1).

Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, laminar shape probably elliptic and symmetric, 4.3 to 5.5 cm long and 1.9 to 2.3 cm wide. Apex straight, base rounded and symmetric. Margin probably serrate. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein slightly curved and normal. Major secondary veins craspedodromous. Secondaries fine, regularly spaced, straight, inserted at acute angle (60°–70°). Secondary veins decurrently attached to the midvein. It can't be observed how are inserted in the margin. Higher order venation not observable.

Discussion. Frenguelli (1941) mentioned these specimens as Nothofagus simplicidens but did not describe them. This taxonomic unit was identified based on specimens poorly preserved. Although several general characters can be identified, such as the shape of the lamina, apex and/or base, the margin type and its vascularization are not clear in any of them. In addition, the specimen LPPB 4083 seems to have an entire margin. We consider that with the exception of this last specimen, the other three belong to an indeterminate fossil-species of Nothofagus.

Camphoromea speciosa Engelhardt, 1891

855 Figure 8.4

Studied material. LPPB 4075.

Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 5 of Frenguelli (1941). Upper member of the Río Turbio Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table 1).

Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, laminar shape probably elliptic and symmetric, 7.5 cm long and 4.7 cm wide. Apex not preserved, base probably rounded.

Margin not preserved. Primary venation pinnate. Midvein straight and normal. Major secondary veins craspedodromous or brochidodromous, poor preservation. Secondaries fine, regularly spaced, straight, inserted at acute angle (65°–75°). Secondary veins decurrently attached to the midvein. It can't be observed how are inserted in the margin. Higher order venation not observable.

Discussion. This fossil-species was listed in Frenguelli (1941, p. 186), but not illustrated or described. It was identified in the collection from a single specimen, coincident with the repository book.

It can be assumed that the assignation made by Frenguelli (1941) of *Camphoromea speciosa* was based on the Engelhardt's (1891) species, described from the Paleocene–Eocene boundary of Lota Coronel. It is characterized by its apex acute, base rounded, entire margin and eucamptodromous secondary venation. Unfortunately, the specimen studied here is poorly preserved, with apex, base and margin not preserved. In addition, the secondaries veins appeared to be brochidodromous and not eucamptodromous. Hünicken (1955) also mentioned this species in the Río Turbio Formation, but without providing any description or illustration.

Hoffmannia protogea Engelhardt, 1891

Studied material. Not found.

Discussion. This fossil-species was listed in Frenguelli (1941, p. 186), but not illustrated or described. Unfortunately, this fossil-species does not appear in the repository book, and it was not found in the collection.

Coprosoma incerta Berry, 1938

883 Figure 8.5

Studied material. LPPB 4116.

Geographic and stratigraphic provenance. Locality 1 of Frenguelli (1941). Lower member of the Río Turbio Formation (Fig. 1–2, Table 1).

Description. Simple, microphyll leaves, laminar shape elliptic and slightly asymmetric, 6.3 cm long and 2.2 cm wide. Apex straight, base rounded and symmetric. Margin entire. Midvein straight and stout. Higher order venation not observable.

Discussion. This taxon was listed in Frenguelli (1941, p. 186), but not illustrated or described. It was identified in the collection from a single specimen, coincident with the repository book. However, this single specimen is poorly preserved, making its assignation very difficult. It has a probably elliptic lamina, with acute apex entire margin, prominent midvein and not preserved secondary venation.

Coprosoma incerta was first described from the middle Eocene of Río Pichileufú (Berry, 1938), but its preservation is also very poor, which made impossible to determinate if they belong to the same taxon.

DISCUSSION

Frenguelli (1941) mentioned 27 angiosperm leaf taxonomic units. The revised specimens were placed in 7 fossil-species, 18 in open nomenclature and the remaining two were synonymized to another genus. Eleven of the samples in the collection are described for the first time (i.e., *Ocotea*? sp., *Persea*? sp., *Nothofagus densinervosa*, *N. dicksonii*, *N. elongata*, *N. variabilis*, *Thouinia philippii*?, *Azara celastriniformis*?, *Escalloniiphyllum* sp., *Hydrangeiphyllum affine* and Angiosperm incertae sedis 1). In addition, four of them are photographed for the first time (*Ocotea*? sp., *Persea*? sp., *Thouinia philippii*?, *Hydrangeiphyllum affine*). On the other hand, some original identifications are questioned, based on the poor preservation of the specimens (Angiosperm incertae sedis 2, *Nothofagus*

sp. 1, *N*. sp. 2, *N*. sp. 3, *N*. sp. 4, *Nothofagus* cf. *magelhaenic*a, *N*. cf. *crenulata*, *Camphoromea speciosa* and *Coprosoma incerta*), and one fossil-species probably has been lost (*Hoffmannia protogea*). These results were summarized in Table 1. Moreover, there are several specimens in the collection that were not found (see Appendix).

After this revision, the following families were confirmed: Escalloniaceae, Lauraceae, Nothofagaceae, and Sapindaceae in the Río Turbio Formation; Lauraceae, Nothofagaceae, Grossulariaceae, Rosaceae and Salicaceae in the Río Guillermo Formation; and Nothofagaceae in the Río Leona Formation. There are three different taxonomic units identified that remain with uncertain botanical affinities: Angiosperm incertae sedis 1 (Río Guillermo Fm.), *Escalloniiphyllum* sp. (Río Leona Fm.) and *Hydrangeiphyllum affine* (Río Turbio Fm.).

Stratigraphic position of the localities

Frenguelli described the strata as "estratos magellanianos" and placed the ten fossiliferous localities stratigraphically ascending from 1 to 10 (Frenguelli, 1941, Fig. 2). Consequently, according to his proposal, locality 1 is the oldest and locality 10 is the youngest one. However, after our stratigraphic placement of the localities we found that the most suitable ascending stratigraphic order is 1-(3/4/5/7)-2-(9/10)-(6/8) (Table 1). The numbers of the localities inside the parenthesis indicate that they are approximately coeval.

[TABLE 1]

Río Turbio Formation

The Río Turbio Formation has one of the most diverse leaf paleofloras in Patagonia, with around 30 families and 80 species recognized (Hünicken, 1955, 1967, 1995; Panti, 2014; 2019; Vento and Prámparo, 2018). The assemblage includes a mix of neotropical and

subantarctic taxa, with *Nothofagus* as the principal component. Consequently, the Río Turbio is characterized as a mixed paleoflora (Romero, 1978, 1986; Troncoso and Romero, 1998; Hinojosa and Villagrán, 2005).

The Río Turbio Formation leaves described by Frenguelli (1941) include a mix of families that agrees with the mixed paleoflora. Typical megathermal taxa are found, like the representatives of the Lauraceae and Sapindaceae, and several *Nothofagus* species (Table 1). In addition, the report of *Thouinia philippii?* is the first Sapindaceae record from the unit. *Hydrangeiphyllum affine* Dusén is also documented for the first time, but its botanical affinity remains uncertain.

Berry (1937) was the first author who described material from the Río Turbio Formation. However, there are few coincidences with Frenguelli's (1941) collection: only two *Nothofagus* fossil-species (*N. elongata* and *N. variabilis*). Recently, some paleobotanical contributions were made in the region. Panti (2014) described several Myrtaceae leaves from the Río Turbio Formation. According to Panti (2014), the family is well represented by 12 taxa, and, among others, the high diversity of this family is an evidence of a warm climate in the area (Menéndez, 1971; Troncoso and Romero, 1998). Myrtaceae are absent in Frenguelli's (1941) collection. In addition, Vento and Prámparo (2018) reviewed the Hünicken's Río Turbio fossil leaves (1955, 1967). Most of taxa described by Frenguelli (1941) were also found by Vento and Prámparo (2018), like *Escallonia?* sp., *Nothofagus variabilis* and *N. elongata*, but it is worth mentioning that Vento and Prámparo (2018) described a larger collection, and the fossiliferous localities of Vento and Prámparo (2018) and Frenguelli (1941) are not the same.

Locality 1: One kilometer southeast of Ea. San José. According to its position, it corresponds to the lower member of the Río Turbio Formation and it is now included into the

city limits. One kilometer to the south of this locality a few plant remains were found in field trips and also close to locality 1 is an outcrop with many fossil plants of the stratigraphic level "s" of Hünicken (1955) which were revised by Vento and Prámparo (2018). Fossiliferous localities B30, B31 and B32 of Hünicken (1955, p.110–111) with a few plants are also close to locality 1.

Localities 3, 4, 5 and 7: These fossiliferous localities crop out along the national road 40, and include sediments of the upper member of the Río Turbio Formation. Locality 3 (Fig. 3B) is close to Um11 and Um15 of Panti (in press) and according to Hünicken (1955, p.36) corresponds to the stratigraphic level "d". Locality 7 (Fig. 3D) is very close to the outcrop described by Berry (1937), to the Um9 and Um9a of Panti (in press) and to a plant locality of level "d" of Hünicken (1955).

Río Guillermo Formation

The Río Guillermo paleoflora has been characterized by a cool-temperate climate, dominated by Nothofagaceae elements, and few Neotropical representatives (Troncoso and Romero, 1998; Panti, 2010). Almost 20 taxa from 5 families were described (Panti, 2011; Hünicken, 1995; Vento *et al.*, 2016).

In the Frenguelli (1941) collection the taxa found agree with this characterization (Table 1). In addition, some of the specimens described here belong to families previously unreported in the stratigraphic unit: Grossulariaceae (*Ribes?* sp.), Lauraceae (*Ocotea?* sp.) and Salicaceae (*Azara celastriniformis?* sp.). Moreover, *N. densinervosa* is reported for the first time. The record of Grossulariaceae and Salicaceae, typical subantarctic families, reinforce the cool-temperate climate postulated for the paleoflora.

Panti (2011) studied leaves of this formation collected in four localities and concluded that the Río Guillermo paleoflora was dominated by cool-temperate taxa, principally *Nothofagus*. Vento *et al.* (2016) and Hünicken (1995) described an assemblage from a single locality, Ea. Tres Marías, stratigraphic level 'm' which coincides with Panti's (2011) "RG7 and RG8". This locality is north of the Frenguelli's localities. Vento *et al.* (2016) and Hünicken (1995) found the same families identified by Panti (2011): Nothofagaceae, Rosaceae and Myrtaceae. Although the localities studied by Hünicken (1955, 1995), Panti (2011) and Vento *et al.* (2016) and those of Frenguelli (1941) are different, many taxa are coincident among these assemblages. *Acaena brandmayri* is present in all the works (Frenguelli 1941; Panti 2011; Vento *et al.* 2016) except from Hünicken (1995).

Locality 2: Small outcrops with plant remains of the Río Guillermo Formation were found (Fig. 3A) apparently close to this locality. Their locations in the geological map of Malumián and Panza (2000) indicate that they are most probably outcrops of the Río Guillermo Formation.

Localities 9 and 10: Small, partially covered outcrops (no more than 6–7 meters thick) with fragmented plant remains were found nearby these fossiliferous localities (Fig 3F). They seem to be part of the Río Guillermo Formation or the base of the Río Leona formation, but the small size of the outcrops prevents assigning them with precision. In addition, the geological map of Malumián and Panza (2000) do not cover these outcrops.

Río Leona Formation

In the Río Leona Formation, pollen, wood and leaf assemblages were studied. Several families were recognized: Araucariaceae, Podocarpaceae, Polypodiaceae, Anacardiaceae,

Asteraceae, Atherospermataceae, Casuarinaceae, Chloranthaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Fabaceae, Gunneraceae, Loranthaceae, Menyanthaceae, Myrtaceae, Misodendraceae, Nothofagaceae, Onagraceae, Poaceae, Proteaceae, Restionaceae and Rosaceae (Barreda *et al.*, 2009; Pujana, 2007, 2008, 2009a, b; Césari *et al.*, 2015). Based on its composition, it was proposed a humid and temperate climate (Barreda *et al.*, 2009).

In the collection of Frenguelli (1941), two unpublished taxa were identified from this stratigraphic unit: *Nothofagus variabilis* and *Escalloniiphyllum* sp. (Table 1). Césari *et al.* (2015) studied the paleoflora of the Río Leona Formation and identified 17 taxonomic units and 6 families. The material studied from the Frenguelli's collection represents new evidence of the paleoflora of the Río Leona Formation.

Locality 6: Outcrop one kilometer east of Ea. Dorotea. Some well-preserved fossil leaves were found in this locality in an outcrop nearby a stream. In addition, a tuff level of the Río Leona Formation (Malumián and Panza 2000) was observed (Fig. 3C).

Locality 8: Ea. Rospenteck. Outcrops were checked along the national route 40 near Ea. Rospenteck (Fig. 3E). Some fossil leaves were found.

Value of the revision

It is worth mentioning the importance of carrying out revisions of early 20th century publications. In particular, the contribution made by Frenguelli (1941) contains a great number of taxa, but only a few of them were illustrated and even less were described. Some contributions focused in taxonomy were recently done (e.g. Vento *et al.* 2016; Vento and Prámparo 2018), and they make reference to the pioneer article of Frenguelli (1941). However, none of them could make a reliable paleofloristic comparison due to the fact of the scarce morphological and stratigraphic information provided by the author. Hence, through

the revision carried out here, new information is given, including new descriptions and illustrations made using modern techniques and methodologies, which for some specimens represent the first published description or illustration, achieving the main objective proposed. In second place, this new information attempts to make improvements in future morphological comparisons, and gives new botanical assignments, in order to continue characterizing the paleofloras that inhabited Patagonia in the past.

CONCLUSIONS

Only a few taxa were described and illustrated in the Frenguelli's collection. In this contribution the entire collection of angiosperms was revised, illustrated and described. In addition, the stratigraphic framework proposed allows to place the localities where the leaves of Frenguelli were collected into three well-defined formations: Río Turbio, Río Guillermo, and Río Leona. Moreover, the paleoflorisitc information of these geological units was increased after the systematic review: It was identified a new family in the Río Turbio Formation (Sapindaceae), three new families in the Río Guillermo Formation (Grossulariaceae, Lauraceae and Salicaceae), and two new fossil-taxa to the Río Leona Formation flora (*Nothofagus variabilis* and *Escalloniiyphyllum* sp.).

Frenguelli's localities span an age range of more than 20 Ma, where many floristic turnovers happened. This was observed in the leaf diversity and composition of the different formations. The Río Turbio Formation (Eocene–Oligocene) bears fossil leaves of the mixed paleoflora type, which is the Nothofagaceae plus tropical/subtropical families like Sapindaceae. The Río Guillermo and Río Leona Formations (Oligocene–Miocene) bear fossil leaves of a cool-temperate climate with a dominance of the Nothofagaceae.

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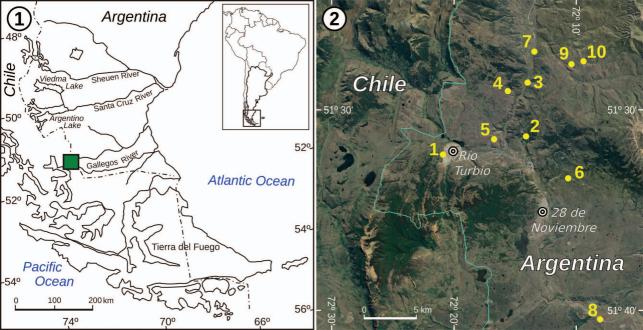
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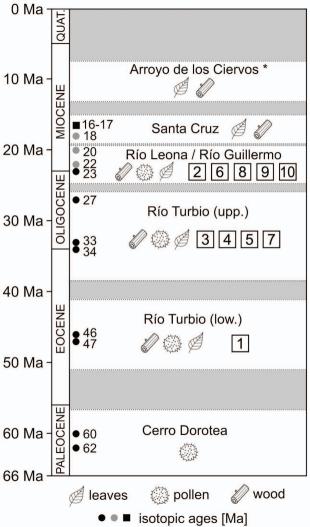
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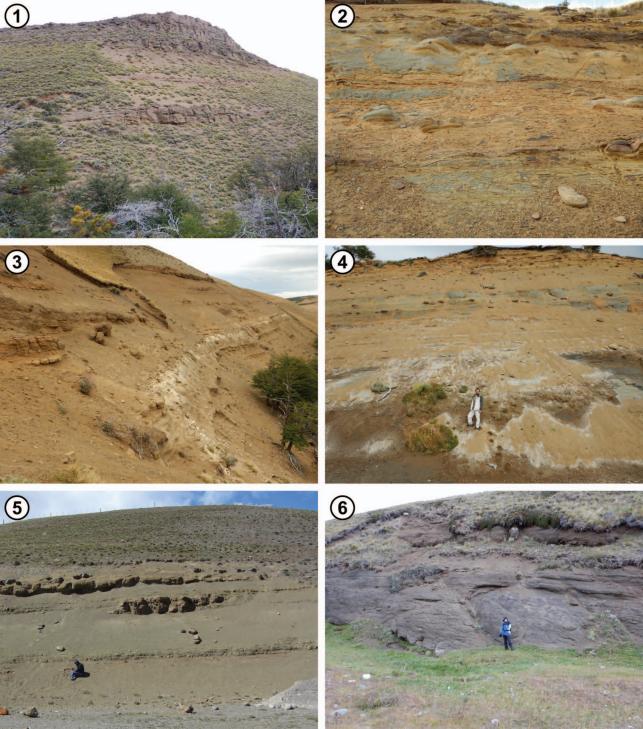
- 1228 Figure 1. 1, Map showing the Río Turbio region. 2, satellite image showing the approximate 1229 position of the fossiliferous localities. Numbers correspond to original Frenguelli's (1941) localities. 1230 1231 **Figure 2.** Stratigraphic chart, names corresponds to the formations or stratigraphic units in the Río Turbio region. Squares indicate the approximately stratigraphic position of the ten 1232 Frenguelli's localities. Circles and squares indicate radiometric dating. Black circles taken 1233 from Fosdick et al. (2015), volcanic ash and dacite. Gray circles from Fosdick et al. (2011), 1234 detritic zircones. Black squares from Cuitiño et al. 2016. *Arroyo de Los Ciervos strata is not 1235 a formally defined formation (see Pujana et al. 2015). 1236 Figure 3. Outcrops close to original Frenguelli's localities. 1, locality 2, Río Guillermo 1237 1238 Formation. 2, locality 3, upper member of the Río Turbio Formation. 3, locality 6, Río Leona Formation. 4, locality 7, upper member of the Río Turbio Formation. 5, locality 8, Río Leona 1239 Formation. 6, locality 9, Río Guillermo/Río Leona Formations. 1240 Figure 4. 1, 4. Escallonia? sp., LPPB 4079. 1, general view. 4, venation detail. 2, 5. Ocotea? 1241 sp., LPPB 4071. 2, General view. 5, venation detail. 3, 6. Persea? sp. Engelhardt, LPPB 1242 4107. 3, General view. 6, venation detail. General view. Scale bars= 1 cm (general view); 0.5 1243 1244 cm (venation detail).
- Figure 5. 1, 4. *Nothofagus densinervosa* Dusén, LPPB 4084. 1, general view. 4, venation detail. 2, 5. *Nothofagus dicksonii* (Dusén) Tanai, LPPB 4090. 2, general view. 5, venation detail. 3, 6. *Nothofagus elongata* Dusén, LPPB 4082. 3, general view. 6, venation detail. 7, 8. *Nothofagus variabilis* Dusén, LPPB 4082. 7, general view. 8, venation detail. Scale bars= 1 cm (general view); 0.5 cm (venation detail).

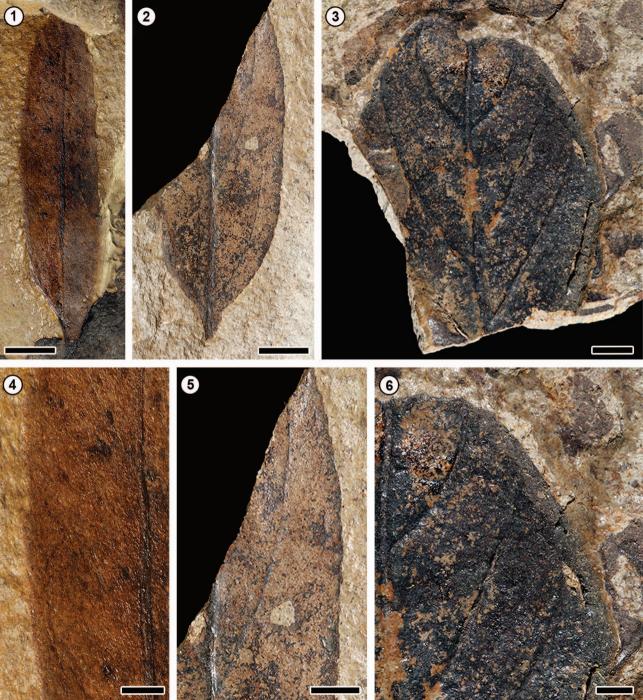
- **Figure 6. 1**, **4**. *Acaena brandmayri* Frenguelli, LPPB 4101. **1**, general view. **4**, venation
- detail. 2, 5. Thouinia philippii? Engelhardt, LPPB 4115. 2, general view. 5, venation detail. 3,
- 6. Azara celastriniformis? Berry, LPPB 4081. 3, general view. 6, venation detail. Scale bars=
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- Figure 7. 1, 4. Escalloniiphyllum sp., LPPB 4078. 1, general view. 4, venation detail. 2, 5.
- 1255 Hydrangeiphyllum affine Dusén, LPPB 4076. 2, general view. 5, venation detail. 3.
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- Figure 8. 1, angiosperm incertae sedis 2, LPPB 4017. 2, Nothofagus sp. 1, LPPB 4091. 3,
- Nothofagus sp. 4, LPPB 4109. 4, Camphoromea speciosa Engelhardt, LPPB 4075. 5,
- 1260 Coprosoma incerta Berry, LPPB 4116. 6, fragment of rock with several partial remains of
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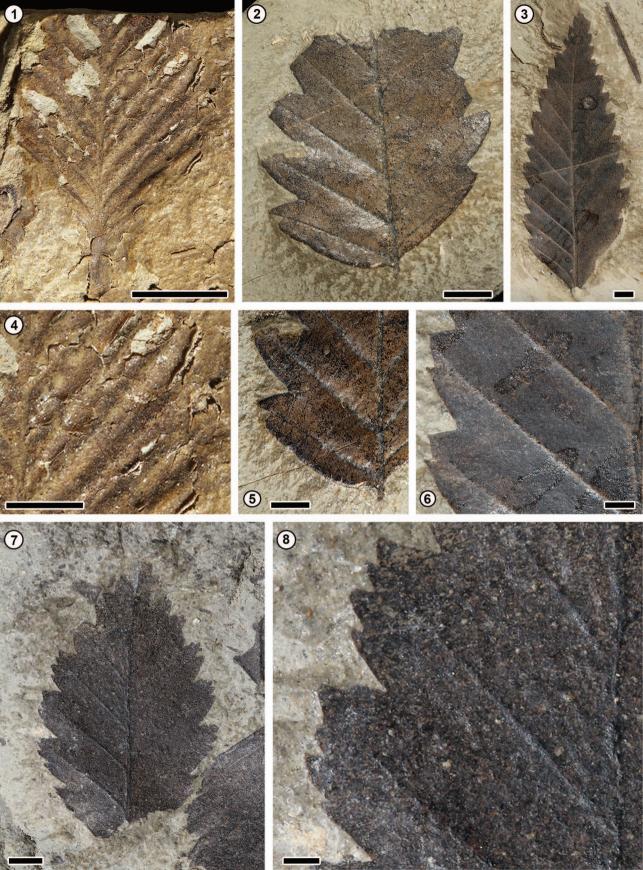
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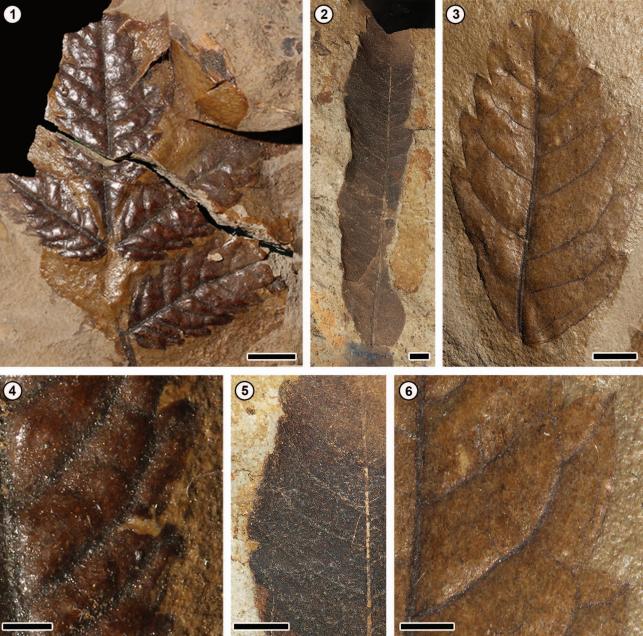


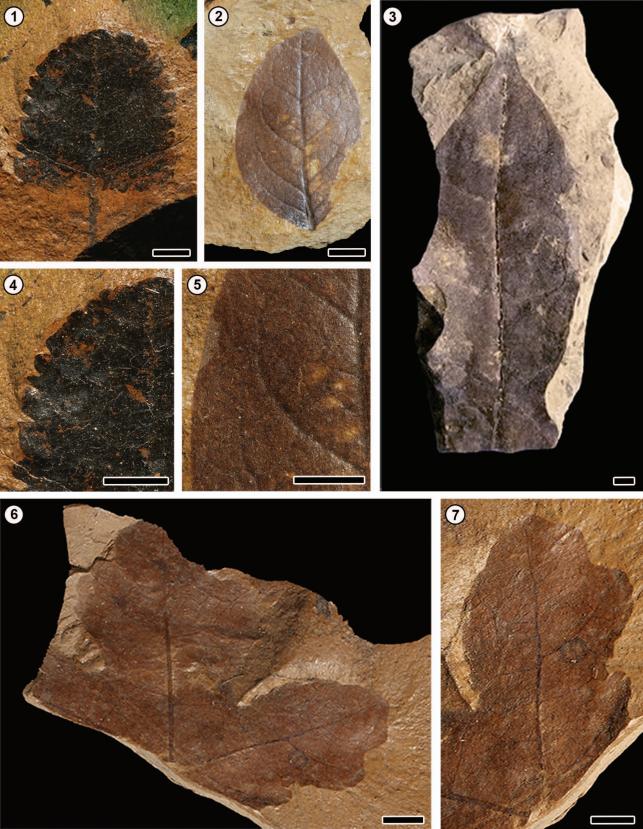












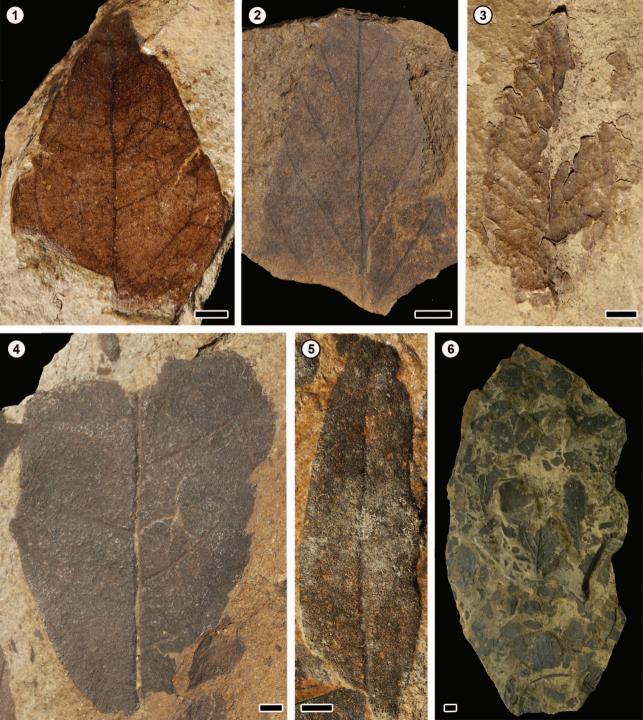


TABLE 1. Systematic revision of Frenguelli's (1941) collection					
Frenguelli (1941)	Originally	Present work	Family	Procedence	Other occurrences
Acaena brandmayri	Described, illustrated and drawn	Accepted	Rosaceae	Río Guillermo Fm. (10)	-
Azara celastriniformis	Illustrated but not described	Azara celastriniformis?	Salicaceae	Río Guillermo Fm. (10)	Berry, 1938
Camphoromea speciosa	Neither described or illustrated	Doubtful: very bad preservation	Lauraceae	Río Turbio Fm. (5)	Engelhardt, 1891; Troncoso, 1992; Troncoso et al., 2002
Coprosoma incerta	Neither described or illustrated	Doubtful: very bad preservation	Rubiaceae	Río Turbio Fm. (1)	Berry, 1938
Doliocarpus oblongifolia	Neither described or illustrated	Angiosperm indet. 2	Dilleniaceae	Río Turbio Fm. (5)	Engelhardt, 1891
Escallonia sp.	Described, illustrated and drawn	Escallonia? sp.	Escalloniaceae	Río Turbio Fm. (5)	-
Escalloniiphyllum sp.	Illustrated but not described	Accepted	Indet	Río Leona (6)	Dusén, 1899
Fagus dicksonii	Illustrated but not described	N. dicksonii	Nothofagaceae	Río Turbio Fm. (4)	Dusén, 1899; Berry, 1937; Tanai, 1986
Fagus integrifolia	Illustrated but not described	Nothofagus sp.	Fagaceae	Río Turbio Fm. (4)	Dusén, 1899; Berry, 1937; Durango de Cabrera and Vergel, 1989
Fagus subferruginea	Illustrated but not described	Nothofagus sp. 2	Fagaceae	Río Turbio Fm. (3, 4, 5)	Dusén, 1899; Berry, 1928; Berry, 1937; Hünicken, 1967
Hydrangeiphyllum affine	Neither described or illustrated	Accepted	Indet	Río Turbio Fm. (5)	Dusén, 1899
Hoffmania protogea	Neither described or illustrated	Doubtful: lost material	Rubiaceae	Río Turbio Fm. (1)	Engelhardt, 1891; Berry, 1922; Berry, 1938
Mespilodaphne longifolia	Illustrated and drawn, but no described	Angiosperm indet. I	Indet.	Río Guillermo Fm. (2)	Engelhardt, 1891
N. australis	Illustrated but not described	Nothofagus sp.	Nothofagaceae	Río Turbio and Río Guillermo Fm. (4, 10)	Dusén, 1899; Fiori, 1939
N. crenulata	Illustrated but not described	N. cf. crenulata	Nothofagaceae	Río Guillermo Fm. (10)	Dusén, 1899; Tanai, 1986; Durango de Cabrera and Vergel, 1989; Vento et al., 2016

Nothofagus densinervosa	Illustrated but not described	Accepted	Nothofagaceae	Río Guillermo Fm. (9)	Dusén, 1899; 1908; Fiori, 1939; Hünicken, 1967; Tanai, 1986; Tosolini et al., 2013
N. elongata	Illustrated but not described	Accepted	Nothofagaceae	Río Turbio Fm. (4, 6)	Dusén, 1899; Berry, 1937; Hünicken, 1967; Durango de Cabrera and Vergel, 1989; Panti, 2011; Vento et al., 2016
N. lanceolata	Illustrated but not described	sin. N. elongata	Nothofagaceae	Río Turbio Fm. (4)	-
N. magelhaenica	Illustrated but not described	N. cf. magelhaenica	Nothofagaceae	Río Guillermo Fm. (10)	Engelhardt, 1891; Dusén, 1899;Tanai, 1986; Caviglia and Zamaloa, 2014; Césari et al., 2015
N. cfr. obliqua	Illustrated but not described	sin. N. variabilis	Nothofagaceae	Río Leona (6)	-
N. simplicidens	Illustrated but not described	Nothofagus sp. 4	Nothofagaceae	Río Turbio, Río Guillermo and Río Leona Fm. (2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9)	Dusén, 1899; Berry, 1928; Fiori, 1939; Tanai, 1986; Durango de Cabrera and Vergel, 1989; Panti, 2011; Caviglia and Zamaloa, 2014; Césari et al., 2015
N. variabilis	Illustrated but not described	Accepted	Nothofagaceae	Río Turbio and Río Leona Fm. (3, 4, 6)	Dusén, 1899; Hünicken, 1967; Tanai, 1986; Panti, 2011; Caviglia and Zamaloa, 2014; Vento et al., 2016
Oreodaphne? sp.	Neither described or illustrated	Ocotea? sp.	Lauraceae	Río Turbio Fm. (5)	-
Persea cf. microphylla	Neither described or illustrated	Persea? sp.	Lauraceae	Río Turbio Fm. (5)	-
Ribes sp.	Described, illustrated and drawn	Ribes? sp.	Grossulariaceae	Río Guillermo Fm. (3)	-
Rubus primaverae	Described, illustrated and drawn	Accepted	Rosaceae	Río Guillermo Fm. (10)	Césari et al., 2015
Thouinia philippi	Neither described or illustrated	Thouinia philippi?	Sapindaceae	Río Turbio Fm. (5)	Engelhardt, 1891; Berry, 1922

Appendix. List	t of the specimens found	l in Frenguelli (1941) collection		
Collection number	Taxon/taxa	Provenance	Illustration	Observations
4070	Oreodaphne? sp.	Downroad between Ea. San José and Ea. Primavera (5)	Not illustrated	
4071	Oreodaphne? sp.	Downroad between Ea. San José and Ea. Primavera (5)	Not illustrated	
4072	Mespilodaphne longifolia	Río Turbio valley between Ea. Primavera and Ea. Dorotea (2)	Not illustrated	
4073	Mespilodaphne longifolia	Río Turbio valley between Ea. Primavera and Ea. Dorotea (2)	Not illustrated	
4074	Mespilodaphne longifolia	Río Turbio valley between Ea. Primavera and Ea. Dorotea (2)	Drawn by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 1, fig. 3	
4075	Camphoromea speciosa	Downroad between Ea. San José and Ea. Primavera (5)	Not illustrated	
4076	Hydrangeiphyllum affine	Downroad between Ea. San José and Ea. Primavera (5)	Not illustrated	
4077	Doliocarpus oblongifolia	Downroad between Ea. San José and Ea. Primavera (5)	Not illustrated	
4078	Escalloniiphyllum sp.	outcrop one km east of Ea. Dorotea (6)	Illustrated by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 6, fig. 2	
4079	Escallonia sp.	Downroad between Ea. San José and Ea. Primavera (5)	Drawn and illustrated bt Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 1, fig. 4 and Plate 3, fig. 4	
4080	Azara celastriniformis	Upper course of Turbio river(10)	Illustrated by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 3, fig. 2	
4081	Nothofagus crenulata, N. magelhaenica and N. variabilis	Upper course of Turbio river (10)	Not illustrated	
4082	N. variabilis, N. australis, N. lanceolata and N. elongata	Río Turbio valley, south of Ea. Primavera (4)	Illustrated by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 5	
4083	N. simplicidens	Río Turbio valley between Ea. Primavera and Ea. Dorotea (2)	Illustrated by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 4, fig. 2	
4084	N. densinervosa	Upper course of Turbio river, between Ea. Primavera and 6 th lot (9)	Illustrated by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 4, fig. 3	
4085	N. simplicidens	Upper course of Turbio river, between Ea. Primavera and 6 th lot (9)	Not illustrated	
4086	N. lanceolata and N. simplicidens	Río Turbio valley, south of Ea. Primavera (4)	Illustrated by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 4, fig. 1	
4087	N. lanceolata	Río Turbio valley, south of Ea. Primavera (4)	Not illustrated	Material not found
4088	N. simplicidens	Río Turbio valley, south of Ea. Primavera (4)	Not illustrated	Material not found
4089	N. variabilis	Río Turbio valley, south of Ea. Primavera (4)	Not illustrated	Material not found
4090	N. dicksoni	Río Turbio valley, south of Ea. Primavera (4)	Illustrated by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 4, fig. 4	
4091	F. subferruginea	Downroad between Ea. San José and Ea. Primavera (5)	Not illustrated	
4092	N. cfr. obliqua	Outcrop one km east of Ea. Dorotea (6)	Not illustrated	
4093	N. elongata and Fagus sp.	Outcrop one km east of Ea. Dorotea (6)	Illustrated by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 8, fig. 1	

4094	Pteris ñirihuaensis	Río Turbio valley, south of Ea. Primavera (4)	Not illustrated	
4095	F. subferruginea, N. variabilis and Pteris ñirihuaensis	Ea. Primavera (3)	Not illustrated	Material not found
4096	N. variabilis, Fagus subferruginea and Dryopteris? sp.	Ea. Primavera (3)	Illustrated by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 6, fig. 1 and Plate 8, fig. 2	
4097	Ribes sp.	Ea. Primavera (3)	Drawn by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 1, fig. 5	
4098	Rubus primaverae	Upper course of Turbio river (10)	Drawn by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 1, fig. 1. Illustrated by Césari et al. (2015)	
4099	Rubus primaverae	Upper course of Turbio river (10)	Not illustrated	
4100	Rubus primaverae	Upper course of Turbio river (10)	Drawn by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 1, fig. 5; and illustrated in Plate 2	
4101	Acaena brandmayri and N. australis	Upper course of Turbio river (10)	Drawn by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 1, fig. 3; and illustrated in Plate 3, fig. 3	
4102	Saxegothopsis fueguianus	Outcrop one km east of Ea. Dorotea (6)	Not illustrated	
4103	Saxegothopsis fueguianus	Outcrop one km east of Ea. Dorotea (6)	Not illustrated	
4104	N. variabilis, Fagus sp. and Filicites sp.	Outcrop one km east of Ea. Dorotea (6)	Not illustrated	
4105	Pecopteris buhsei	Downroad between Ea. San José and Ea. Primavera (5)	Not illustrated	
4106	Pecopteris buhsei	Downroad between Ea. San José and Ea. Primavera (5)	Not illustrated	
4107	Persea cf. microphylla	Downroad between Ea. San José and Ea. Primavera (5)	Not illustrated	
4108	Pteris sp.	Downroad between Ea. San José and Ea. Primavera (5)	Illustrated by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 6, fig. 4	noted as LPPB 401
4109	N. simplicidens	Upper course of Turbio river, one km upriver of Ea. Primavera (7)	Not illustrated	
4110	Blechnum turbioense	Outcrop near Ea. Rospentek (8)	Not illustrated	
4111	Blechnum turbioense	Outcrop near Ea. Rospentek (8)	Illustrated by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 7	
4112	Blechnum turbioense	Outcrop near Ea. Rospentek (8)	Not illustrated	
4113	Blechnum turbioense	Outcrop near Ea. Rospentek (8)	Illustrated by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 7	
4114	Blechnum turbioense	Outcrop near Ea. Rospentek (8)	Illustrated by Frenguelli (1941) in Plate 7	
4115	Thouinia philippii	Downroad between Ea. San José and Ea. Primavera (5)	Not illustrated	
4116	Coprosoma incerta	One km southeast of Estancia (=Ea.) San José . (1)	Not illustrated	
4117	N. simplicidens	Upper course of Turbio river, one km upriver of Ea. Primavera (7)	Not illustrated	
4118	Scirpites sp.	Outcrop near Ea. Rospentek (8)	Not illustrated	
4119	Scirpites sp.	Outcrop near Ea. Rospentek (8)	Not illustrated	
4120	Blechnum turbioense	Outcrop near Ea. Rospentek (8)	Not illustrated	

4121	Blechnum	Outcrop near Ea. Rospentek (8)	Not illustrated	
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