# PHYLOGENY AND PHYLOGENETIC TAXONOMY OF DIPSACALES, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SINADOXA AND TETRADOXA (ADOXACEAE)

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Abstract. To further clarify phylogenetic relationships within Dipsacales, we analyzed new and previously published rbcL sequences, alone and in combination with morphological data. We also examined relationships within Adoxaceae using rbcL and nuclear ribosomal internal transcribed spacer (ITS) sequences. We conclude from these analyses that Dipsacales comprise two major lineages: Adoxaceae and Caprifoliaceae (sensu Judd et al.,1994), which both contain elements of traditional Caprifoliaceae. Within Adoxaceae, the following relationships are strongly supported: (Viburnum (Sambucus (Sinadoxa (Tetradoxa, Adoxa)))). Combined analyses of Caprifoliaceae yield the following: (Caprifolieae (Diervilleae (Linnaeeae (Morinaceae (Dipsacaceae (Triplostegia, Valerianaceae)))))). On the basis of these results we provide phylogenetic definitions for the names of several major clades. Within Adoxaceae, Adoxina refers to the clade including Sinadoxa, Tetradoxa, and Adoxa. This lineage is marked by herbaceous habit, reduction in the number of perianth parts, nectaries of multicellular hairs on the perianth, and bifid stamens. The clade including Morinaceae, Valerianaceae, Triplostegia, and Dipsacaceae is here named Valerina. Probable synapomorphies include herbaceousness, presence of an epicalyx (lost or modified in Valerianaceae), reduced endosperm, and distinctive chemistry, including production of monoterpenoids. The clade containing Valerina plus Linnaeeae we name Linnina. This lineage is distinguished by reduction to four (or fewer) stamens, by abortion of two of the three carpels, and possibly by supernumerary inflorescences bracts.

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Several studies of Dipsacales phylogeny have appeared in recent years, based on both morphological and molecular evidence (Donoghue, 1983; Donoghue et al., 1992; Judd et al., 1994; Backlund and Donoghue, 1996; Backlund and Bremer, 1997; Pyck et al., 1999; Pyck and Smets, 2000; Olmstead et al., 2000). These have concluded that Viburnum is related to Sambucus plus Adoxa and that the remainder of the traditional Caprifoliaceae are more closely related to Morinaceae, Valerianaceae, and Dipsacaceae. Furthermore, these studies have supported the monophyly of Caprifolieae, Diervilleae, and Linnaeeae (all of traditional Caprifoliaceae), and the view that Linnaeeae are more closely related to Morinaceae, Valerianaceae, and Dipsacaceae. However, support for these clades has not been uniformly strong, and the exact placement of several key taxa (*Heptacodium*, *Sinadoxa*, *Tetradoxa*, *Triplostegia*) remains uncertain.

Here we present an expanded analysis of chloroplast DNA *rbc*L sequences for Dipsacales, and a combined analysis of *rbc*L with morphological characters. We focus special attention on phylogenetic relationships within Adoxaceae, based on a combination of nuclear ribosomal internal transcribed spacer (ITS) and *rbc*L sequences. Of special interest is the placement of the two rare and morphologically bizarre Chinese species, *Sinadoxa cory dalifolia* and *Tetradoxa omeiensis*. The recent rediscovery of these species allows us to present molecular evidence on their relationships.

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On the basis of these findings we contrast a phylogenetic nomenclatural system for Dipsacales with a traditional Linnaean taxonomic treatment, and present phylogenetic definitions for the names of several major clades.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### Taxa

Our rbcL analyses included 30 species of traditional Dipsacales, covering all major lineages (Table 1). We also included Columellia and Desfontainia, which may be closely related to, or possibly even nested within, Dipsacales (Backlund and Donoghue, 1996; Backlund and Bremer, 1997). Previous analyses have shown that Dipsacales belong within Asteridae (Olmstead et al., 1992, 1993; Chase et al., 1993; Backlund and Bremer 1997), where they are related to Apiales and Asterales within a "euasterid II" clade (APG, 1998). Here we have included published rbcL sequences from four species of Apiales (Coriandrum, Griselinia, Hedera, Pittosporum), and four species of Asterales (Barnadesia, Boopis, Campanula, Menyanthes). In addition, we added Gentiana and Nicotiana as representatives of the "euasterid I" clade (APG, 1998), and Cornus of Cornales. On the basis of all previous phylogenetic analyses, our trees were rooted along the branch connecting Cornus.

Our ITS analyses included new sequences from *Tetradoxa* and *Sinadoxa* (Table 1), along with five sequences from *Sambucus* (Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997) and five from *Viburnum* (Donoghue and Baldwin, 1993; Baldwin et al., 1995; see also Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997). Sequences of *Diervilla* and *Weigela* (Diervilleae), obtained from Genbank (Kim and Kim, 1999), were included for rooting purposes.

#### Sequencing

Of the 43 *rbc*L sequences included in our analyses, 27 were obtained from the authors of previous studies or from Genbank (Table 1) and 16 are reported here for the first time. The new sequences were obtained using standard protocols and primers (see, e.g., Olmstead et al., 1992, 1993). ITS sequences for *Sinadoxa* and *Tetradoxa* were obtained using protocols described elsewhere (Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997); however, we used a different 5' primer (ITS-I of Urbatsch et al., 2000), and reads were long enough that internal primers were not needed. All sequences reported here were proofread using sequences of both DNA

strands. ITS sequences were edited using the Staden package (Staden, 1996) under the Linux operating system.

## Alignment

rbcL nucleotide sequence data were aligned manually using the editor in PAUP\* (Swofford, 2001); no indels were recorded. The rbcL data matrix contained 2% "missing data" for the 43 taxa, reflecting uncertainty in base-calling. Primer positions 1–26 were excluded from the analyses. Of the remaining 1402 characters, 230 were parsimony informative.

ITS nucleotide sequences from 15 taxa were aligned manually using the Se-Al alignment editor (Rambaut, 1996), resulting in 679 aligned positions. Positions 414-482 were removed from parsimony analyses owing to difficulties in alignment. Indels were treated as "uncertain" in the matrix, and 21 parsimonyinformative indels (positions 47, 48, 53, 92, 111-112, 129, 166, 203, 210-212, 216, 221, 222, 235, 372, 375, 405, 572, 581, 607–608, 609, and 631) were coded as binary presence/absence characters and added to the end of the matrix. Our ITS matrix contained 6.2% uncertain data: 0.4% due to uncertain scorings, 2.8% to implied indels, and 3.0% to filling in unsequenced portions of the 5.8S gene in several species. In total, our ITS matrix contained 181 parsimony-informative characters.

## Combining Data

We analyzed five datasets. Three of these focused on Dipsacales: (1) rbcL alone for Dipsacales and outgroups, (2) rbcL plus morphological data from Judd et al. (1994), and (3) rbcL plus morphological data from Backlund and Donoghue (1996). All data from the morphological studies were added without changes in the characters or in taxon scoring; both datasets also included chromosome and secondary chemical characters. Two additional datasets focused on Adoxaceae: (4) ITS alone for Adoxaceae and outgroups, and (5) ITS plus rbcL. Here we describe assembly of the combined datasets (2, 3, and 5).

The Judd et al. (1994) morphological analysis included a subset of the taxa in our *rbc*L matrix. From our *rbc*L dataset we omitted 12 outgroup taxa not present in Judd et al., keeping only *Pittosporum* for rooting purposes. Judd et al. included Alseuosmiaceae, but these are probably not closely related to Dipsacales (Gustafsson et al., 1996) and have been omitted

here. We also omitted rbcL sequences for those Dipsacales not represented in Judd et al.: Heptacodium, Morina, Sinadoxa, Tetradoxa, and Triplostegia. Judd et al. lumped Weigela and Diervilla together, and also Kolkwitzia and Abelia, because these scored identically for their 35 (25 binary, 10 multistate) morphological characters. In our analysis each of these pairs was separated into two taxa, which were scored identically for all morphological characters. Several taxa in Judd et al. were represented by two or more rbcL sequences in our matrix. Using the "merge taxa" function in MacClade (Maddison and Maddison, 1992), we merged the sequences of our two Sambucus species into a single sequence with six polymorphic positions. Similarly, we merged sequences of Viburnum (three species), Lonicera (two species), Dipsacaceae (three species), and Valerianaceae (five species), resulting in 28, 55, 40, and 100 polymorphic positions, respectively. The resulting combined matrix contained 16 taxa and 1437 characters (after excluding primer sites 1-26); there were 93 parsimony-informative characters.

The Backlund and Donoghue (1996) dataset contained many more taxa (58) and characters (109). However, owing to differences in taxon sampling, we removed 9 outgroup taxa from our *rbc*L dataset (*Barnadesia*, *Boopis*, *Campanula*, *Coriandrum*, *Cornus*, *Gentiana*, *Hedera*, *Menyanthes*, and *Nicotiana*). Likewise, from the morphological dataset we removed 12 Dipsacales and 16 outgroup taxa. *Sambucus*, *Viburnum*, and *Lonicera* sequences were merged as described above. The combined dataset contained 30 taxa and 1511 characters (after excluding primer sites 1–26); there were 236 parsimony-informative characters.

The combined analysis of Adoxaceae used the intersection of all available ITS and *rbc*L sequences. It contained 10 taxa and 2012 characters (after excluding primer sites 1–26 and 69 ITS sites in a region of ambiguous alignment); there were 229 parsimony-informative characters.

All of our data matrices, and the trees reported here, are available in TreeBASE (http://treebase.org).

Phylogenetic Analyses

Parsimony analyses were conducted using PAUP\* (Swofford, 2001). For datasets 1 and 3 (see above), we carried out heuristic searches (1000 random addition sequence starting trees, TBR branch swapping, saving all most parsimonious trees); branch-and-bound searches

were possible for datasets 2, 4, and 5. All characters were weighted equally, and indels were treated as described above. MacClade and PAUP\* were used for the output of trees, character optimizations, and so on.

## Measures of Support

Decay indices (Bremer, 1988; Donoghue et al., 1992) were calculated using AutoDecay (Eriksson, 1999) and PAUP\*. The converse constraint runs in PAUP\* were performed using branch-and-bound searches when possible; otherwise, heuristic searches were conducted with 100 random addition sequence starting trees, TBR branch swapping, and saving all most parsimonious trees. Bootstrap analyses (Felsenstein, 1985) were carried out using 500 replications with simple addition sequence, TBR branch swapping, and saving all most parsimonious trees in each replicate.

#### RESULTS

Parsimony analysis of our rbcL matrix (analysis 1) resulted in four minimum-length trees of 996 steps (CI = 0.521; CI excluding uninformative = 0.404; RI = 0.593); these differ only in whether Symphoricarpos or Triosteum is more closely related to Lonicera (Fig. 1). This result supports many previous conclusions. Dipsacales are seen to be monophyletic with Columellia and Desfontainia as their sister group. This is in contrast to several previous reports that Columellia Desfontainia may be nested within the group (e.g., Backlund and Donoghue, 1996; Backlund and Bremer, 1997; see discussion). We find little support for a connection between Adoxaceae and Araliales (Backlund and Bremer, 1997); forcing these taxa together adds a minimum of five steps. The traditional Dipsacaceae and Valerianaceae are both monophyletic, show internal relationships largely consistent with previous results (but see Caputo and Cozzollino, 1994, on Dipsacaceae), and are weakly united with Triplostegia. In our rbcL analysis, it is equally parsimonious to place *Triplostegia* as the sister group of Valerianaceae (as in previous studies: Backlund and Donoghue, 1996; Backlund and Bremer, 1997; see discussion) or Dipsacaceae. Morina (Morinaceae) is sister to the Dipsacaceae-Triplostegia-Valerianaceae clade.

Caprifoliaceae, in the traditional sense, are clearly not monophyletic. *Viburnum* and *Sambucus* are united with *Adoxa* and its rela-

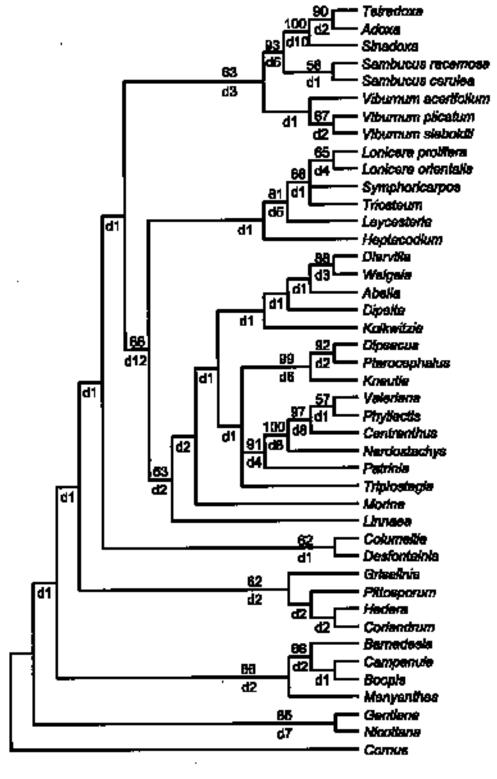


FIGURE 1. Strict consensus of four most parsimonious trees resulting from the analysis of *rbc*L sequence data alone (analysis 1); length=996 steps; consistency index (CI), excluding uninformative characters=0.40; retention index (RI)= 0.59. Bootstrap values greater than 50% are indicated above the branches and decay indices below.

tives, with Sinadoxa seen to be the sister group of Adoxa plus Tetradoxa. Caprifolieae, Diervilleae, and Linnaeeae, of the traditional Caprifoliaceae, are more closely related to the Morinaceae-Dipsacaceae-Triplostegia-Valerianaceae clade. Caprifolieae are monophyletic, with Leycesteria the sister group of a clade including Symphoricarpos, Triosteum, and Lonicera. This clade is in turn weakly united with Heptacodium. Diervilleae (Diervilla, Weigela) are also monophyletic. However, in contrast with previous analyses, Linnaeeae do not form a clade in this analysis. Linnaea is separated from Abelia, Dipelta, and Kolkwitzia, which are in turn paraphyletic in relation to Diervilleae. Branch lengths in this portion of the tree are especially short (Fig. 2), implying that other arrangements may be nearly as parsimonious. Trees constrained to unite Abelia, Dipelta, and Kolkwitzia are only two steps longer than our shortest trees; however, linking Linnaea to this group, in a monophyletic Linnaeeae, yields trees that are five steps longer.

Parsimony analyses of rbcL sequences combined with morphological characters yield several important insights. Combining rbcL with the Judd et al. (1994) morphological dataset (analysis 2) yielded five trees of 258 steps (Fig. 3; CI = 0.767; CI excluding uninformative = 0.657; RI = 0.757). These trees are entirely congruent with those obtained by Judd et al. (1994) using morphology alone, and in almost every respect they are also congruent with the rbcL trees discussed above. However, in contrast to results from analyses using rbcL sequences alone, the Linnaeeae form a weakly supported clade, which is separated from Diervilleae and instead united directly with Dipsacaceae and Valerianaceae.

Combining rbcL with the Backlund and Donoghue (1996) morphological characters (analysis 3) yielded 12 trees of 861 steps (Fig. 4; CI = 0.569; CI excluding uninformative = 0.478; RI = 0.689). Almost all of the clades in these trees correspond with those found using morphological characters alone, sequences alone, and rbcL plus the Judd et al. morphological characters. The main difference is between this combined analysis and the rbcL sequences analyzed separately. Although support values are not high, here again the combined data yield a monophyletic Linnaeeae, which is separated from Diervilleae and united with a clade including Morinaceae,

Valerianaceae, *Triplostegia*, and Dipsacaceae. The combined analysis also united *Triplostegia* with Valerianaceae, instead of with Dipsacaceae as in the *rbc*L analysis.

Our analysis of Adoxaceae based on ITS sequences alone (analysis 4) resulted in two trees of 347 steps (Fig. 5; CI = 0.784; CI excluding uninformative = 0.750; RI = 0.864). As in previous analyses (Donoghue, 1983; Donoghue et al., 1992; Judd et al., 1994; Backlund and Donoghue, 1996), Viburnum appears to be the sister group of a clade containing Sambucus and Adoxa. The significant new result is strong support for the placement of Sinadoxa and Tetradoxa in relation to Adoxa. As in the rbcL analyses just discussed, Sinadoxa is the sister group of a Tetradoxa-Adoxa clade (also see Backlund and Donoghue, 1996). As expected, the combined analysis of ITS and rbcL sequences for Adoxaceae (analysis 5) yielded a single tree of 395 steps (CI = 0.858; CI excluding uninformative = 0.828; RI = 0.881) with remarkably high support values for all clades (Fig. 6).

#### DISCUSSION

Phylogenetic Relationships

With the availability of one or more rbcL sequences for all of the standardly recognized genera of the traditional Caprifoliaceae (Zabelia, a segregate of the traditional Abelia, is not included here), and a reasonable sample of Valerianaceae and Dipsacaceae, many aspects of the phylogeny of Dipsacales are now established with considerable certainty. Most importantly, it is clear, as highlighted by Donoghue (1983), that the traditional circumscription of Caprifoliaceae must be abandoned (also see Donoghue et al., 1992; Judd et al., 1994; Backlund and Donoghue, 1996; and later authors). Viburnum and Sambucus are more closely related to Adoxa and its relatives than they are to the other traditional Caprifoliaceae. Caprifolieae, Diervilleae, and Linnaeeae, of the traditional Caprifoliaceae, are more closely related to Morinaceae, Valerianaceae, Triplostegia, and Dipsacaceae than they are to Viburnum and Sambucus. Of these groups, Linnaeeae appear to be more closely related to the Morinaceae-Valerianaceae-Triplostegia-Dipsacaceae clade than to Caprifolieae or Diervilleae.

For purposes of the remaining discussion we will adopt the names for the two major clades of Dipsacales suggested by Judd et al. (1994).

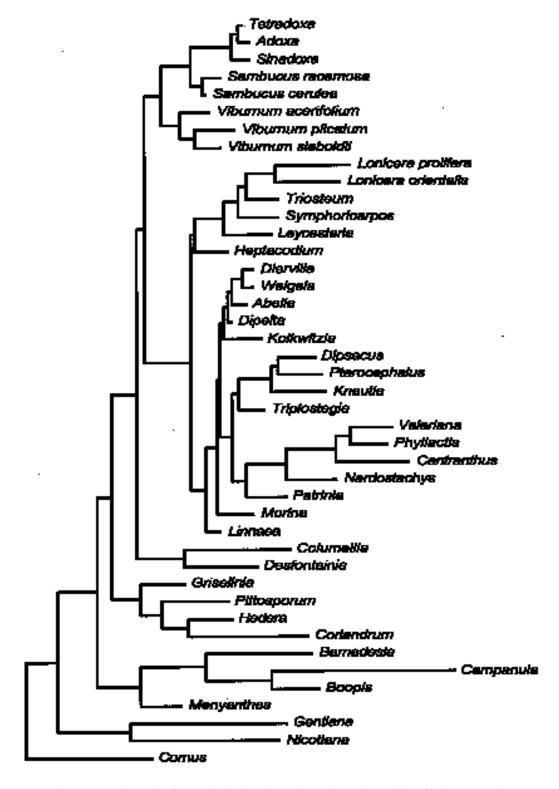


FIGURE 2. Phylogram from the rbcL analysis; branch lengths scaled to the number of inferred state changes.

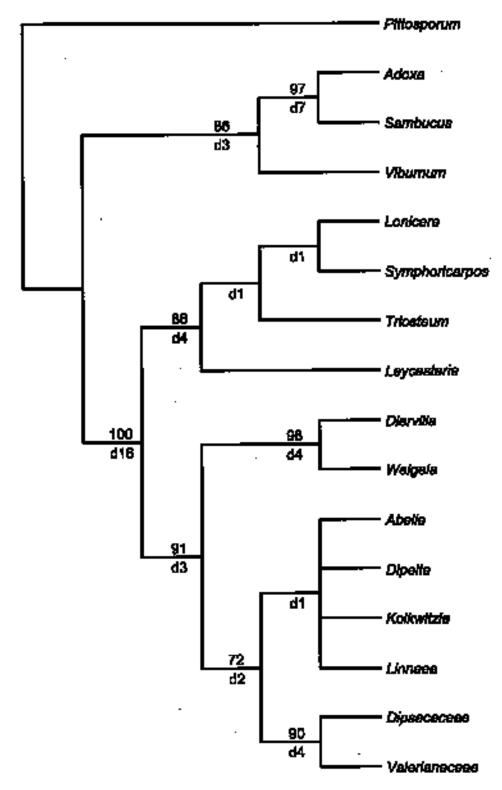


FIGURE 3. Strict consensus of five most parsimonious trees resulting from the analysis of *rbc*L sequence data combined with the morphological characters from Judd et al. (1994) (analysis 2); length=258 steps; consistency index (CI), excluding uninformative characters=0.66; retention index (RI)= 0.76. Bootstrap values greater than 50% are indicated above the branches and decay indices below.

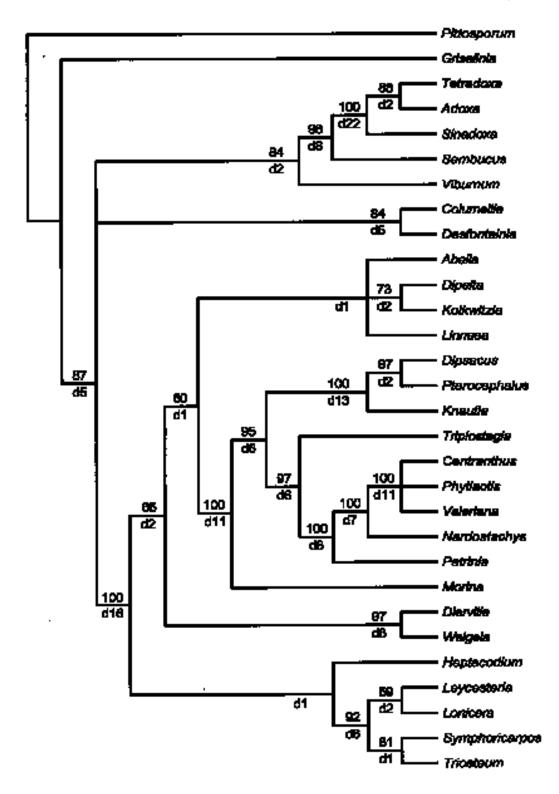


FIGURE 4. Strict consensus of 12 most parsimonious trees resulting from the analysis of *rbc*L sequence data combined with the morphological characters from Backlund and Donoghue (1996) (analysis 3); length=861 steps; consistency index (CI), excluding uninformative characters=0.48; retention index (RI)=0.69. Bootstrap values greater than 50% are indicated above the branches and decay indices below.

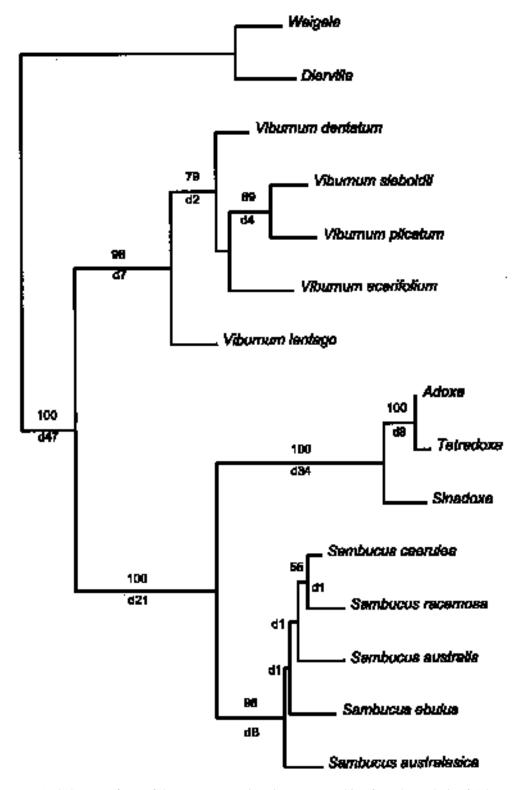


FIGURE 5. Phylogram of one of the two most parsimonious trees resulting from the analysis of Adoxaceae based on ITS sequences (analysis 4); length=347 steps; consistency index (CI), excluding uninformative characters=0.75; retention index (RI)=0.86. Bootstrap values greater than 50% are indicated above the branches and decay indices below. Branch lengths scaled to the number of inferred state changes.

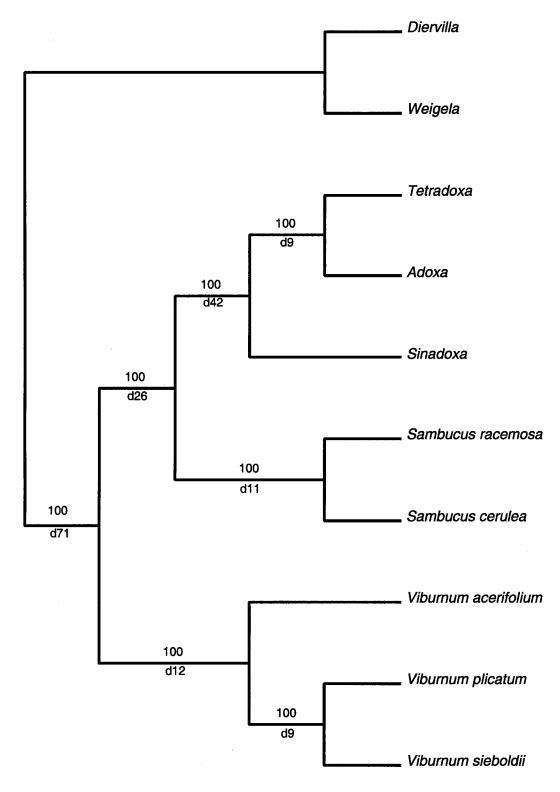


FIGURE 6. The single most parsimonious trees resulting from the analysis of Adoxaceae based on rbcL and ITS sequences (analysis 5); length=395 steps; consistency index (CI), excluding uninformative characters=0.83; retention index (RI)=0.88. Bootstrap values greater than 50% are indicated above the branches and decay indices below.

Adoxaceae will refer to the clade including *Viburnum*, *Sambucus*, *Sinadoxa*, *Tetradoxa*, and *Adoxa*. Caprifoliaceae will refer to the clade including Caprifoliaee, Diervilleae, and Linnaeeae (of traditional Caprifoliaceae), plus Morinaceae, Valerianaceae, *Triplostegia*, and Dipsacaceae. Note especially that Caprifoliaceae *sensu* Judd et al. (1994) includes several taxa traditionally treated as families (e.g., Dipsacaceae, Valerianaceae), whose names we retain here (see below under "Phylogenetic Taxonomy"). Adoxaceae, Caprifoliaceae, and the names of other major clades are given formal phylogenetic definitions below.

Relationships and evolution in Adoxaceae.

Relationships within Adoxaceae now seem firmly established. Sambucus and Adoxa have previously been united on the basis of morphological characters (Donoghue, 1983; Judd et al., 1994; Backlund and Donoghue, 1996), rbcL sequences (e.g., Donoghue et al., 1992; Chase et al., 1993; Backlund and Bremer, 1997), and ITS sequences (Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997). The relationships of Sinadoxa and Tetradoxa have, however, received rather little attention, owing in large part to the rarity of these plants and, therefore, the limited material available for study (but see Liang, 1997). These taxa were both described from China in 1981—Sinadoxa by Wu et al. (1981) from limestone outcrops near Nanggen in the southeast corner of Qinghai province, and Tetradoxa by Hara (1981; Wu, 1981) from Mt. Omei in Sichuan province. Relocating these plants has proven difficult, however, and few additional specimens have come to light. In 1995 an expedition organized by Dr. In Kaipu of the Chengdu Botanical Institute was successful in rediscovering Tetradoxa on Mt. Omei. Later that summer, Sinadoxa was recollected in southern Qinghai on an expedition jointly organized by the Xining Botanical Institute, the Beijing Botanical Institute, and the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. Both species appear to be extremely rare, but sufficient material was obtained to conduct the sequencing reported here (Table 1).

Several authors have argued that *Adoxa* and *Sinadoxa* are directly related, with *Tetradoxa* more distant and retaining the largest number of ancestral features (Wu, 1981; Liang and Zhang, 1986; Liang, 1997). These three taxa formed a clade in the morphological analysis of Backlund and Donoghue (1996), but relationships among

them were unresolved. All of our molecular analyses, based on *rbc*L alone, ITS alone, and the two combined, support the *Sinadoxa-Tetradoxa-Adoxa* clade, with bootstrap values of 100% in each case, and decay values of 10 for *rbc*L, 34 for ITS, and 42 for the combined data. These analyses also support the conclusion that *Adoxa* and *Tetradoxa* are more closely related to one another than either is to *Sinadoxa*. Bootstrap and decay values are high for the *Tetradoxa-Adoxa* clade: 89% and decay = 2 for *rbc*L alone, 100% and decay = 8 for ITS alone, and 100% and decay = 9 for the combined analysis.

These results bear importantly on our interpretation of character evolution in Adoxaceae. The first split, between Viburnum and the Sambucus-Adoxa clade (Adoxoideae sensu Thorne, 1992; Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997) is marked by several morphological changes. Abortion of two of the three carpels and displacement of the remaining fertile ovule into a sterile carpel (Wilkinson, 1948, 1949; Fukuoka, 1972) presumably evolved along the Viburnum branch (Donoghue, 1983); the resulting one-seeded drupe is also probably a Viburnum synapomorphy. The Adoxoideae are marked by the evolution of pinnately compound (or deeply dissected) leaves, simple vessel perforations, extrorse anthers (at least at maturity; see Erbar, 1994), vestigial archesporial tissue (Erbar, 1994), Adoxa-type embryo sac development, and possibly by several chemical characters, including production of alkaloids (Donoghue, 1983; Judd et al., 1994; Backlund and Donoghue, 1996; Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997).

Within Adoxoideae, exactly which morphological changes mark the Sambucus branch remains uncertain, though candidate synapomorphies include crystal sand in cortical cells and apical opening of the endocarp (see Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997). In contrast, the Sinadoxa-Tetradoxa-Adoxa clade is well marked by the evolution of the herbaceous habit, with rhizomes and a basal rosette of deeply lobed leaves; reduction of the perianth parts to four or fewer in at least some flowers; nectaries of multicellular hairs positioned on the perianth parts (see Wagenitz and Laing, 1984; Erbar, 1994); bifid stamens (arising from a single primordium) in which the filaments are more or less deeply split and the monothecous anthers are therefore widely separated; separate styles with small stigmas; and fruits that are more-or-less dry at maturity (possibly dispersed by ants). These plants may also have a distinctive chemistry, including loss of valerianic acid and the production of coumarins, though this has not been studied in *Sinadoxa* and *Tetradoxa*. It is noteworthy that several of these features appear to have evolved independently within *Sambucus*, including herbaceousness, reduction in the number of perianth parts, and a tendency toward splitting of the stamens and styles (Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997).

Within the Sinadoxa-Tetradoxa-Adoxa clade, Sinadoxa is unique by virtue of its spikelike inflorescence structure (with scattered clusters of three to five flowers), extreme variation and reduction in the number of perianth parts, and especially by the reduction to just a single carpel and the production of fruits with calyxderived carnose sacs (which may facilitate water dispersal). The Tetradoxa-Adoxa clade is characterized by smaller plants with leaves that are trifoliate or ternately lobed. In Tetradoxa, the perianth parts are acuminate at the apex (as they also are in several Sambucus species, including S. ebulus; Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997); fusion of filament-halves at the base (i.e., separation of filaments above the middle) may also be an apomorphy of this species. The elongate inflorescence of Tetradoxa, with flowers on distinct pedicels, may represent the ancestral condition from which the headlike inflorescence of Adoxa was derived by "compression." Although most Tetradoxa flowers are 4-merous, they show considerable variation in merousness along the inflorescence axis (Liang and Zhang, 1986); in Adoxa, the four lateral flowers in the cubelike head are typically fivemerous (usually with only three sepals developed), and the terminal flower is four-merous (see Erbar, 1994).

Liang (1997) showed that Tetradoxa and Sinadoxa have simpler floral vasculature than either Adoxa moschatellina or A. orientalis (Nepomnyashchaya, 1984) and suggested that Tetradoxa, in particular, had retained the ancestral characteristics (see also Liang and Zhang, 1986). Our results suggest that elongate inflorescences may have been ancestral, but it is possible that the T-shaped stamens of Tetradoxa were derived from an ancestor with the completely bifid condition, as seen in the other species. Inclusion of Sinadoxa and Tetradoxa in developmental studies will be necessary to determine the generality of many other unusual characteristics seen in Adoxa (Erbar, 1994), such as "lobelioid" orientation of the five-merous flowers (also see Donoghue et al., 1998), loss of early corolla ring primordium, and reduced vestigial archesporium.

Relationships and evolution in Caprifoliaceae.

Comparison of our separate and combined analyses shows that, although these generally yield similar results, morphological characters are important in resolving a number of relationships. Perhaps most importantly, morphological data tend to unite the genera of Linnaeeae, greatly increase support for the Morinaceae-Valerianaceae-*Triplostegia*-Dipsacaceae clade, and link these two clades directly together. They also seem to link *Triplostegia* with Valerianaceae, as opposed to Dipsacaceae.

Linnaeeae were united by supernumerary inflorescence bracts (see Fukuoka, 1969; Weberling, 1989) in Judd et al. (1994). However, it is perhaps more likely that this feature is characteristic of Linnaeeae plus the Morinaceae-Valerianaceae-Triplostegia-Dipsacaceae clade. Under this view, supernumerary bracts were modified and fused to form the characteristic epicalyx seen in Morinaceae and Dipsacaceae (Hofmann and Göttmann. 1990; Manchester and Donoghue, 1995; Roels and Smets, 1996; Backlund and Donoghue, 1996). This scenario would, however, require the addition of a second epicalyx in Triplostegia and the loss of epicalyx in Valerianaceae (or perhaps its modification to form fruit wings, as in Patrinia). It is possible that Linnaeeae are distinguished by supervolute leaf vernation and by contraction of the chloroplast DNA inverted repeat, but data are still too limited to be certain (Backlund and Donoghue, 1996). The best support for the monophyly of Linnaeeae comes from analyses of ndhF and other chloroplast genes. Studies by Pyck et al. (1999), Pyck and Smets (2000), and Bell et al. (2001) all support Linnaeeae as a clade.

Morphological data provide more convincing support for the Morinaceae-Valerianaceae-Triplostegia-Dipsacaceae clade, which is only weakly supported in rbcL analyses. A number of characters reflect a shift to herbaceousness in this group, including the presence of a taproot and persistent basal leaves (in addition to cauline leaves), the absence of bud scales, and a tendency toward simple perforation plates in the vessels (especially in Valerianaceae). Possible reproductive synapomorphies include the presence of an epicalyx (though, as noted above, this

would require loss in Valerianaceae), reduction of the calyx lobes or modification into persistent bristles or pappus (more "normal" lobes are seen in Morinaceae and in *Nardostachys* of Valerianaceae), and reduction in endosperm, culminating in complete loss in Valerianaceae. Finally, the Morinaceae-Valerianaceae-*Triplostegia*-Dipsacaceae clade is characterized by distinctive chemistry, including the presence of alkaloids, cathecolic tannins, and monoterpenoids.

The link between the Linnaeeae and the Morinaceae-Valerianaceae-Triplostegia-Dipsacaceae clade is also supported by several rather clear-cut morphological features, as highlighted by Judd et al. (1994). Stamen number is reduced from five to four, which then may be didynamous in arrangement. During ovary development two of the three carpels abort, leaving a single-seeded carpel occupying half of the ovary. Wilkinson (1949), in particular, stressed the great similarity of this condition in Linnaeeae and Valerianaceae, along with the similar median position and compound vasculature of the ovule (also see Fukuoka, 1972). Similar carpel abortion occurs in Morinaceae and in *Triplostegia*. Under the view that this characterizes the entire clade, the loss of a clear sign of aborted carpels in Dipsacaceae is interpreted as a further modification. Finally, the ovary in all of these plants matures into an achene.

These results have especially important implications for our understanding of ovary and fruit evolution. Trees based on rbcL sequences alone indicate that Linnaeeae are not monophyletic and that Diervilleae were, in effect, derived within Linnaeeae. Such trees imply that the bi-carpellate, many-seeded, elongate capsules characteristic of the Diervilleae were derived from the tri-carpellate, one-seeded, achene fruits seen in Linnaeeae, Morinaceae, Triplostegia, Valerianaceae, and, probably ancestrally, in Dipsacaceae. As we have noted, this result is not upheld in combined analyses with morphological characters; Linnaeeae are linked with instead the Morinaceae-Valerianaceae-Triplostegia-Dipsacaceae clade. Support for this result is not especially strong, but it certainly yields a simpler scenario for fruit evolution. Specifically, our combined trees imply that abortion of two carpels and achene fruits evolved once, at the base of the Linnaeeae-Morinaceae-Valerianaceae Triplostegia-Dipsacaceae clade, and did not secondarily give rise to bi-carpellate capsules.

Triplostegia has sometimes been linked with Valerianaceae and sometimes with Dipsacaceae (see Backlund and Bremer, 1998). In an earlier rbcL study (Backlund and Bremer, 1998) the position of Triplostegia was poorly resolved; successive-approximations weighting weakly linked it with Valerianaceae. In our rbcL analysis it is weakly linked with Dipsacaceae instead. Taking morphological characters into account (Backlund and Donoghue, 1996), Triplostegia is linked with both Valerianaceae and Dipsacaceae on the basis of simple perforation plates (or nearly so), further reduction of the calvx lobes, several pollen characters, and the presence of chlorophyllous embryos (Yakovlev and Zhukova, 1980). Within this clade, Triplostegia is united with Valerianaceae on the basis of pollen morphological characters, including apertures with a distinctive "halo" (Backlund and Nilsson, 1997); endosperm reduction in Triplostegia (Peng et al., 1995) or complete loss in Valerianaceae; and chemical characters, especially the presence of valepotriate iridoid compounds (Backlund and Moritz, 1996).

# Dipsacales monophyly.

Several phylogenetic problems are not convincingly resolved by our analyses, most notably the question of the monophyly of traditional Dipsacales (Donoghue, 1983), including just Adoxaceae and Caprifoliaceae sensu Judd et al. (1994). In most previous molecular studies, this clade has been recovered (Chase et al., 1993; Olmstead et al., 1992, 1993; Rice et al., 1997), though with only weak support. Donoghue et al. (1992) and Downie and Palmer (1992) found alternative arrangements, sometimes including Araliaceae, but taxon sampling was limited in these studies. The main alternative was suggested by rbcL analyses conducted by Bremer et al. (1994), which implied that Desfontainia may be closely related to, or even nested within, Dipsacales. Outgroups were too poorly sampled by Judd et al. (1994) to provide a critical test using morphological data. However, the Backlund and Donoghue (1996) morphological analysis, as well as their combined analysis with rbcL, showed Columellia and Desfontainia to be nested within Dipsacales as the sister group(s) of the Caprifoliaceae clade.

In our *rbc*L analysis the monophyly of Dipsacales was supported, but only weakly (bootstrap <50%; decay = 1); it requires just a

single extra step to move the *Columellia-Desfontainia* clade within the group. With the addition of the Backlund and Donoghue (1996) morphological characters, trees of both types are equally parsimonious, that is, with *Columellia* and *Desfontainia* as the sister group of Dipsacales and with these taxa nested within Dipsacales as the sister group of Caprifoliaceae.

The original Backlund and Donoghue (1996) analysis, which included a broader sample of outgroups, appeared to show much better support for the inclusion of Columellia and Desfontainia within Dipsacales. However, on closer inspection, this is not the case. Both the clade containing the traditional Dipsacales plus Columellia and Desfontainia, and the branch linking Columellia and Desfontainia with Caprifoliaceae, were very weakly supported (bootstraps <50%; decay = 1). Furthermore, reexamination of the morphological characters optimized as changing along these branches (referred to below by character numbers used in Backlund and Donoghue, 1996) shows that most of these do not provide unequivocal support. The branch including traditional Dipsacales plus Columellia and Desfontainia is marked by 12 morphological changes in Backlund and Donoghue (1996). Two of these are unknown in Columellia and Desfontainiairidoids (character 87) and saponins (95)—and for 7 others the presumed derived state is not present in Columellia and/or Desfontainia: leaves are evergreen in Columellia and Desfontainia (4); leaf margins in Dipsacales are very rarely spiny, as in Columellia and Desfontainia (11); leaf vernation is conduplicate in Columellia and Desfontainia (15); Desfontainia has perforation plates with many cross bars (24); rotate corollas are not found in Columellia and Desfontainia, Caprifoliaceae (42); stamens are clearly fused to the corolla in Columellia and Desfontainia, as in Caprifoliaceae (50); chromosome numbers are X = 7 in both, not X = 8 as in Dipsacales (103). This leaves tenuinucellate ovules (65), opposite leaves (5), and petals fused into a tube (40), all of which are widespread among asterids, such that the location of character changes are heavily dependent on which outgroups are included in an analysis.

The branch linking *Columellia* and *Desfontainia* with Caprifoliaceae is marked by changes in 14 characters in Backlund and Donoghue (1996). However, 4 of these characters are unknown in *Columellia* and *Desfontainia* (93, ellagic acid;

104, chromosome size; 106, structural rearrangement of the chloroplast inverted repeat; 108, size of the inverted repeat), and Columellia or Desfontainia lack the presumed derived state of 5 others (27, superficial phellogen is not present in *Desfontainia*; 37, three vascular traces are not present in the calyx lobes of Columellia; 46, corolla vasculature is not laterally connected in Columellia: 59, stigmas are bilobed, not capitate, in Columellia, and are polymorphic in Desfontainia; 69, the tapetum is glandular, not amoeboid, in Desfontainia). Of the remaining 5 characters, vascular cylinder (21) was scored incorrectly for Viburnum and Sambucus (they do have cylinders); well-developed corolla tubes (42) and stamens attached within (50) appear to be directly correlated and are widespread among asterids; corolla zygomorphy (43) is polymorphic in most genera of Caprifoliaceae s.s.; and the production of cathecolic tannins (99) is poorly known and highly variable among possible outgroups and must also be homoplastic within Dipsacales.

We conclude from this analysis that molecular and morphological evidence is unconvincing that Columellia and Desfontainia are united with, or nested within, Dipsacales. These taxa may be linked with Dipsacales on the basis of opposite leaves, fused petals, and tenuinucellate ovules, and they may specifically be united with Caprifoliaceae on the basis of elongate corolla tubes bearing the stamens. However, these characters each show high levels of homoplasy among asterids, and there are obvious conflicting characters. Unlike traditional Dipsacales, Columellia and Desfontainia have spiny, evergreen leaves, bi-carpellate ovaries that are half inferior in Columellia and fully superior in Desfontainia, solanad embryogeny, and base chromosome numbers of X = 7. Placement within Dipsacales also seems odd from a biogeographic standpoint; traditional Dipsacales are basically Northern Hemisphere in distribution, with greatest diversity in eastern Asia, whereas Columellia and Desfontainia are centered in South America. Finally, traditional Dipsacales do share a number of possible apomorphies, which may not have been correctly represented in prior analyses, for example, the widespread occurrence of aborted ovules or vestigial archesporial tissue in the upper portion of the ovary (see Erbar, 1994). Depending on details of broader relationships, cellular endosperm development, asterad and related forms of embryogeny, and 3- to 5-carpellate gynoecia may also be synapomorphies of traditional Dipsacales.

## Phylogenetic Taxonomy

It is possible to reflect our current understanding of Dipsacales phylogeny using traditional Linnaean nomenclature; that is, using standard ranks such as family, tribe, and so on. This approach has been taken by the Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG, 1998), which recognized six families within an Order Dipsacales that excludes Adoxaceae (which APG left unassigned within their "euasterid II" clade): (1) Caprifoliaceae (restricted to the former Caprifolieae), (2) Diervillaceae (for the former Diervilleae; Backlund and Pyck, 1998), (3) Linnaeaceae (for the former Linnaeeae; Backlund and Pyck, 1998), (4) Morinaceae, (5) Dipsacaceae, and (6) Valerianaceae (presumably including Triplostegia; Backlund and Bremer, 1998). Note that in this system old names are applied to clades that already have names (e.g., Caprifoliaceae for Caprifolieae; Dipsacales for Caprifoliaceae sensu Judd et al., 1994), new names are introduced for clades that already have names that are in wide use (Diervillaceae for Diervilleae, Linnaeaceae for Linnaeeae), and, ironically, no new names are introduced to reflect widely accepted knowledge of phylogenetic relationships among these groups (e.g., the link between Morinaceae, Valerianaceae, and Dipsacaceae, or between this clade and Linnaeeae).

Phylogenetic nomenclature (sensu de Queiroz and Gauthier, 1992, 1994; see also Hibbett and Donoghue, 1998), without ranks, deals with this problem more efficiently (Fig. 7). The names Caprifolieae, Diervilleae, Linnaeeae, Dipsacaceae, and Valerianaceae are simply retained for their respective clades; renaming these can only cause confusion. Following Judd et al. (1994), the name Caprifoliaceae is applied to the clade including all of these taxa. Likewise, the name Adoxaceae is used for the clade including Viburnum, Sambucus, and Adoxa, and Adoxoideae is used for the clade including Sambucus and Adoxa (Donoghue, 1983; Thorne, 1992; Eriksson and Donoghue 1997). On the basis of arguments presented above, the name Dipsacales is retained for the

clade that includes Adoxaceae and Caprifoliaceae. Although we consider it doubtful on present evidence, we recognize the possibility that the least inclusive clade including Adoxaceae and Caprifoliaceae might also include *Columellia* and *Desfontainia*.

With phylogenetic nomenclature, new names are given only to clades that have not previously been named. Within Adoxaceae, we here propose the name Adoxina for the clade including *Sinadoxa*, *Tetradoxa*, and *Adoxa*. Within Caprifoliaceae we propose the name Valerina for the clade including Morinaceae, Dipsacaceae, *Triplostegia*, and Valerianaceae, and the name Linnina is applied to the clade including Valerina plus Linnaeeae. Formal phylogenetic definitions of these clades are presented in Table 2.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

Previous phylogenetic conclusions are largely confirmed by our analyses. Caprifoliaceae in the traditional sense are not monophyletic, and there are two major lineages within Dipsacales: (1) Adoxaceae, including Viburnum, Sambucus, Sinadoxa, Tetradoxa, and Adoxa: and (2) Caprifoliaceae, including Diervilleae, Caprifolieae, Linnaeeae, Morinaceae, Valerianaceae, Triplostegia, and Dipsacaceae. Within Adoxaceae we conclude that Sinadoxa and Tetradoxa are linked with Adoxa, in Adoxina. Within Caprifoliaceae our combined analyses support Valerina, including Morinaceae, Dipsacaceae, Triplostegia, and Valerianaceae, and Linnina, including Valerina plus Linnaeeae. Each of these clades is marked by morphological synapomorphies.

Additional data are needed to test the monophyly of Linnaeeae, as well as to clarify the relationships of Diervilleae (whether with Caprifolieae or with Linnina). Although Heptacodium appears to be related to Caprifolieae (rather than Linnaeeae), and Triplostegia may be weakly united with Valerianaceae (rather than Dipsacaceae), we look forward to additional evidence on these issues. Relationships within Diervilleae have recently been analyzed (Kim and Kim, 1999), but relationships within Caprifolieae and Linnaeeae remain poorly resolved. Finally, the question of the monophyly of Dipsacales, whether including or excluding Columellia and Desfontainia, needs further attention.

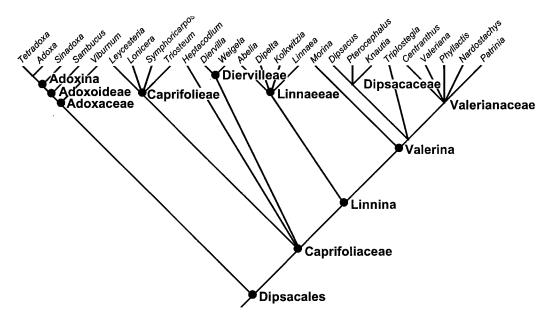


FIGURE 7. Summary Dipsacales phylogeny showing the proposed application of names to clades. Phylogenetic definitions are provided in Table 2 for those clades marked with a dot.

TABLE 1. Voucher information and GenBank accession numbers for species used in the *rbc*L and ITS analyses.

Species	REFERENCE OR VOUCHER	GENBANK No.	
Abelia x grandiflora Rehder	Cult. Univ. Arizona, Tucson, 1993; Donoghue, voucher lacking	AJ420875	
Adoxa moschatellina L.	<i>rbc</i> L: Donoghue et al., 1992 ITS: Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997	L01884 U88194	
Barnadesia caryophylla (Vell.) S. F. Blake	Olmstead et al., 1992	L01887	
Boopis anthemoides Juss.	Olmstead et al., 1993	L13860	
Brunia albiflora Phillips	Backlund and Bremer, 1997	Y10674	
Campanula ramulosa Wall.	Olmstead et al., 1992	L13861	
Centranthus ruber (L.) DC.	Cult. Univ. Arizona, Tucson, 1993; Donoghue, voucher lacking	AJ420879	
Columellia oblonga Ruiz & Pav.	Backlund and Bremer, 1997	Y10675	
Coriandrum sativum L.	Olmstead et al., 1992	L11676	
Cornus kousa Hance	Olmstead et al., 1993	L14395	
Desfontainia spinosa Ruiz & Pav.	Bremer et al., 1994	Z29670	
Diervilla sessilifolia Buckley	<i>rbc</i> L: Bremer et al., 1994 ITS: Kim and Kim, 1999	Z29672 AF078703	
Dipelta floribunda Maxim.	Cult. Arnold Arboretum, 14514-B; Kelly and Buckland 32	AJ420876	
Dipsacus sativus (L.) Honck.	Olmstead et al., 1992	L13864	
Gentiana procera Holm	Olmstead et al., 1993	L14398	
Griselinia lucida G. Forst.	Xiang et al., 1993	L11225	
Hedera helix L.	Olmstead et al., 1992	L01924	
Heptacodium miconioides Rehder	Cult. Arnold Arboretum 1549-80-D; <i>Koller s.n.</i> , 12 Oct. 1984 (A)	AJ420873	
Knautia intermedia Pernh. & Wettst.	Backlund and Bremer, 1997	Y10698	
Kolkwitzia amabilis Graebn.	Cult. Arnold Arboretum 18090; Elsik and Siegel 1558 (A)	AJ420877	
Leycesteria formosa Wall.	Cult. Kew Botanic Gardens, UK, 1990; Donoghue, voucher lacking	AJ420872	
Linnaea borealis L.	Door County, WI, 1990; Donoghue, voucher lacking	AJ420878	
Lonicera orientalis Lam.	Gustafsson et al., 1996	X87389	
Lonicera prolifera (G.Kirchn.) Rehder	Cult. Arnold Arboretum, 870-74-A; voucher lacking	AJ420870	
Menyanthes trifoliata L.	Olmstead et al., 1993	L14006	
Morina coulteriana Royle	Backlund and Bremer, 1997	Y10706	
Nardostachys jatamansii (D. Don) DC.	Backlund and Bremer, 1997	Y10705	

TABLE 1. (CONT.)

SPECIES	REFERENCE OR VOUCHER	GENBANK NO	
Nicotiana tabacum L.	Lin et al., 1986		
Patrinia rupestris (Pall.) Dufr.	Backlund and Bremer, 1997	Y10704	
Phyllactis bracteata Wedd.	Backlund and Bremer, 1997	Y10703	
Pittosporum japonicum Hort. ex C. Presl.	Morgan and Soltis, 1993	L11202	
Pterocephalus lasiospermus Link ex Buch	Backlund and Bremer, 1997	Y10702	
Sambucus australasica (Lindl.) Fritsch	ITS: Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997	U41381	
Sambucus australis Cham. & Schltdl.	ITS: Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997	U88196	
Sambucus caerulea Rafinesque	<i>rbc</i> L: vic. Tucson, Arizona, 1993; Donoghue, voucher lacking	AJ420867	
	ITS: Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997	U88197	
Sambucus ebulus L.	ITS: Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997	U88200	
Sambucus racemosa L.	<i>rbc</i> L: Donoghue et al., 1992 ITS: Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997	L14066 U88207	
Sinadoxa corydalifolia C. Y. Wu, Z. L. Wu & R. F. Huang	rbcL: Boufford et al. 26555 (A) ITS: Boufford et al. 26555 (A)	AJ420866 AJ419711	
Symphoricarpos albus (L.) S. F. Blake	Olmstead et al., 1992	L11682	
Tetradoxa omeiensis (H. Hara) C. Y. Wu	rbcL: Donoghue et al. 4000 (A) ITS: Donoghue et al. 4000 (A)	AJ420865 AJ419710	
Triosteum perfoliatum L.	vic. Madison, WI, 1990; Donoghue, voucher lacking	AJ420870	
Triplostegia glandulifera Wall. ex DC.	Backlund and Bremer, 1997	Y10700	
Valeriana officinalis L.	Olmstead et al., 1992	L13934	
Viburnum acerifolium L.	rbcL: Olmstead et al., 1992 ITS: Cult. Arnold Arboretum 1505-67; Elsik 2102 (A)	L01959 AJ420923 AJ420924	
Viburnum dentatum L.	ITS: Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997	U88552 U88553	
Viburnum lentago L.	ITS: Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997	U88554 U88555	
Viburnum plicatum Thunb.	<i>rbc</i> L: Cult. Arnold Arboretum 1050-67-A; <i>Dwyer et al.</i> , 4354 (A)	AJ420868	
	ITS: Cult. Arnold Arboretum 1050-67-A; Dwyer et al., 4354 (A)	AJ420925 AJ420926	
Viburnum sieboldii Miq.	rbcL: Cult. Arnold Arboretum 616-6-B; Elsik et al. 2640 (A) ITS: Eriksson and Donoghue, 1997	AJ420869 U88556 U88557	
Weigela hortensis (Sieb. & Zuck.) C. A. Mey.	<i>rbc</i> L: Cult. Arnold Arboretum 1897-77-A; <i>Kelly and Buckland 28</i> (A)	AJ420874	
-	ITS: Kim and Kim, 1999	AF078713	

TABLE 2. Phylogenetic definitions for clade names in Fig. 7.

CLADE	Definition <sub>1</sub>	Notes	
Dipsacales	Dipsacus fullonum L. Linnaea borealis L. Lonicera caprifolium L. Viburnum lantana L.	Sensu Donoghue (1983) and Judd et al. (1994)	
Adoxaceae	Viburnum lantana L. Sambucus nigra L. Adoxa moschatellina L.	Sensu Donoghue (1983) and Thorne (1983); defined phylogenetically by Judd et al. (1994)	
Adoxoideae	Sambucus nigra L. Adoxa moschatellina L.	Sensu Thorne (1983)	
Adoxina	Adoxa moschatellina L. Tetradoxa omeiensis (H. Hara) C. Y. Wu Sinadoxa corydalifolia C.Y. Wu, Z. L. Wu & R. F. Huang	New clade name	
Caprifoliaceae	Lonicera caprifolium L Diervilla lonicera Miller Linnaea borealis L. Valeriana pyrenaica L. Dipsacus fullonum L.	Defined phylogenetically by Judd et al. (1994); Dipsacales <i>sensu</i> APG (1998)	
Caprifolieae	Lonicera caprifolium L. Symphoricarpos orbiculata Moench Leycesteria formosa Wall.	Caprifoliaceae <i>sensu</i> Backlund and Pyck (1998) and APG (1998)	
Diervilleae	Diervilla lonicera Miller and Weigela japonica Thunb.	Diervilliaceae <i>sensu</i> Backlund and Pyck (1998) and APG (1998)	
Linnina	Abelia chinensis R. Brown Linnaea borealis L. Morina persica L. Valeriana pyrenaica L. Dipsacus fullonum L.	New clade name	
Linnaeeae	Abelia chinensis R. Brown Linnaea borealis L. Kolkwitzia amabilis Graebner and Dipelta floribunda Maxim.	Linnaeaceae sensu Backlund and Pyck (1998) and APG (1998)	
Valerina	Morina persica L. Valeriana pyrenaica L. Dipsacus fullonum L.	New clade name	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All of the definitions are "node-based" (de Queiroz and Gauthier, 1992, 1994; see the PhyloCode at http://www.ohiou.edu/phylocode/); each name is defined as the least-inclusive clade containing the taxa listed.

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