

HEPATICÆ.<sup>1</sup>

*Plagiochila badia*, Mitt., n. sp.

Caulis elongatus, parce ramosus ; folia approximata, patentia, patulave ovato-oblonga, margine dorsali decurrente recurva, ventralique integerrima, apice breviter paucidentata.

Habitus staturaque *Plagiochilæ rubescens*, Lindenb., t. xi., et foliorum ambitu similis, sed margine ventrali integerrima, apice dentibus brevissimis armata subintegerrima. Color nigro-fusca.

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At first sight the specimens of this species might readily be mistaken for *Plagiochila rubescens*, which has often the same dark colour ; but the entire absence of the ciliiform teeth at once distinguishes it. Like *Plagiochila rubescens*, the foliage is scarcely altered in the dry state, and it is here and there glossy.

*Plagiochila gayana*, Gottsche.

*Plagiochila gayana*, Gottsche in Ann. Sci. Nat., sér. 4, viii. p. 322.

JUAN FERNANDEZ.—From the same source as the preceding.

A small-leaved species similar to *Plagiochila geniculata*, Lindenb., t. xxvii., in size and appearance, but quite distinct in the perianth, which is much compressed and with a small contracted truncate mouth, a form that is very rare in the genus. There is considerable variation in the dentation of the ventral margin of the leaf ; on some stems the leaves are almost entire, slightly angulate ; in other plants they are, as described by Gottsche, dentate all round the ventral side ; the areolation is of small round cells with wide walls, the whole almost obscure. It is also very similar to *Plagiochila flexicaulis*, Mont., from Chili ; but readily distinguished by the perianth.

*Lophocolea sylvatica*, Mitt., n. sp.

Prostrata ; folia horizontaliter explanata, convexula, ovali-oblonga, apice sinu obtuso biangulata ; amphigastria parva, quadridentata, utrinque cum foliis anguste confluentes ; involucralia longiora, cum amphigastrio integerrimo apice bidentato basi coalita ; perianthium triquetrum, labiis dentatis.

Caulis 1-2 cm. longus, hic illic radicosus cum foliis 2 mm. latus ; amphigastria caulem vix latiora saepe recurva. Perianthium 1.50 mm. longum, angulis nudis.

JUAN FERNANDEZ.—Creeping amongst *Hypnum toxarion*—*Mr W. Saunders' collector.*

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