

CHROMOSOME NUMBERS IN TAIWAN COMPOSITAE⁽¹⁾

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Abstract

Somatic chromosome counts for 76 taxa representing 47 genera are reported for Taiwan Compositae. First counts are reported for 1 genus (*Crossostephium*), 19 species, and 6 infraspecific taxa. Additional counts for those previously reported are made for 52 taxa, of which 13 are new numbers.

Introduction

A total of 74 genera, 178 species and 42 infraspecific taxa belonging to 11 tribes are recognized in the Compositae of Taiwan (Peng, 1976). To date, there have only been three chromosome reports (Chuang *et al.*, 1962; Hsu, 1967, 1970) on this well-represented family; all contain lists of chromosome numbers only, and two of them (Chuang *et al.*, 1962; Hsu, 1967) appeared along with many other families. A rapid glance over these references indicates not only that many species remain uncounted, but also that many taxa are known only from a single plant of a population.

This paper attempts, therefore, to report as many as possible of the new chromosome counts of the Taiwan Compositae, plus additional populational chromosome counts for taxa documented previously—with the hope that a better understanding of the evolutionary relationships among plants may be achieved.

Materials and Methods

The chromosome studies were made on root tips. Unless otherwise indicated, all the plant materials used in this study were collected by the writers on various field excursions between August 1974 and June 1976.

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Root tips were pretreated in 0.5% colchicine for 0.5 to 2 hr, fixed in a solvent of acetic acid—95% ethanol (1:3, V/V) overnight, stained in lacto-propionic orcein or acetocarmine solution for 12 to 36 hr, treated with 2% pectinase at 30°C for 2 to 4 hr, and squashed. Chromosomes were examined with the aid of the microscope, and microphotographs were taken.

All the plants used in this study were identified by the senior author. Voucher sheets are deposited in the Herbarium of the Department of Botany, National Taiwan University (TAI).

Results and Discussion

Included in Table 1 are the taxa examined, along with the somatic chromosome count, figure number, location and voucher. The footnote⁽³⁾ appearing in Table 1 indicates that the taxon has not previously been reported; while the footnote⁽⁴⁾ signifies that the count differs from any previously published for the same taxon. Microphotographs are given in Figs. 1–14.

Table 1. *Chromosome counts in Taiwan Compositae*

Taxon	Somatic chromosome numbers	Fig.	Location & Voucher
I. VERNONIEAE			
<i>Elephantopus</i>			
<i>mollis</i> H.B.K.	22		Taitung: Sanhsientai, Peng 2653.
<i>scaber</i> L.	22		Taipei: Pitouchiao, Peng 2135.
<i>Pseudoelephantopus</i>			
<i>spicatus</i> (Juss. ex Aubl.) Gleason	22		Taitung: Sanhsientai, Peng 2647.
<i>Vernonia</i> sp.	18		Pingtung: Chialoshui, Peng 2690.
II. EUPATORIEAE			
<i>Eupatorium</i>			
<i>formosanum</i> Hay. var. <i>quasitripartitum</i> (Hay.) Kitam. ⁽³⁾	20		Taipei: Tatunshan, Peng 2351.
<i>shimadai</i> Kitam.	20		Taipei: Tatunshan, Peng 2369.
<i>tashiroi</i> Hay. ⁽³⁾	20		Pingtung: Chialoshui, Hsu & Peng 16573.
III. ASTEREAE			
<i>Aster</i>			
<i>subulatus</i> Michx.	18		Taipei: N.T.U. campus, Peng 2668.
<i>takasagomontanus</i> Sasaki ⁽³⁾	18	1	Ilan: Nanhutashan, Peng 2477.

Table 1. (Continued)

Taxon	Somatic chromo- some numbers	Fig.	Location & Voucher
<i>Aster</i>	36		Taoyuan: Lalashan, <i>Peng</i> 1063.
<i>trinervius</i> D. Don subsp. <i>ageratoides</i> (Turcz.) Grierson ⁽³⁾			
<i>Conyza</i>			
<i>japonica</i> (Thunb.) Less.	18		Taipei: Shihting, <i>Peng</i> 2675.
<i>Dichrocephala</i>			
<i>integrifolia</i> (L.f.) O. Ktze.	18		Taipei: N.T.U. Farm, <i>Peng</i> 2665.
<i>Erigeron</i>			
<i>annus</i> (L.) Pers.	27		Ilan: Paling, <i>Peng</i> 1385.
<i>morrisonensis</i> Hay. ⁽³⁾	18		Ilan: Nanhutashan, <i>Peng</i> 2475.
<i>sumatrensis</i> Retz.	54		Taipei: N.T.U. campus, <i>Peng</i> 2578.
<i>Grangea</i>			
<i>maderaspatana</i> (L.) Poir.	18		Nantou: Lienhuachih, <i>Liu</i> 1769.
<i>Heteropappus</i>			
<i>oldhamii</i> (Hemsl.) Kitam. ⁽³⁾	36		Taipei: Padoutze, <i>Peng</i> 1586.
<i>oldhamii</i> (Hemsl.) Kitam. forma <i>discoideus</i> Kitam. ⁽³⁾	36		Taipei: Hopingdau, <i>Peng</i> 1235.
<i>Kalimeris</i>			
<i>indica</i> (L.) Sch.-Bip.	54		Miaoli: Toufenn, <i>Peng</i> 469.
<i>Myriactis</i>			
<i>humilis</i> Merr.	36 ⁽⁴⁾		Hualien: Tayüling, <i>Peng</i> 725.
<i>Rhynchospermum</i>			
<i>verticillatum</i> Reinw.	18		Ilan: Nanhutashan, <i>Peng</i> 2389.
<i>Solidago</i>			
<i>altissima</i> L.	54		Taipei: Liherlii, <i>Peng</i> 2588.

IV. INULEAE

<i>Anaphalis</i>			
<i>margaritacea</i> (L.) Benth. et Hook. f. subsp. <i>morrisonicola</i> (Hay.) Kitam.	28		Hualien: Hohuanshan, <i>Peng</i> 740.
<i>Blumea</i>			
<i>aromatica</i> DC. ⁽³⁾	18		Hualien: Lintianshan, <i>Peng</i> 2610.
<i>balsamifera</i> (L.) DC. var. <i>microcephala</i> Kitam.	18 ⁽⁴⁾		Pingtung: Santimen, <i>Hsu & Peng</i> 16647.
<i>hieraciifolia</i> (D. Don) DC. ⁽³⁾	48		Taipei: Pitouchiao, <i>Peng</i> 2129.
<i>lacera</i> (Burm. f.) DC.	36 ⁽⁴⁾		Hualien: Tailuko, <i>Peng</i> 2661.
<i>laciniata</i> (Roxb.) DC.	18 ⁽⁴⁾		Taipei: Liuchangli, <i>Peng</i> 2455.
<i>lanceolaria</i> (Roxb.) Druce ⁽³⁾	18		Hualien: Lintianshan, <i>Peng</i> 2604.

Table 1. (Continued)

Taxon	Somatic chromo- some numbers	Fig.	Location & Voucher
<i>Blumea</i>			
<i>riparia</i> (Bl.) DC. var. <i>megacephala</i> Randeria ⁽⁸⁾	16	2	Hualien: Lintianshan, <i>Peng</i> 2608.
<i>sp.</i>	30 ⁽⁴⁾	3	Pingtung: Santimen, <i>Hsu & Peng</i> 16645.
<i>Gnaphalium</i>			
<i>japnicum</i> Thunb.	28		Taipei: N.T.U. campus, <i>Peng</i> 2670.
<i>purpureum</i> L.	28		Taipei: N.T.U. campus, <i>Peng</i> 2580.
<i>Pluchea</i>			
<i>indica</i> (L.) Less.	20		Pingtung: Ssunchungchi, <i>Hsu & Peng</i> 16638.

V. HELIANTHEAE

<i>Bidens</i>			
<i>bipinnata</i> L.	72		Pingtung: Santimen, <i>Hsu & Peng</i> 16663.
<i>Galingsoga</i>			
<i>parviflora</i> Cav.	16		Taipei: N.T.U. campus, <i>Peng</i> 2669.
<i>Glossogyne</i>			
<i>tenuifolia</i> Cass. ⁽⁸⁾	24	4	Penghu: Huchi, <i>Peng</i> 1943.
<i>Sigesbeckia</i>			
<i>orientalis</i> L.	30		Nantou: Wusheh, <i>Peng</i> 2307.
<i>Synedrella</i>			
<i>nodiflora</i> (L.) Gaertn.	40		Ilan: Chiaochi, <i>Peng</i> 2377.
<i>Wedelia</i>			
<i>prostrata</i> (Hook. & Arn.) Hemsl.	30		Penghu: Huchi, <i>Peng</i> 1890.

VI. HELENIEAE

<i>Gaillardia</i>			
<i>pulchella</i> Fouger.	34		Penghu: Huchi, <i>Peng</i> 1869.

VII. ANTHEMIDEAE

<i>Artemisia</i>			
<i>capillaris</i> Thunb.	36 ⁽⁴⁾		Pingtung: Chialoshui, <i>Hsu & Peng</i> 16588.
<i>oligocarpa</i> Hay. ⁽⁸⁾	18		Ilan: Nanhutashan, <i>Peng</i> 2455.
<i>Centipeda</i>			
<i>minima</i> (L.) A. Br. & Asch.	20		Taipei: N.T.U. Farm, <i>Peng</i> 2681.
<i>Chrysanthemum</i>			
<i>arisanense</i> Hay. ⁽⁸⁾	18	5	Kaohsiung: Tienchih, <i>Hsu & Peng</i> 15818.
<i>Crossostephium</i>			
<i>chinense</i> (L.) Makino ⁽⁸⁾	18	6	Taipei: N.T.U. campus, <i>Peng</i> 2561.

Table 1. (Continued)

Taxon	Somatic chromo- some numbers	Fig.	Location & Voucher
VIII. SENECEONEAE			
<i>Emilia</i>			
<i>sagittata</i> (Vahl.) DC.	20 ⁽⁴⁾		Pingtung: Santimen, <i>Hsu & Peng</i> 16651.
<i>Farfugium</i>			
<i>japonicum</i> (L. f.) Kitam. var. <i>formosanum</i> (Hay.) Kitam.	60		Taipei: Chihsingshan, <i>Peng</i> 2563.
<i>Gynura</i>			
<i>bicolor</i> (Willd.) DC. ⁽³⁾	20		Taipei: N.T.U. campus, <i>Peng</i> 2586.
<i>formosana</i> Kitam.	20		Hualien: Fongbin, <i>Peng</i> 2628.
<i>japonica</i> (Thunb.) Juel var. <i>flava</i> (Hay.) Kitam. ⁽³⁾	20	7	Taipei: Tatunshan, <i>Peng</i> 2386.
<i>Ligularia</i>			
<i>japonica</i> (Thunb.) Less.	60		Taipei: Huangtsueishan, <i>Peng</i> 2510.
<i>Petasites</i>			
<i>formosanus</i> Kitam. ⁽³⁾	60		Ilan: Nanshan, <i>Peng</i> 2445.
<i>Senecio</i>			
<i>scandens</i> Buch.-Ham. ex D. Don	20	8	Ilan: Nanshan, <i>Peng</i> 2438.
IX. CARDUEAE			
<i>Cirsium</i>			
<i>albescens</i> Kitam. ⁽³⁾	34		Pingtung: Chialoshui, <i>Hsu & Peng</i> 16603.
<i>arisanense</i> Kitam. ⁽³⁾	34		Ilan: Nanhutashan, <i>Peng</i> 2448.
<i>morii</i> Hay. ⁽³⁾	34		Ilan: Nanshan, <i>Peng</i> 2441.
<i>Hemistepta</i>			
<i>lyrata</i> (Bunge) Bunge	36		Taoyuan: Yangmei, <i>Peng</i> 2688.
<i>Saussurea</i>			
<i>japonica</i> (Thunb.) DC.	28 ⁽⁴⁾		Hualien: Tailuko, <i>Peng</i> 2659.
X. MUTISIEAE			
<i>Ainsliaea</i>			
<i>latifolia</i> (D. Don) Sch.-Bip.	24 ⁽⁴⁾		Ilan: Nanhutashan, <i>Peng</i> 2391.
XI. LACTUCEAE			
<i>Crepidiastrum</i>			
<i>lanceolatum</i> (Houtt.) Nakai	10	9	Taipei: Pitouchiao, <i>Peng</i> 2132.
<i>taiwanianum</i> Nakai ⁽³⁾	10	10	Pingtung: Culuapi, <i>Kuoh s.n.</i> July 8, 1975.

Table 1. (Continued)

Taxon	Somatic chromo- some numbers	Fig.	Location & Voucher
<i>Hypochoeris</i>			
<i>radicata</i> L.	8		Nantou: Mayfeng, <i>Peng</i> 2236.
<i>Ixeris</i>			
<i>chinensis</i> (Thunb.) Nakai	16 ⁽⁴⁾		Taipei: N.T.U. Farm, <i>Peng</i> 2574.
<i>chinensis</i> (Thunb.) Nakai forma <i>lacerrima</i> (Hay.) Yamam. ⁽³⁾	16		Taipei: N.T.U. campus, <i>Peng</i> 2691.
<i>laevigata</i> (Bl.) Sch.-Bip. ex Maxim.	14	11	Taoyuan: Lalashan, <i>Peng</i> 1055.
<i>Lactuca</i>			
<i>formosana</i> Maxim.	18		Taipei: Liuchangli, <i>Peng</i> 2557.
<i>indica</i> L.	18		Pingtung: Chialoshui, <i>Hsu & Peng</i> 16589.
<i>sororia</i> Miq.	18 ⁽⁴⁾	12	Taipei: Shihing, <i>Peng</i> 1435.
<i>Lapsana</i>			
<i>takasei</i> (Sasaki) Kitam. ⁽³⁾	16		Ilan: Nanhutashan, <i>Peng</i> 2446.
<i>Picris</i>			
<i>hieracioides</i> L. subsp. <i>morrisonensis</i> (Hay.) Kitam.	10 ⁽⁴⁾		Hualien: Hohuanshan, <i>Peng</i> 739.
<i>hieracioides</i> L. subsp. <i>ohwiana</i> (Kitam.) Kitam.	10 ⁽⁴⁾	13	Ilan: Nanhutashan, <i>Peng</i> 2457.
<i>Sonchus</i>			
<i>arvensis</i> L.	18		Pingtung: Santimen, <i>Hsu & Peng</i> 16646.
<i>oleraceus</i> L.	32		Taipei: N.T.U. campus, <i>Peng</i> 2583.
<i>Taraxacum</i>			
<i>formosanum</i> Kitam. ⁽³⁾	16	14	Taipei: Shihmen, <i>Peng</i> 851.
<i>officinale</i> Weber	24		Taipei: City, <i>Peng</i> 2576.

(3) The taxon whose chromosome number has not previously been counted.

(4) The chromosome number which differs from any previous report for the same taxon.

Because many of the counts presented here corroborate previous reports, comments will be made only when items in Table 1 that call for elaboration, and/or when information regarding taxonomic or evolutionary significance may be provided.

The sequence of comments, as well as the sequence used in Table 1 and Figs. 1-14 follows that of the tribes in the classification made by Bentham and Hooker (1873). The genera within each tribe and the species within each genus are, however, listed alphabetically.

Tribe I. *Vernonieae*

Vernonia is a large genus comprising about 1,000 species, chiefly distributed

in America, Africa, and tropical Asia. The New World species examined have the basic chromosome number of 17 or, in some cases, 16; for four African species basic number of $X=10$ has been reported (Jones, 1970).

Of the five species of *Vernonia* present in Taiwan, chromosome numbers of *V. cinerea* ($n=9$: Hsu, 1967, 1970) and *V. patula* ($n=9$: Turner in King, 1965) have previously been reported. A very dwarf plant of *Vernonia*, whose specific epithet cannot be identified without further investigation⁽⁵⁾, was counted by the present authors as having $2n=18$.

Tribe II. *Eupatorieae*

Grant (1953) made a cytotaxonomic study on American *Eupatorium* and concluded that 10 and 17 are the two basic numbers of the genus. Moreover, polyploidy has played a major role in the formation of species in *Eupatorium*. The present examination of three *Eupatorium* species based on Taiwan materials shows that they are all diploid with the basic number of $X=10$.

The count of $2n=20$ for *Eupatorium formosanum* var. *quasitripartitum* differs from the tetraploid report ($n=20$) made by Hsu (1970) for the species.

Hsu (1970) reported $n=20$ and $n=10$ for *E. chinense* var. *simplicifolium*. After an examination of the voucher specimens, the authors found that the counts were based on *E. shimadai*. Thus the present count of $2n=20$ for *E. shimadai* confirms the meiotic determination made by Hsu (1970).

Tribe III. *Astereae*

There is now a fairly good understanding of chromosome numbers in the tribe *Astereae*. Species and genera with a basic number of $X=9$ are the most abundant (Raven *et al.*, 1960; Solbrig *et al.*, 1964; Solbrig *et al.*, 1969).

The count of $2n=18$ for *Aster subulatus* agrees with most previous reports. However, $n=5$ was counted by Turner *et al.* (1961).

Dichrocephala is a small genus, comprised of about 5 species in South Asia and Africa (Kitamura, 1965). The present count of $2n=18$ for *D. integrifolia* agrees with all previous reports except that of $n=6$ proposed by Hsu (1967).

The number of $2n=18$ for *Erigeron morrisonensis* corroborates a previous finding by Hsu (1970), who observed $n=9$ for *E. fukuyamae*, a plant intimately related to the former species.

(5) It is a few-headed plant of about 5 cm in length, collected from a cliff of southernmost Taiwan. Its achenes had been sown in the experiment garden. One offspring thus obtained grew very well and flowered under exposed situations. It was even more of a dwarf than its parent, however, its heads and achenes have a close affinity to those of *V. cinerea*.

Hexaploid count of $2n=54$ for *E. sumatrensis* confirms all previous reports except the tetraploid count of $n=18$ presented by Hsu (1967).

Myriactis is a small genus of South Asian and Japan distribution (Kitamura, 1965). The present count of $2n=36$ for *M. humilis* disagrees with the numbers $n=13$ and $n=26$ proposed by Hsu (1970), which seem to be deviating from the basic number of $X=9$ established for the tribe Astereae. However, $2n=36$ was also reported for two other Indian *Myriactis* species (*M. nepalensis* and *M. wallichii*) by Mehra *et al.* (1965).

Tribe IV. Inuleae

Gametic chromosome numbers of 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 are known in the tribe. Many genera are based on 5 and 7, but the tribe is not so well known as many of the others in the family (Solbrig, 1963).

Hsu (1970) reported $n=14$ for *Anaphalis contorta* Hook. f., a name which has long been used for *A. margaritacea* subsp. *morrisonicola* (Hay.) Kitam. Thus the present count of $2n=28$ for the latter subspecies corresponds with Hsu's report.

Blumea is a tropical and subtropical genus of about 49 species (Randeria, 1960). In Taiwan, 12 species of *Blumea* were recognized (Peng, 1976). Chromosome numbers in 8 of the 12 taxa are here reported; they represent either first or new counts. It was observed that the genus has a distinct karyotype characterized by having one to several pairs of long chromosomes among the predominantly short ones in its complement.

Blumea balsamifera var. *microcephala* was counted as having $n=10$ by Chuang *et al.* (1962) and Hsu (1970). In the Philippines, Pancho (1973) reported a somatic chromosome count of $2n=20$ for the species. The present count of $2n=18$ for the plant material from southernmost Taiwan differs from all previous reports.

Several different chromosome counts, $n=9$ (Subramanyam and Kamble, 1966), $n=10$ (Hsu, 1970), $n=11$ (Mehra *et al.*, 1965) were reported for *B. lacera*. The present study reveals an additional tetraploid count of $2n=36$.

B. laciniata was reported as having $2n=20$ (Pancho, 1973), $n=11$ (Mehra and Remanandan, 1969). Somatic chromosome count of $2n=18$ in the present study is a new number.

The count of $2n=18$ for *B. lanceolaria* is a first report, however, Pancho (1973) reported $2n=20$ for *B. lanceolaria* var. *spectabilis*.

The count of $2n=16$ (Fig. 2) for *B. riparia* var. *megacephala* does not agree with the only previous determination of $2n=20$ (Pancho, 1973) for the species.

One *Blumea* species collected in its vegetative state from southernmost Taiwan has revealed $2n=30$ (Fig. 3). The count of this probable triploid (based on $X=10$) represents a new polyploid level for the genus. Vegetatively this plant is similar to *B. membranacea*, which was counted as having $n=11$ by Mehra *et al.* (1965) and Mehra and Remanandan (1969). The present authors cannot be sure whether this is a new count for *B. membranacea* or that of some other *Blumea* taxon until its reproductive parts can be collected and examined.

Judging from the fact that in *Blumea*, $X=8, 9, 10, 11$ are observed and polyploids are met in several cases, aneuploidy and polyploidy must play important roles in the speciation of this genus. However, more cytological examinations are needed to give a clearer picture of the chromosomal evolution in this group of plants.

Tribe V. *Heliantheae*

The basic chromosome number of *Bidens* has since Darlington and Wylie (1955) been proposed as $X=12$. In the present study, the hexaploid chromosome count of $2n=72$ for *B. bipinnata* accords with that advanced by Mangaly *et al.* (1967). The count of $n=12$ was, however, reported by Hsu (1970) for the same taxon.

Glossogyne is a small genus comprised of about six species in tropical Asia and Australia (Kitamura, 1965). Only one species, *G. bidens*, had previously been studied cytologically ($n=12$: Shetty, 1967). The number of $2n=24$ for *G. tenuifolia* is a first count which corresponds with Shetty's report for the same genus.

The number of $2n=30$ for *Sigesbeckia orientalis* agrees with all previous reports except for $2n=20$ (Hsu, 1967), $n=12$ (Subramanyam and Kamble, 1967), and $2n=60$ (Mehra *et al.*, 1965).

Tribe VII. *Anthemideae*

Basic chromosome numbers of $X=8, 9, 10$, and 17 have been reported for this tribe, with the majority of the species and genera having $X=9$ (Solbrig, 1963).

The number of $2n=36$ represents a new tetraploid count for *Artemisia capillaris*. Counts previously reported were all based on diploid level of $2n=18$.

In *Centipeda minima*, the count of $2n=20$ is consistent with all previous reports except $2n=18$ reported by Ishikawa (1916).

Crossostephium, a monotypic genus distributed in East Asia, was segregated from *Artemisia* chiefly by the presence of its connate scale-like pappus on the

achenes. Chromosome number of $2n=18$ (Fig. 6) in *C. chinense* is a first report for the genus.

Tribe VIII. *Senecioneae*

The ancestral basic number for the tribe has since Afzelius (1949) been postulated as $X=5$. Recently, however, Ornduff *et al.* (1963, 1967) proposed a more likely basic number of $X=10$ for *Senecioneae*, and considered the apparent $X=5$ of *Emilia*, a small genus related to *Senecio*, as being derived through aneuploid reduction.

Diploid counts of $n=5$ were reported by Turner and Irwin (1960) based on *E. coccinea*, which is considered by the present authors to be synonymous with *E. sagittata*. This species has recently been found naturalized in southern Taiwan (Peng, 1976), and has been counted as having $2n=20$.

Chromosome counts of 3 species (there are 4 in Taiwan) of *Gynura* are all reported as having $2n=20$ (Fig. 7). They corroborate a previous finding of $n=10$ for *G. formosana* (Chuang *et al.*, 1962).

Tribe IX. *Cardueae*

Gametic chromosome numbers of 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, and multiples have been reported in this tribe; $n=17$ has been proposed as basic, the lower numbers being interpreted as a reduction series (Solbrig, 1963).

In 3 species of endemic *Cirsium*: *C. albescens*, *C. arisanense*, and *C. morii*, chromosome numbers of $2n=34$ are reported for the first time.

The count $2n=36$ for *Hemistepta lyrata* is in keeping with all previous reports except that of Hsu (1970), who reported $n=9$ for it.

Chromosome number of $2n=28$ for *Saussurea japonica* does not correspond with the only reported count of $2n=26$ (Zhukova, 1967 in Ornduff, 1969).

Tribe X. *Mutisieae*

Relatively few species of this tribe have been studied, therefore no definite basic chromosome number has so far been proposed.

The present study reveals $2n=24$ for *A. latifolia*. However, the number of $n=6$ for *A. morrisonicola* (which was considered to be a synonym of *A. latifolia* var. *nimborum* by the present authors) was reported by Hsu (1970).

Tribe XI. *Lactuceae*

A compilation of cytological data from 53 genera of the *Lactuceae* by Stebbins *et al.* (1953) indicated that nine is the basic number for the tribes.

Counts of $2n=10$ (Figs. 9, 10) for *Crepidiastrum lanceolatum* and *C. taiwan-*

ianum corroborate previous report of $n=5$ for *C. lanceolatum* (Chuang *et al.*, 1962).

Crepidiastrum is a small, usually littoral genus, comprised of about 10 species in East Asia (Kitamura, 1965). It was named and circumscribed by Nakai (1920) in a revision of *Ixeris*. *Crepidiastrum* has since been segregated from *Ixeris* by its shrubby habit, lack of a beak and less prominent ribs on the achene. Stebbins (1937), however, considered these differences unimportant and concluded that *Crepidiastrum* should be merged with *Ixeris*.

The present study, collaborating with many of the previous chromosome counts documented for these two genera (Kitamura *et al.*, 1977), established the basic number of $X=5$ for *Crepidiastrum*, and $X=8$ or its derivative (7) for *Ixeris* (see below). The results tend to support Nakai's treatment.

Several different counts have previously been reported for *Ixeris chinensis*: $n=6$ (Hsu, 1970, as *I. dentata*), $n=7$ (Chuang *et al.*, 1962, as *I. dentata*), $n=9$, $2n=18$ (Hsu, 1967, as *Lactuca chinensis*), $n=12$ (Hsu, as *I. transnokoensis*), $2n=32$ (Babcock *et al.*, 1937 in Darlington and Wylie, 1955). The present count of $2n=16$ represents a new report.

Ixeris chinensis forma *lacerrima* differs from the species only by its leaves irregularly cleft; the diploid count of $2n=16$ was also observed.

The count of $2n=14$ for *Ixeris laevigata* corroborates all previous reports except the number of $2n=16$ (Hsu, 1967).

Chromosome number of $2n=18$ (Fig. 12) in the 3 Taiwan *Lactuca* species examined (out of the total 4, the fourth being a species supposed to be a hybrid) corroborates the data from Japan (Kitamura *et al.* 1977). Together they support the basic number of $X=9$ in East Asian *Lactuca*. The number of $2n=14$ was, however, reported by Hsu (1970, as *Ixeris microcephala*) for *Lactuca sororia*.

According to Vuilleumier (1973), chromosome number of $2n=10$ has been reported in all nine of the *Picris* species investigated. The present count of $2n=10$ (Fig. 13) for two endemic subspecies of *Picris hieracioides* is in keeping with the above reports. However, the meiotic counts of $n=10$ were proposed by Hsu (1970) for the above two subspecies from Taiwan.

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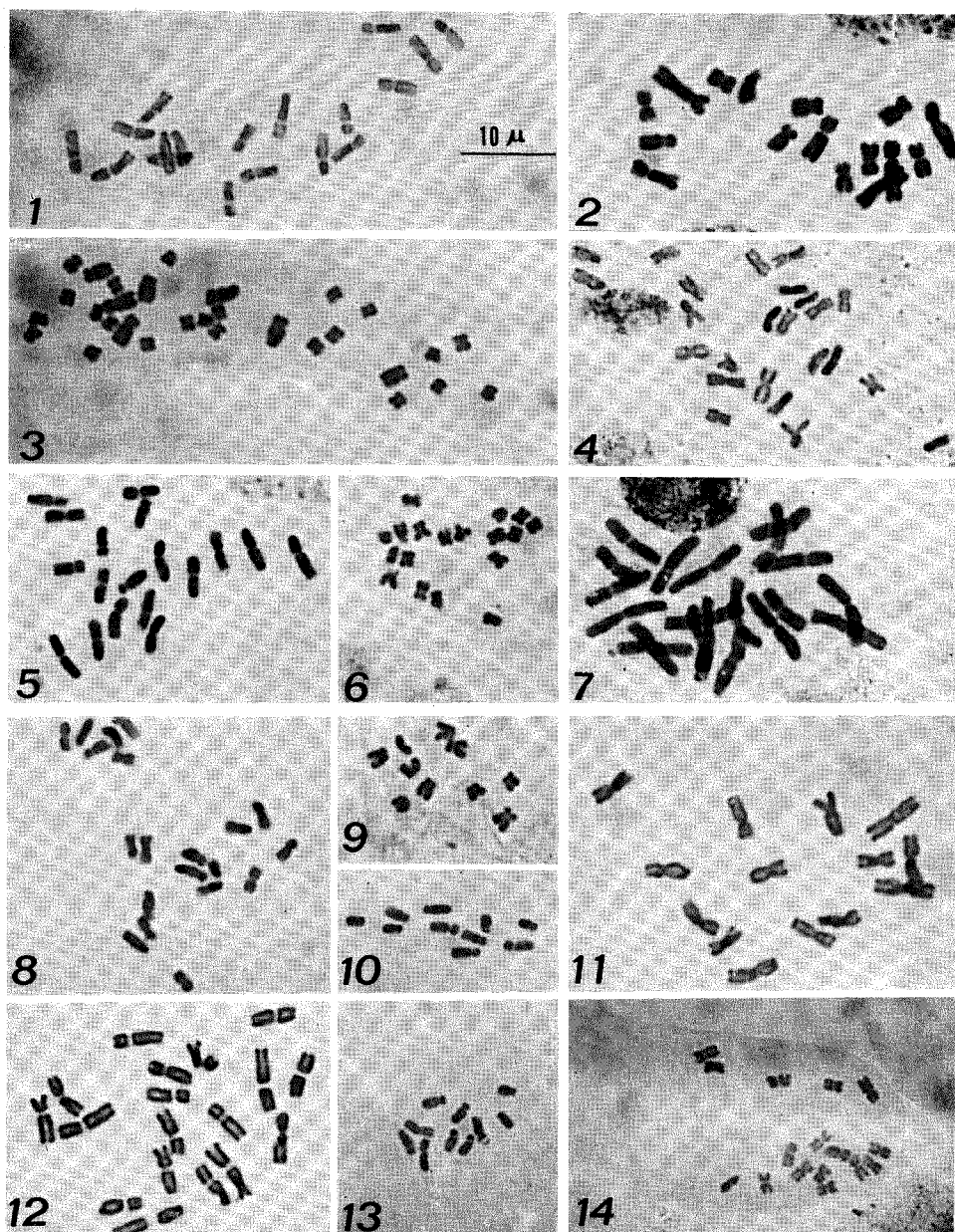


Plate 1. Microphotographs of somatic chromosomes of Taiwan Compositae

- Fig. 1. *Aster takasagomentanus* Sasaki, $2n=18$. Fig. 2. *Blumea riparia* (Bl.) DC. var. *megacephala* Randeria, $2n=16$. Fig. 3. *Blumea* sp., $2n=30$. Fig. 4. *Glossogyne tenuifolia* Cass., $2n=24$. Fig. 5. *Chrysanthemum arisanense* Hay., $2n=18$. Fig. 6. *Crossostephium chinense* (L.) Makino, $2n=18$. Fig. 7. *Gynura japonica* (Thunb.) Juel var. *flava* (Hay.) Kitam., $2n=20$. Fig. 8. *Senecio scandens* Buch.-Ham. ex D. Don, $2n=20$. Fig. 9. *Crepidiastrum lanceolatum* (Houtt.) Nakai, $2n=10$. Fig. 10. *Crepidiastrum taiwanianum* Nakai, $2n=10$. Fig. 11. *Ixeris laevigata* (Bl.) Sch.-Bip. ex Maxim., $2n=14$. Fig. 12. *Lactuca sororia* Miq., $2n=18$. Fig. 13. *Picris hieracioides* L. subsp. *ohwiana* (Kitam.) Kitam., $2n=10$. Fig. 14. *Taraxacum formosanum* Kitam., $2n=16$.

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