



Notes on Early Land Plants Today. 51. Validation of *Schistochilopsis hyperarctica* (Scapaniaceae, Marchantiophyta)

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Lophozia hyperarctica (Schuster 1961: 967) was described from Ellesmere Island, Canadian Arctic. However, the author stated that the species occurred in very small patches and made a collection of them in a small area, but giving every small collection a separate collection number, thus making several gatherings out of them. When describing the species he used 5 differently numbered gatherings stating “these five collections extremely skimpy, coming from the same locality and to be considered the collective representing the type” thus violating ICN Art. 41.2 (McNeill *et al.* 2012). This mistake was overlooked when transferring the taxon to *Massula hyperarctica* (R.M.Schust.) Schljakov (1972: 318), *Massularia hyperarctica* (R.M.Schust.) Schljakov (1985: 232), *Schistochilopsis hyperarctica* (R.M.Schust.) Konstant. in Konstantinova & Vasiljev (1994: 125) and *Lophozia grandiretis* var. *hyperarctica* (R.M.Schust.) Damsholt (2008: 98). The species is validated here.

Schistochilopsis hyperarctica Konstant. *et* L.Söderstr., *sp. nov.*

Based on:—*Lophozia hyperarctica* R.M.Schust., *Canad. J. Bot.* 39: 967, 1961 (Schuster 1961) *nom. inval.* (Art. 40.2; based on more than one gathering). Type:—CANADA. Ellesmere: Alert Weather Station, *R.M.Schuster 35142* (F!, holotype).

Note:—The reference to the description in Schuster (1961: 967), together with the reference to the single gathering selected here, validates the taxon.

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