Peeling Back the Layers: First Phylogenomic Insights into the Ledebouriinae (Scilloideae, Asparagaceae)

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Abstract

The Ledebouriinae (Scilloideae, Asparagaceae) are a widespread group of bulbous geophytes found predominantly throughout seasonal climates in sub-Saharan Africa, with a handful of taxa in Madagascar, the Middle East, India, and Sri Lanka. Phylogenetic relationships within the group have been historically difficult to elucidate. Here, we provide the first phylogenomic perspective into the Ledebouriinae. Using the Angiosperms353 targeted enrichment probe set, we consistently recovered four major clades (i.e., two *Ledebouria* clades, *Drimiopsis*, and *Resnova*). The two *Ledebouria* clades closely align with geography, either consisting almost entirely of sub-Saharan African taxa (*Ledebouria* Clade A), or East African and non-African taxa

(*Ledebouria* Clade B). Our results suggest that the Ledebouriinae likely underwent a rapid

radiation leading to rampant incomplete lineage sorting. We additionally find evidence for

potential historical hybridization between *Drimiopsis* and a subclade within *Ledebouria* Clade A.

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1. Introduction

Africa houses an enormous diversity of plants found across a range of habitats from tropical

rainforests to arid landscapes (Couvreur et al., 2020; Linder, 2014). Still, there remain numerous,

understudied African taxa that may refine hypotheses regarding evolution within Africa (e.g., the

Rand Flora (Pokorny et al., 2015), the "arid track" (Balinsky, 1962), or showcase their own

distinct patterns. One such group is the hyacinths (Scilloideae, Asparagaceae; formerly

Hyacinthaceae; APG IV (The Angiosperm Phylogeny Group, 2016)), which consist of

approximately 1,000 bulbous geophytes found throughout seasonal climates in Africa, as well as

Madagascar, Europe, the Middle East, India, Sri Lanka, and South America (Speta, 1998).

Digging into the evolution of the Scilloideae has improved our understanding of historical

biogeography in Africa (Ali et al., 2013; Buerki et al., 2012), polyploidy (Jang et al., 2018), and

ecology (Johnson et al., 2001; Vogel and Müller-Doblies, 2011). Unfortunately, the group

overall remains largely understudied. To date, many clades within the Scilloideae have received

varying degrees of phylogenetic and systematic attention (e.g., Ledebouriinae, Massonieae,

Ornithogaloideae; (Lebatha et al., 2006; Martínez-Azorín et al., 2011; Pfosser et al., 2003; Venter,

2008); among many others), but most have been limited in taxonomic and/or geographic

coverage. Large phylogenomic applications are almost nonexistent (Steele et al., 2012). To

showcase the value of focusing attention on understudied groups such as the Scilloideae, we

investigate the phylogenomic space of one of its subclades—the Ledebouriinae—the

evolutionary relationships of which have been historically difficult to reconstruct.

The Ledebouriinae are widespread across sub-Saharan Africa, found predominantly

within the "arid track" (Balinsky, 1962), with a handful of taxa in Madagascar, Yemen, India and

Sri Lanka (Fig. 1a; (Giranje and Nandikar, 2016; Venter, 1993). The current center of diversity is

the Limpopo, Mpumalanga, and KwaZulu-Natal regions of South Africa (Venter, 1993), with a

secondary center in East Africa (Lebatha et al., 2006; Lebatha, 2004), both of which may simply

reflect a geographic bias in our understanding of Ledebouriinae diversity. For example,

throughout the distribution of the Ledebouriinae, studies continue to reveal undescribed diversity

within the group (Howard, 2014; Ramana et al., 2012). Taxonomically, the group currently

consists of *Ledebouria* Roth with two sections: *Drimiopsis* (Lindl. & Paxton) J.C. Manning &

Goldblatt and *Resnova* (Van der Merwe) J.C. Manning & Goldblatt (Manning and Goldblatt,

2012; Manning, 2020; Manning et al., 2003). However, taxonomic concepts still vary and a lack

of consistency in the hypotheses generated by phylogenetic studies has resulted in disagreements

regarding the nature of the Ledebouriinae and whether this group includes one or more distinct

entities (Lebatha et al., 2006; Manning et al., 2003). Historically, *Ledebouria* and *Drimiopsis*

Lindl. & Paxton were classified as separate taxa, and *Drimiopsis* enjoyed its own identity for

some time (Goldblatt et al., 2012; Lebatha et al., 2006; Müller-Doblies and Müller-Doblies,

2008). The status of *Resnova* van der Merwe, on the other hand, has always been in question

(Goldblatt et al., 2012; Lebatha et al., 2006; Manning, 2020; Manning et al., 2003).

Distinguishing characteristics of the three taxa at the generic level are few, but differences in

floral morphology have been and remain to be the main characters used when determining the

identity of a taxon. *Ledebouria* flowers often display fully reflexed tepals that surround a

stipitate ovary, with a stem subtending the ovary and attaching it to the remaining floral

structure. *Drimiopsis* flowers have connate, dimorphic tepals that often result in the flower

having a closed appearance, and they lack a stipitate ovary (Hankey, 2003). *Resnova* ovaries also

lack a stem, and flowers tend to have intermediate tepal morphology between *Ledebouria* and

Drimiopsis, resulting in an often bell-shaped (campanulate) flower appearance. Leaf and bulb

characters display considerable variation and have thus far been unreliable for use in

identification of *Ledebouria*, *Drimiopsis* and *Resnova* (Lebatha et al., 2006), but have some

significance for identifying a specimen within each taxon (i.e., distinguishing between species)

(e.g., Fig. 2) (Lebatha, 2004; Manning, 2020; Venter, 1993). Currently, there are 64 *Ledebouria*, 14

Drimiopsis, and six *Resnova* species accepted (POWO, 2019). Phylogenetically, difficulties in

reconstructing the relationships within the Ledebouriinae have stemmed from morphological

homoplasy (e.g., leaf maculation) (Lebatha et al., 2006), the use of a small number of molecular

markers with low information content (Lebatha et al., 2006; Manning et al., 2003), the lack of robust

phylogenetic methods (Pfosser et al., 2003; Wetschnig et al., 2007), and the inclusion of a small

fraction of the taxonomic and geographic diversity of the group. These shortcomings have

resulted in various conclusions regarding the monophyly of taxa, ranging from debating the

monophyly of each lineage (monophyletic; Lebatha et al. 2006, or polyphyletic;(Pfosser et al.,

2003) to the taxonomic lumping of each lineage into a broadly circumscribed *Ledebouria*

(Manning et al., 2003). These limitations also constrain our ability to detect confounding factors

that have likely impacted the evolutionary history of the Ledebouriinae, which may be why it has

been difficult to confidently reconstruct it.

Based on previous dating analyses (Ali et al., 2012; Buerki et al., 2012), we hypothesize

that the Ledebouriinae have experienced a rapid radiation(s). These studies suggest that the

group originated during a time (i.e., within the last 30 My) when Africa was undergoing major

climatic and geological shifts (e.g., increasing seasonality, orogenic activity) (Bobe, 2006;

Jacobs, 2004; Partridge and Maud, 1987), and the bulbous geophytic habit may have allowed the

Ledebouriinae to capitalize on such conditions (Howard et al., 2019). Additionally, hybridization

and polyploidy within and between groups has been documented (Lebatha et al., 2006; Stedje

and Nordal, 1987), which present further complications in reconstructing the evolutionary

history of the group. Therefore, to recover a well-supported phylogenetic hypothesis for the

Ledebouriinae, the use of a large, genomic dataset consisting of rapidly evolving markers is

likely needed. Unfortunately, the group lacks the necessary genomic resources to develop a

custom probe set. However, broadly applicable targeted-capture kits (Breinholt et al., 2021;

Johnson et al., 2019) have been instrumental in bringing understudied groups, like the

Ledebouriinae, to the phylogenomic playing field (Dodsworth et al., 2019).

Here, we provide the first phylogenomic insights into the Ledebouriinae by applying a

HybSeq/targeted enrichment approach using the Angiosperms353 probe set, which has been

effective in uncovering relationships at both deep and shallow scales (Larridon et al., 2019). The

use of this probe set circumvents the lack of genomic resources that plagues the Ledebouriinae

and allows future studies to leverage our dataset, which will enable continual refinement of the

phylogenetic understanding of this group as well as the Scilloideae. We include samples from

across the distribution of the group using both field-collected and museum-based specimens to

investigate putative lineages within the Ledebouriinae (i.e., *Ledebouria*, *Drimiopsis* and

Resnova) as well as potential reasons for discordance.

2. Materials and methods

2.1 Taxon sampling

Plants of Ledebouriinae were collected from the field in 2012 (Namibia), 2014 (Namibia), and

2017 (Tanzania, Zambia, and Namibia). Of the described Ledebouriinae species, we included 19

Ledebouria, six *Drimiopsis*, and three *Resnova*. Many *Ledebouria* samples included in our

analyses are undescribed and are actively being studied for taxonomic description; similarly, we

were unable to determine the status of other collections due to a lack of representative samples

(e.g., they have only been collected at one site) coupled with a lack of flower morphology (i.e.,

plants have yet to flower ex situ), but their geographic distribution or unique leaf and/or bulb

morphology warranted inclusion. Leaves of each sample were dried in silica gel for DNA

extractions. Herbarium material from four institutions (Missouri Botanical Gardens, Uppsala's

Evolutionsmuseet Botanik, Sweden Museum of Natural History, and The Royal Botanic

Gardens, Kew, DNA Bank, https://www.kew.org/data/dnaBank/) were also included.

Additionally, silica-dried leaf material from specimens with known provenance were generously

donated from private collections. Our final dataset included 94 Ledebouriinae samples from

across the distribution of the group as well as two outgroup taxa (*Massonia* cf. *depressa* Houtt.

and *Lachenalia aloides* var. *quadricolor* (Jacq.) Engl.). See Table S1 for the specimen list with

associated collection and locality information.

2.2 DNA extraction and probe selection

DNA extraction was carried out using a modified CTAB approach for all samples (Cullings,

1992; Doyle and Doyle, 1987). Extractions were quantified in a Qubit 2.0 (Invitrogen, Carlsbad,

California, USA) using Qubit dsDNA Broad Range Assay Kit (Cat#: Q32850) following the

manufacturer's protocol. DNA concentrations were standardized between 30 – 75 ng/uL either

by diluting solutions with deionized water or performing additional DNA extractions for later

concentration. Afterwards, to ensure DNA was present, 37 random samples were visualized on a

2% agarose gel. Approximately 50 uL of each sample was sent to RAPiD Genomics

(Gainesville, Florida, USA) for library preparation and DNA sequencing on an Illumina HiSeq

2000 sequencer (Illumina, San Diego, California, USA) using 2 x 150 bp chemistry. The

Angiosperms353 v.1 target capture kit (Johnson et al., 2018) was purchased from Arbor

Biosciences (Arbor Biosciences, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA) and used for targeted enrichment

of each sample. Two 8-reactions of the Angiosperms353 probes were used, which resulted in six

libraries for each sample.

2.3 Sequence cleaning, assembly, and alignment

All analyses were run on the HiPerGator SLURM supercomputing cluster housed at the

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, USA. Raw sequences were filtered and had adapters

trimmed using SECAPR v1.1.12 (Andermann et al., 2018; Faircloth, 2016). After adjusting

parameters and re-running SECAPR several times, as performed in the tutorial

(https://htmlpreview.github.io/?https://raw.githubusercontent.com/AntonelliLab/seqcap_processo

r/master/docs/documentation/subdocs/cleaning_trimming.html), we required a minimum length

of 60, a simple clip threshold of 4, a palindrome clip threshold of 20, a trailing quality of 40,

seed mismatches 4, and a head crop of 10. Reads were assembled using HybPiper v1.3.1

(Johnson et al., 2016) with default settings, except BWA (Li and Durbin, 2009) was used for

read mapping. Samples with paralogs were investigated using the HybPiper scripts

paraloginvestigator.py and paralogretriever.py. For each locus with paralog issues, we generated

alignments using MAFFT v7.407 (Katoh and Standley, 2013) followed by tree reconstruction

using FastTree v2.1.7 (Price et al., 2010). This resulted in 10 loci being removed from further

processing. Supercontig sequences were assembled using the intronerate.py script in HybPiper.

Sequence alignment of each individual supercontig was completed in MAFFT v7.407 (Katoh

and Standley, 2013) using --auto, --ep 0.123, and --op 2. Each alignment had columns containing

less than 15% occupancy removed using the pxclsq command of phyx (Brown et al., 2017).

Alignment statistics were summarized using the summary command implemented in AMAS

(Borowiec, 2016).

2.4 Phylogenetic Analyses

We constructed two datasets composed of supercontig sequences (i.e., consensus

sequences for each targeted locus including intronic and exonic regions). The full dataset

included all samples regardless of missing data. The second dataset included taxa with less than

70% missing data in the supermatrix alignment (i.e., <= 70% gaps/ambiguities; referred to as

Taxa70), a threshold that has previously been shown to improve resolution (Shah et al., 2021).

Both datasets were analyzed using a concatenated alignment with a corresponding partition file

in IQ-TREE v2.0-rc1 (Nguyen et al., 2015), which were produced using pxcat from phyx (Brown

et al., 2017). A partitioned phylogenetic analysis was performed using the GENESITE

partitioning analyses (--sampling GENESITE) (Gadagkar et al., 2005; Hoang et al., 2018), which

helps reduce chances of overestimating bootstrap support. We implemented the ultrafast

bootstrap approximation (UFBoot2) (Hoang et al., 2018) as well as an SH-like approximate

likelihood ratio test (SH-aLRT; (Guindon et al., 2010), each with 1000 replicates (-B 1000; -alrt

1000) to assess support. The best-fit partitioning scheme using the greedy algorithm of

PartitionFinder (Lanfear et al., 2012) with a relaxed clustering percentage of 10 (Lanfear et al.,

2014) followed by tree reconstruction (-m TESTMERGE; -rcluster 10) was used.

2.5 Discordance and concordance analyses

Recent studies have shown that high bootstrap support can be recovered for many clades despite

a low number of genes supporting a topology (Minh et al., 2020; Pease et al., 2018). Therefore,

we quantified discordance and concordance within our supercontig dataset using multiple

measures. First, we examined gene concordance factors (gCF; percentage of genes supporting

the input topology) and site concordance factors (sCF; percentage of sites informative for a

branch) as implemented in IQ-Tree v2.0-rc1 (Minh et al., 2020). Gene trees were generated from

the partition file (–S option) with 1000 ultrafast bootstraps to obtain support values across each

gene tree. The resulting concatenated species trees from the maximum likelihood analysis in

addition to the individual gene trees were used to calculate both gCF and sCF with 100 random

quartets in the sCF analysis (--scf 100).

        Quartet Sampling (QS) provides unique and more revealing information pertaining to the

potential causes behind discordance often prevalent in phylogenomic datasets (Pease et al.,

2018). QS measures quartet concordance (QC), quartet differential (QD), quartet informativeness

(QI) and taxon concordance (quartet fidelity; QF) (Pease et al., 2018). Quartet concordance (QC)

measures the relative support for a clade when comparing across quartets and can provide

evidence for the existence of an alternative topology. Positive values indicate concordance with

the focal tree and the sampled quartets, negative values indicate that a discordant topology is

most favored, and values of 0 indicate equal support among the different topologies sampled.

Quartet differential (QD) measures the amount of support for an alternative evolutionary history.

QD values of 1 indicate no skew in the proportion (no alternative evolutionary history), and

values of 0 indicate that all trees sampled come from one of the two alternative relationships.

Quartet informativeness (QI) indicates the amount of informative information available for a

branch. QI values of 1 indicate all quartets were informative, whereas values of 0 indicate low

informativeness for the branch. Lastly, quartet fidelity (QF) is a different measure of taxon's

"rogue-ness" in a data set. We examined Quartet Sampling (QS) values for both the full dataset

and Taxa70 dataset using the resulting phylogenies from IQ-Tree along with their corresponding

alignments and partition files. We ran 300 repetitions with a log-likelihood difference cutoff of 2

using the RAxML-NG v0.9.0 engine (Kozlov et al., 2019).

We further quantified and visualized discordance using DiscoVista (Sayyari et al., 2018),

which provides a number of visualizations for gene tree discordance. We specifically

investigated the number of gene trees that supported various clades within the Ledebouriinae.

We defined the four major clades recovered from IQ-Tree (i.e., Ledebouria Clade A, *Ledebouria*

Clade B, *Resnova*, and *Drimiopsis*) and investigated the number of gene trees that supported

their monophyly. We also defined different combinations of the four major clades and

investigated the number of gene trees that supported their monophyly (e.g., *Ledebouria* +

Resnova, *Ledebouria* + *Drimiopsis*, *Ledebouria* Clade A + *Ledebouria* Clade B, etc.). We also

investigated the number of gene trees that supported the inclusion of two taxa/samples within

different clades of the phylogeny. These taxa, which were *Drimiopsis botryoides* subsp.

botryoides CCH153 Tanzania, and *Ledebouria* sp. 1 Mozambique (Fig. 4), were studied in detail

based on the results from SVDQuartets (below). We used the Taxa70 gene trees as input for the

DiscoVista visualizations using a bootstrap cutoff value of 85 but recognizing that UFBoot

recommends values above 95 be considered as strongly supported.

2.6 Species tree estimation

To obtain a species tree while also accounting for potential instances of incomplete lineage

sorting, we used ASTRAL III v5.6.2 (Zhang et al., 2018). We used the fully resolved gene trees

for both the full and Taxa70 datasets that were built using maximum likelihood as implemented

in IQ-Tree v2.0-rc1.

ASTRAL uses gene trees as input, which can compound errors made during the

alignment and tree building steps and does not incorporate information found in the alignment

itself. To address these concerns, we used singular value decomposition quartet species-tree

estimation (SVDQuartets) as implemented in PAUP* v4.0a (Swofford, 2001), which directly

uses the alignment files for species tree reconstruction under the multi-species coalescent model

while accounting for processes such as incomplete lineage sorting (Chifman and Kubatko, 2014).

We input both the full dataset and Taxa70 dataset, each with their corresponding partition files.

We ran an exhaustive search and assessed support using 100 bootstrap replicates in PAUP*

(Swofford, 2001).

2.7 Hybridization analyses

Based on a comparison of results from the species-tree analyses as well as manual gene

tree inspection, we suspected that historical gene flow may have occurred within the

Ledebouriinae (i.e., we found that *Drimiopsis botryoides* subsp. *botryoides* CCH153 was nested

within *Ledebouria* Clade A in 36% of the gene trees). To investigate potential reticulation within

this clade, we used a pseudolikelihood approach as implemented in SNaQ (Solís-Lemus and

Ané, 2016). This method estimates a network while accounting for incomplete lineage sorting

and allowing for gene flow to occur. We ran three separate analyses allowing for zero to three

hybridization events (hmax = 0, 1, 2). We used the log pseudolikelihood profile of these runs to

distinguish between the best fitting model. As input, we used the Taxa70 gene trees from IQ-

Tree to limit noise introduced by missing data. Hybridization analyses are still computationally

demanding on large datasets (20+ tips), therefore, we subsampled ten tips from the phylogeny

and conducted ten separate analyses on these reduced datasets. We included the suspected

Drimiopsis CCH153 sample in each analysis as well as one additional randomly selected tip

from the *Drimiopsis*, *Resnova*, and *Ledebouria* Clade B, and one outgroup taxon (i.e.,

Massonia). Because the suspected *Drimiopsis* sample was frequently nested within *Ledebouria*

Clade A, each of our replicates included five random samples from this clade as a way to more

precisely determine the location within *Ledebouria* Clade A where the hybrid edge(s) may occur.

All replicate SNaQ analyses were conducted with 10 replicates on a random starting tree. Quartet

concordance factors were summarized from gene trees inferred with IQ-Tree.

3. Results

3.1 Sequence capture

Of our 96 samples submitted for sequencing, 95 were returned. One herbarium specimen failed

library preparation. An additional three samples failed to return sufficient coverage. Of the

remaining 92 samples, percent on-target reads ranged from 1.9% to 29% (mean = 11%). The

number of genes with contigs ranged from 12 – 348 (mean = 298). The number of genes per

sample with sequences ranged from 4 – 348 (mean = 254). From the 353 targeted genes, we

recovered 335 for our 92 samples after removing loci with insufficient data and paralogy

concerns. Sample completeness per locus ranged from three to 91 samples with no gene

recovered for every sample. Average supercontig length was 739 bp (min = 96, max = 2796).

After alignment and trimming, individual gene alignment length ranged from 339 to 7593 bp,

missing data per alignment was 24 – 63%, proportion of variable sites ranged from 6.4 – 95.3%,

and proportion of parsimony informative sites ranged from 0 – 82.2%. Overall, herbarium

samples contained the highest percentage of missing data compared to samples obtained from

silica-dried leaf tissue (Fig. S1; Table S2).

3.2 Maximum likelihood and species tree estimation

Regardless of the full dataset including a significant amount of missing data, the four

major clades (i.e., *Ledebouria* Clade A, *Resnova*, *Ledebouria* Clade B, *Drimiopsis*) received

overall high support according to SH-aLRT, ultrafast bootstrap (UFBoot), and local posterior

probability (LPP) (Table 1, Fig. 3, Figs. S1 – S4). Our analyses consistently recovered a

polyphyletic *Ledebouria*, with each *Ledebouria* clade sister to either *Resnova* or *Drimiopsis* (Fig.

2). However, two results warrant attention. First, in the full dataset, we found a polyphyletic

Resnova (Fig. S1) with low LPP (Fig. S3). After the removal of one herbarium sample, *Resnova*

lachenalioides, that consistently jumped across clades potentially due to missing data (compare

Figs. S2, S3, S10), we found increased support for a monophyletic *Resnova* across all estimates

(Table 1, Fig. 3, Figs. S4, S5). Second, *Drimiopsis* + *Ledebouria* Clade B recovered overall high

support except in the full dataset (Table 1, Figs. S2, S3). Using all samples, we found low

support for *Ledebouria* Clade B in terms of the placement of *Ledebouria* sp. 1 Mozambique (Fig.

3, Table 1, Figs. S2, S3). The subclade sister to this sample shows higher but still low support in

the full dataset (Figs. S1, S2). In the Taxa70 dataset, we find stronger support for *Drimiopsis* +

Ledebouria Clade B (Figs. S3, S4). Support increases further for *Drimiopsis* + *Ledebouria* Clade

B, as well as for *Ledebouria* Clade B after the removal of *Ledebouria* sp. 1 Mozambique (Table

1, Figs. S6, S7). Some of the lowest SH-aLRT and UFBoot support values are found along the

backbone of a subclade in *Ledebouria* Clade A (i.e., the clade sister to *Ledebouria* sp. CCH003).

Similar results are also shown in the ASTRAL topology with some of the lowest LPP values, the

same shortest internal branches, and differences in topology compared to the maximum

likelihood tree (Fig. 3; Figs. S3, S5).

307   SVDQuartets largely agrees with IQ-Tree and ASTRAL for both the full dataset and

Taxa70 dataset (Figs. S10, S12). However, *Resnova lachenalioides* was nested within

Ledebouria Clade B in the full dataset (Fig. S10). In both the full dataset and Taxa70 dataset,

Ledebouria sp. 1 Mozambique was placed sister to the remaining Ledebouriinae. Topological

differences were found between the SVDQuartet tree and the SVDQuartet bootstrap consensus

tree in the Taxa70 dataset (Figs. S12, S13). The Taxa70 SVDQuartet bootstrap tree recovered

Drimiopsis as sister to *Resnova* + *Ledebouria* Clade A, but with the lowest bootstrap support of

all the nodes (Fig. S13).

3.3 Discordance and concordance

We found relatively low gene (gCF) and site (sCF) concordance factors for many nodes in both

the full and Taxa70 datasets (Table 1; Figs. S1, S4). A notable improvement in support values

was recovered for *Ledebouria* Clade B with the removal of *Ledebouria* sp. 1 Mozambique

(Table 1; Fig. S6). Quartet concordance values were mostly positive for the four major clades

(Table 1; Figs. S8, S9), but values were low for most backbone branches indicating close to

equal levels of concordance and discordance among the quartets for the branch of interest

Quartet differential (QD) values were regularly above .5, indicating somewhat similar

frequencies of the three possible topologies for a branch (Table 1; Figs. S8, S9). Quartet

informativeness (QI) indicated low informativeness of the quartets for the topology, reflecting

the results of sCF (Table 1; Figs. S8, S9). DiscoVista reported only one gene tree that supports a

monophyletic *Ledebouria* (Fig. 4b; Table S3). 126 gene trees supported a monophyletic

Resnova, 103 genes supported a monophyletic *Drimiopsis*, nine genes supported *Ledebouria*

Clade A, 16 genes supported a monophyletic *Ledebouria* Clade B. When *Ledebouria* sp. 1

Mozambique was excluded from *Ledebouria* Clade B, 47 genes supported its monophyly. 27

genes support *Ledebouria* sp. 1 Mozambique as an outgroup taxon. 17 gene trees support

Drimiopsis + Ledebouria Clade B, and 16 gene trees support *Resnova + Ledebouria* Clade A.

Full outputs plus clade definitions used as input for DiscoVista can be found in the Dryad

repository (**FOR REVIEW ONLY**: https://datadryad.org/stash/share/hZprQ-

ukfTvIxPNT9XSCe3WfZ0rGexqaNf3POk2egsQ).

3.4 Hybridization

We found support for one hybridization event in our dataset (Table S4). In all ten replicate

analyses, a hybrid edge was inferred between *Drimiopsis botryoides* subsp. *botryoides* CCH153

and at least one taxon within *Ledebouria* Clade A. This compliments the DiscoVista results,

which showed that a surprisingly high number of gene trees placed *Drimiopsis botryoides* subsp.

botryoides CCH153 within a subclade of *Ledebouria* Clade A (Fig. 4b; Table S3). Each of the

Ledebouria Clade A samples implicated in gene flow mostly fall within a single subclade (Fig.

4). Interestingly, this *Ledebouria* subclade also has the lowest supported nodes within the entire

phylogeny (Fig. 3, 4a). If multiple samples from this subclade were included, often only one

sample was inferred as being involved in hybridization. We suspect the high amount of

discordance within this subclade to be contributing to the inability of the analysis to confidently

pinpoint where the potential hybridization event occurred.

4. Discussion

We provide the first phylogenomic insights into the Ledebouriinae. Four major clades

were recovered: *Ledebouria* Clade A, *Resnova*, *Drimiopsis*, and *Ledebouria* Clade B (Figs. 1b,

3, Figs. S2 – S7). The low number of informative genes coupled with coalescence and

concordance analyses suggest that incomplete lineage sorting (likely due to rapid radiations)

along the backbone of the group as indicated by short branch lengths, may have played a

significant role in the group's evolutionary history, a common theme in modern-day

phylogenomic studies (Morales-Briones et al., 2021; Stubbs et al., 2020; Thomas et al., 2021).

Our analyses also hint that historical hybridization may be contributing to further phylogenetic

discordance within the group, particularly within a subclade of *Ledebouria* Clade A (Fig. 4).

Past phylogenetic studies of the Ledebouriinae have recovered conflicting signal or low

resolution along the backbone of the group (Lebatha et al., 2006; Manning et al., 2003; Pfosser,

2012; Pfosser et al., 2003; Wetschnig et al., 2007). The focus of many of these studies has

largely been on whether *Drimiopsis* and *Resnova* constitute two distinct taxa or are deeply nested

within *Ledebouria* (Lebatha et al., 2006; Manning and Goldblatt, 2012; Manning et al., 2003).

The cladistic analysis of Lebatha et al. (2006) using morphological and molecular data supported

three distinct entities, and our results support the delimitation of *Drimiopsis* and *Resnova*. Both

lineages have easily distinguishing characteristics, such as tepal shape, stamen positioning, and

non-stipitate ovaries (Lebatha et al., 2006; Lebatha, 2004). However, in Lebatha et al. (2006),

Ledebouria sampling was restricted to South African taxa. When including additional

Ledebouria samples, multiple studies also found support (although weak) for a monophyletic

Drimiopsis and/or *Resnova*, but they also hinted at potential unknown lineage diversity within

Ledebouria as indicated by multiple clusters of *Ledebouria* samples (Pfosser et al., 2003; Stedje,

1998; Wetschnig et al., 2007). For example, Wetschnig et al. (2007) recovered two *Ledebouria*

clades, each one sister to either *Resnova* or *Drimiopsis*, with *Ledebouria floribunda* as sister to

the remaining Ledebouriinae. Here, we recovered a surprisingly similar topology, but the

Ledebouria clade containing samples from India and Madagascar are sister to *Drimiopsis*, not

Resnova as recovered by Wetschnig et al. (2007) (Fig. 1). Our results, along with past analyses,

suggest that perhaps a more appropriate goal from the start should have been uncovering

diversity within *Ledebouria* rather than debating the status of *Drimiopsis* and *Resnova*. We

recommend that attention should now shift to delimiting and interpreting the history of the

independent *Ledebouria* lineages as well as uncovering and describing more diversity.

Reconfiguring both the broad- and fine-scale taxonomy of the Ledebouriinae is beyond the scope

of this work, but our results lead us to question the status of *Ledebouria* sensu Manning (2003).

The current geographic distribution of the Ledebouriinae is reflected within the

phylogeny and provides clues as to potential historical factors that have shaped their evolution.

For example, the two *Ledebouria* clades overlap geographically in eastern Africa, which serves

as a melting pot, center of diversity, area of endemism, and biogeographical hub for many

different African plants and animals (Dagallier et al., 2020; Lebatha, 2004; Lorenzen et al., 2012;

Zhou et al., 2011). Similar processes that have potentially shaped the historical evolution of the

two *Ledebouria* clades (e.g., mountain building/increased aridity in eastern Africa) may have

also shaped the current diversity and distribution of *Drimiopsis*, which, based on our limited

sampling, consist of two clades: a South African clade, and a northern African clade (Fig. 1).

These two *Drimiopsis* clades can be distinguished by morphological traits (i.e., tepal

morphology) and ploidy level (i.e., East African *Drimiopsis* are polyploids) (Lebatha, 2004;

Stedje and Nordal, 1987). Surprisingly, SVDQuartets consistently, albeit with low support,

placed East African *Drimiopsis botryoides* subsp. *botryoides* (CCH153) within *Ledebouria*

Clade A. Our network analysis implicates this same taxon in a potential hybridization event

involving an ancestral taxon within *Ledebouria* Clade A (Fig. 4a; Fig. S13), and 15 gene trees

support and 48 gene trees weakly reject the placement of this *Drimiopsis* within the *Ledebouria*

subclade (Fig. 4b; Table S3). Today, sympatric populations of all Ledebouriinae can be found in

sub-Saharan Africa, with the highest levels in eastern South Africa (Lebatha, 2004; Venter,

1993). Therefore, it is not unreasonable to hypothesize that ancestral populations of *Drimiopsis*

and *Ledebouria* Clade A also overlapped in distribution leading to potential hybridization. The

results of our preliminary hybridization analysis and the knowledge that East African *Drimiopsis*

are known polyploids (Stedje and Nordal, 1987), leads us to suspect that hybridization may be at

play in these lineages. However, much greater sampling of *Drimiopsis* is needed to fully test any

hypotheses regarding historical hybridization within the Ledebouriinae, but our results certainly

provide areas worthy of further investigation.

409   Ledebouriinae taxa are continually being described (Cumming, 2018; Hankey, 2020;

Hankey et al., 2014), and enormous diversity remains to be introduced to the scientific

community (Fig. 2). For example, *Ledebouria scabrida* Jessop is the only taxon currently

described as endemic to Namibia (Jessop, 1973), but extensive fieldwork and our phylogenomic

results show that far more species diversity awaits formal description (Howard, 2014). This is

exemplified by *Ledebouria* sp. 1 Mozambique, whose placement has 1) low support in the IQ-

Tree and ASTRAL trees (Fig. 3), 2) has different placement in the IQ-Tree and SVDQuartet

trees (Fig. 3a, Figs. S10, S11), 3) has the lowest quartet fidelity value (i.e., a measure for rogue

taxa) of all the tips (Taxa70 dataset; Fig. S15), 4) is found sister to the Ledebouriinae in several

gene trees (Fig. 4b; Table S3), and 5) exhibits unique morphological characteristics compared to

currently known Ledebouriinae (e.g., seeds possess a rostrate hilum giving them a distinctive

pointed appearance; Fig. S16). Whether this accession represents a distinct Ledebouriinae

lineage requires further sampling and morphological characterization and is just one example of

the diversity awaiting description within the Ledebouriinae.

4.1 Conclusion

In this paper, we showcase the first phylogenomic analysis of the Ledebouriinae with the

most comprehensive taxon sampling to date. Our results showcase the value of extending the

phylogenomic repertoire even to groups with unexplored potential. Our use of the

Angiosperms353 probe set was vital for uncovering a revealing Ledebouriinae phylogeny, but a

custom probe set may prove even more informative. Our analyses suggest that gene tree conflict

due to incomplete lineage sorting and hybridization is prevalent within the phylogeny (Table 1;

Fig. 4), and several short backbone branches coupled with concordance factors suggest rapid

radiations (Fig. 3). Assessing the individual contribution of incomplete lineage sorting and

hybridization to the discordance found within the Ledebouriinae phylogeny remains to be fully

addressed. Increasing *Ledebouria* samples from Central and West Africa as well as significantly

improving sampling of *Resnova* and *Drimiopsis* will be necessary to fully capture the intricate

genomic evolution of the group. The role that incomplete lineage sorting and hybridization have

played in obscuring the evolutionary history of the Ledebouriinae present an exciting opportunity

for further study.

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Figure Captions

Figure 1. a) Localities of all samples included in this study (full dataset) overlaid on the general

distribution of the Ledebouriinae (dark gray polygon). Shapes and colors correspond to clades

shown in (b): *Ledebouria* Clade A (blue squares), *Ledebouria* clade B (purple diamonds),

Resnova (outlined orange diamonds), *Drimiopsis* (outlined yellow squares). b) Maximum

likelihood phylogenetic reconstruction of the Taxa70 dataset with the four major clades labeled.

Orange circles indicate nodes with SH-aLRT and ultrafast bootstrap values *below* 80 and 95,

respectively. Tips with a corresponding image in Fig. 2 are labeled.

Figure 2. Examples of 12 *Ledebouria* species included in the phylogeny that are currently

undetermined or undescribed, except for *L. cordifolia* (image l). These specimens showcase

some of the range in morphology within the group, especially floral. Numerous attempts have

been made to identify these specimens, but current species descriptions do not fit well. See Fig. 1

for each specimen's placement within the phylogeny. White bars next to each specimen indicate

a 1cm scale for that image. a) *Ledebouria* sp. CCH003 Namibia; b) *Ledebouria* sp. CCH073

Namibia; c) *Ledebouria* sp. CCH080 Namibia; d) *Ledebouria* sp. CCH145 Namibia; e)

Ledebouria sp. CCH121 Namibia; f) *Ledebouria* sp. CCH210 Namibia; g) *Ledebouria* sp.

CCH163 Tanzania; h) *Ledebouria* sp. CCH180 Zambia; i) *Ledebouria* sp. CCH109 Namibia; j)

Ledebouria sp. CCH230 Namibia; k) *Ledebouria* sp. CCH175 Zambia; l) *Ledebouria cordifolia*

CCH170 Zambia.

Figure 3. Phylogenetic reconstruction of the Taxa70 datasets using maximum likelihood as

implemented in IQ-Tree (a), and species tree estimation as implemented in ASTRAL III (b). a)

Orange circles indicate nodes with SH-aLRT and ultrafast bootstrap values below 80 and 95,

respectively. b) Pink polygons indicate nodes with local posterior probability (LPP) below .95.

Note, the same four major clades are recovered in both, with differences in relationships of

subclades and tips between the two analyses, particularly within *Ledebouria* Clade A.

Figure 4. Summary of hypothesized hybridization and phylogenetic discordance. a) Maximum

likelihood reconstruction with select clades collapsed for clarity; see Fig. 1 for the full Taxa70

phylogeny. Green stars indicate taxa identified as potentially involved in a hybridization event

with *Drimiopsis botryoides* subsp. *botryoides* CCH153 [green polygon] in randomly subsampled

replicate analyses. Given these results, we hypothesize an ancient hybridization event involving

an ancestor of this subclade. Orange circles indicate nodes with SH-aLRT and ultrafast bootstrap

values below 80 and 95, respectively. b) The number of relevant gene trees (i.e., those with the

clade(s) of interest) that support or reject clades of interest. The first three bars show the number

of gene trees that support the placement of *Ledebouria* sp. 1 Mozambique [phylogenetic

placement marked by a pink diamond in a] in relation to *Ledebouria* Clade B and the

Ledebouriinae. The middle four bars show the number of genes that support the placement of

Drimiopsis botryoides subsp. *botryoides* CCH153 within the subclade of *Ledebouria* Clade A

where an ancient hybridization event may have occurred. The last bar shows the number of gene

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Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. List of specimens used in this study. Specimens include only those

returned after adjusting for sequences coverage and removing sequences with paralogy warnings.

Supplementary Table 2. Gene recovery statistics per sample as output from HybPiper.

Supplementary Table 3. Number of gene trees that support or reject defined clades in DiscoVista.

See Fig. 3 for clades/samples defined in the analysis.

Supplementary Table 4. SNaQ likelihood values for each of the ten randomly sampled subsets of

the Ledebouriinae phylogeny when allowing 0 (H0) – 2 (H2) hybrid edges. Figure S14 shows the

ten subset phylogenies.

Supplementary Figures

Supplementary Figure 1. Heatmap visualization of gene recovery per sample output from

HybPiper.

Supplementary Figure 2. Maximum likelihood phylogenetic reconstruction using IQ-Tree of the

full dataset. Branch labels show SH-aLRT support value/Ultrafast bootstrap support value/gene

concordance factor/site concordance factor. Strong support is branches with SH-aLRT and

UFBoot values above 80 and 95, respectively.

Supplementary Figure 3. Species tree estimation of the full dataset inferred from ASTRAL.

Branch labels indicate local posterior probability (LPP) support values.

Supplementary Figure 4. Maximum likelihood phylogenetic reconstruction using IQ-Tree of the

Taxa70 dataset. Branch labels show SH-aLRT support value/Ultrafast bootstrap support

value/gene concordance factor/site concordance factor. Strong support is branches with SH-

aLRT and UFBoot values above 80 and 95, respectively.

Supplementary Figure 5. Species tree estimation of the Taxa70 dataset inferred from ASTRAL.

Branch labels indicate local posterior probability (LPP) support values.

Supplementary Figure 6. Maximum likelihood phylogenetic reconstruction using IQ-Tree of the

Taxa70 dataset with *Ledebouria* sp. 1 Mozambique removed from the analysis. Branch labels

show SH-aLRT support value/Ultrafast bootstrap support value/gene concordance factor/site

concordance factor. Strong support is branches with SH-aLRT and UFBoot values above 80 and

95, respectively.

Supplementary Figure 7. Species tree estimation of the Taxa70 dataset with *Ledebouria* sp. 1

Mozambique removed inferred from ASTRAL. Branch labels indicate local posterior probability

(LPP) support values.

Supplementary Figure 8. Maximum likelihood phylogeny with quartet sampling values drawn on

branches using the full dataset. Values on branches are quartet concordance (QC)/quartet

differential (QD)/quartet informativeness (QI).

Supplementary Figure 9. Maximum likelihood phylogeny with quartet sampling values drawn on

branches using the Taxa70 dataset. Values on branches are quartet concordance (QC)/quartet

differential (QD)/quartet informativeness (QI).

Supplementary Figure 10. Species tree estimation of the full dataset using singular value

decomposition quartet species-tree estimation (SVDQuartets). Phylogeny was reconstructed

using an exhaustive search.

Supplementary Figure 11. Species tree estimation of the full dataset using singular value

decomposition quartet species-tree estimation (SVDQuartets). Phylogeny was reconstructed

using an exhaustive search. Branch labels indicate bootstrap support from 100 bootstrap

replicates.

Supplementary Figure 12. Species tree estimation of the Taxa70 dataset using singular value

decomposition quartet species-tree estimation (SVDQuartets).

Supplementary Figure 13. Species tree estimation of the Taxa70 dataset using singular value

decomposition quartet species-tree estimation (SVDQuartets). Phylogeny was reconstructed

using an exhaustive search. Branch labels indicate bootstrap support from 100 bootstrap

replicates.

Supplementary Figure 14. SNaQ results from ten randomly sampled subsets of the

Ledebouriinae phylogeny. Network 1 reports results from analyses that allowed 1 hybrid edge

(h=1), and network 2 reports results from analyses that allowed up to 2 hybrid edges (h=2) for

each replicate. Dark blue lines indicate the major hybrid edge, light blue lines indicate the minor

edge. Inheritance probabilities are provided on the edges. Gray lines connect branches that are

rotated across the two phylogenies.

Supplementary Figure 15. Maximum likelihood phylogeny showing quartet fidelity (QF) values

for each of the samples in the Taxa70 dataset. Values represent a measure of taxon "rogueness",

that is, a measure of how much a tip jumps around a phylogeny.

Supplementary Figure 16. *Ledebouria* sp. 1 Mozambique (a) showing the pronounced rostrate

hilum that sets it apart from other Ledebouriinae (e.g., image b) that typically have more

spherical seeds.

	Dataset	*Ledebouria* Clade A + *Resnova*	*Ledebouria* Clade A	*Resnova*	*Ledebouria* Clade B + *Drimiopsis*	*Ledebouria* Clade B	*Drimiopsis*
UFBoot	Full	97	90	100	93	76	100
	Taxa70	100	100	100	95	70	100
	L. sp. 1 Moz removed	100	100	100	100	97.2	100
SH-aLRT	Full	100	97.7	100	98.9	15.9	100
	Taxa70	100	99	100	99.6	14.3	100
	L. sp. 1 Moz removed	100	98.8	100	100	100	100
LPP	Full	1	0.97	0.34	0.91	0.62	1
	Taxa 70	1	0.95	1	0.96	0.74	1
	L. sp. 1 Moz removed	1	0.93	1	0.98	1	1
gCF	Full	3.67	2.56	44.2	3.57	2.78	26.8
	Taxa70	4.67	2.56	46.6	4.87	3.47	32.7
	L. sp. 1 Moz removed	5.67	2.56	47	4.55	16	34
sCF	Full	38.8	34.3	59.7	32.4	36.1	44.8
	Taxa70	40	37.7	65.1	34.3	36.5	55.5
	L. sp. 1 Moz removed	39.5	38	64.3	33.9	38.5	54.1
QC	Full	0.035	0.031	0.32	0.019	-0.017	0.37

Table 1. Support value measures, gene concordance factor (gCF), site concordance factor (sCF),
and quartet sampling measures for the four major clades recovered. Full shows values for the full
dataset, Taxa70 reports values for the Taxa70 dataset, and *L.* sp. 1 Moz removed shows values
when *Ledebouria* sp. 1 Mozambique is removed from the analyses. Support measures are
ultrafast bootstrap (UFBoot), SH-like approximate likelihood ratio test (SH-aLRT), and local
posterior probability (LPP). Support measures are those recovered using the GENESITE
partition resampling measure in IQ-Tree. Gene concordance factor (gCF) is expressed as the
percentage of genes that support a given topology, site concordance factor (sCF) is expressed as
the number of sites informative for a branch. Quartet sampling measures include quartet
concordance (QC), quartet differential (QD), and quartet informativeness (QI). See Pease et al.
(2018) for a detailed explanation of these measures.

a)

b)

L. sp. CCH067 Namibia
L. sp. CCH080 Namibia *Fig. 2c*
L. sp. CCH121 Namibia *Fig. 2e*
L. sp. CCH226 Namibia
L. sp. CCH145 Namibia *Fig. 2d*
L. sp. CCH149 Namibia
L. sp. CCH073 Namibia *Fig. 2b*
L. sp. CCH066 Namibia
L. sp. CCH230 Namibia *Fig. 2j*
L. crispa South Africa
L. leptophylla South Africa
L. revoluta South Africa
L. coriacea South Africa
L. galpinii South Africa
L. ovatifolia subsp. scabrida South Africa
L. sp. CCH183 Zambia
L. sp. CCH186 Zambia
L. sp. CCH191 Tanzania
L. sp. CCH174 Zambia
L. sp. CCH175 Zambia *Fig. 2k*
L. sp. CCH163 Tanzania *Fig. 2g*
L. sp. Uganda
L. sp. CCH195 Tanzania
L. sp. CCH180 Zambia *Fig. 2h*
L. sp. CCH178 Zambia
L. sp. 2 Zimbabwe
L. sp. CCH092 Namibia
L. sp. CCH210 Namibia *Fig. 2f*
L. sp. CCH101 Namibia
L. sp. CCH003 Namibia *Fig. 2a*
L. sp. South Africa
L. undulata Namibia
L. sp. CCH084 Namibia
L. sp. CCH218 Namibia
L. scabrida CCH069 Namibia
L. sp. CCH251 Namibia
L. sp. CCH016 Namibia
L. sp. CCH027 Namibia
L. sp. CCH109 Namibia *Fig. 2i*
L. aff. cremnophila South Africa
L. sp. CCH164 Tanzania
L. sp. CCH190 Zambia
L. cordifolia CCH170 Zambia *Fig. 2l*
L. cordifolia CCH177 Zambia
L. sp. 1 Zimbabwe
L. sp. 2 Mozambique
L. sp. Madagascar
L. concolor South Africa
L. caesiomontana South Africa

Ledebouria
Clade A

R. sp. Eswatini
R. sp. South Africa
R. megaphylla South Africa

Resnova

L. revoluta 1 Sri Lanka
L. revoluta 2 Sri Lanka
L. revoluta India
L. kirkii Tanzania
L. sp. CCH161 Tanzania
L. yemensis Yemen
L. grandifolia Socotra
L. sp. CCH171 Zambia
L. sp. CCH172 Zambia
L. sp. CCH168 Zambia
L. sp. CCH173 Zambia
L. sp. 1 Mozambique

Ledebouria
Clade B

D. atropurpurea South Africa
D. burkei South Africa
D. davidsoniae South Africa
D. linioseta South Africa
D. doleritica nom. nud. 1 South Africa
D. botryoides subsp. botryoides Tanzania
D. botryoides subsp. prostrata Tanzania
D. botryoides Burundi

Drimiopsis

Lachenalia aloides var. quadricolor

Massonia cf. depressa South Africa

0.04

a)

Ledebouria sp. CCH087 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH080 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH121 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH226 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH145 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH149 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH073 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH088 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH066 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH230 Namibia
Ledebouria crispa South Africa
Ledebouria sp. CCH100 Namibia
Ledebouria leptophylla South Africa
Ledebouria revoluta South Africa
Ledebouria coriacea South Africa
Ledebouria galpinii South Africa
Ledebouria ovatifolia subsp. *scabrida* South Africa
Ledebouria sp. CCH183 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH180 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH167 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH191 Tanzania
Ledebouria sp. CCH174 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH175 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH163 Tanzania
Ledebouria sp. 2 Zimbabwe
Ledebouria sp. 1 Uganda
Ledebouria sp. CCH195 Tanzania
Ledebouria sp. CCH180 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH178 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. 2 Zimbabwe
Ledebouria sp. CCH092 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH210 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH101 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH093 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. South Africa
Ledebouria sp. CCH684 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. *undulata* Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH18 Namibia
Ledebouria scabrida CCH069 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH251 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH16 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH027 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH109 Namibia
Ledebouria aff. *cremnophila* South Africa
Ledebouria sp. CCH184 Tanzania
Ledebouria sp. CCH190 Zambia
Ledebouria cordifolia CCH170 Zambia
Ledebouria cordifolia CCH177 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. 1 Zimbabwe
Ledebouria sp. 2 Mozambique
Ledebouria sp. Madagascar
Ledebouria socialis South Africa
Ledebouria concolor South Africa
Ledebouria cawstoniana South Africa

Ledebouria Clade A

Resnova sp. Eswatini
Resnova sp. South Africa
Resnova megaphylla South Africa

Resnova

Ledebouria revoluta 1 Sri Lanka
Ledebouria revoluta 2 Sri Lanka
Ledebouria revoluta India
Ledebouria kirkii Tanzania
Ledebouria sp. CCH181 Tanzania
Ledebouria yemensis Yemen
Ledebouria grandifolia Socotra
Ledebouria sp. CCH171 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH172 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH168 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH173 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. 1 Mozambique

Ledebouria Clade B

Drimiopsis atropurpurea South Africa
Drimiopsis burkei South Africa
Drimiopsis davidsoniae South Africa
Drimiopsis linioata South Africa
Drimiopsis dolomiticus nom. nud. 1 South Africa
Drimiopsis botryoides subsp. *botryoides* CCH153 Tanzania
Drimiopsis botryoides subsp. *prostrata* CCH160 Tanzania
Drimiopsis botryoides Burundi

Drimiopsis

Lachenalia aloides var. *quadricolor* South Africa

Massonia cf. *depressa* South Africa

0.04

b)

Ledebouria sp. CCH087 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH080 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH121 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH226 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH145 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH149 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH073 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH066 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH230 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH210 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH092 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH186 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH163 Tanzania
Ledebouria sp. CCH178 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH191 Tanzania
Ledebouria sp. 1 Uganda
Ledebouria sp. CCH175 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH180 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH178 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. 2 Zimbabwe
Ledebouria leptophylla South Africa
Ledebouria crispa South Africa
Ledebouria revoluta South Africa
Ledebouria coriacea South Africa
Ledebouria ovatifolia subsp. *scabrida* South Africa
Ledebouria galpinii South Africa
Ledebouria sp. CCH100 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH093 Namibia
Ledebouria undulata Namibia
Ledebouria scabrida CCH069 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH684 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH218 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH251 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH16 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH027 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH109 Namibia
Ledebouria aff. *cremnophila* South Africa
Ledebouria cordifolia CCH170 Zambia
Ledebouria cordifolia CCH177 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH184 Tanzania
Ledebouria sp. CCH190 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. 1 Zimbabwe
Ledebouria sp. Madagascar
Ledebouria socialis South Africa
Ledebouria concolor South Africa
Ledebouria cawstoniana South Africa

Resnova sp. South Africa
Resnova sp. Eswatini
Resnova megaphylla South Africa

Ledebouria revoluta 1 Sri Lanka
Ledebouria revoluta 2 Sri Lanka
Ledebouria revoluta India
Ledebouria kirkii Tanzania
Ledebouria sp. CCH181 Tanzania
Ledebouria yemensis Yemen
Ledebouria grandifolia Socotra
Ledebouria sp. CCH171 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH172 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH168 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH173 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. 1 Mozambique

Drimiopsis davidsoniae South Africa
Drimiopsis linioata South Africa
Drimiopsis burkei South Africa
Drimiopsis dolomiticus nom. nud. 1 South Africa
Drimiopsis atropurpurea South Africa
Drimiopsis botryoides subsp. *prostrata* CCH160 Tanzania
Drimiopsis botryoides subsp. *botryoides* CCH153 Tanzania
Drimiopsis botryoides Burundi

Lachenalia aloides var. *quadricolor* South Africa

Massonia cf. *depressa* South Africa

a)

Ledebouria sp. CCH067 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH080 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH121 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH226 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH145 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH149 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH073 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH066 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH230 Namibia
Ledebouria crispa South Africa
Ledebouria leptophylla South Africa
Ledebouria revoluta South Africa
Ledebouria coriacea South Africa
Ledebouria galpinii South Africa
Ledebouria ovatifolia subsp. *scabrida* South Africa
Ledebouria sp. CCH183 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH186 Zambia

Ledebouria
subclade A

Ledebouria sp. CCH167 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH191 Tanzania
Ledebouria sp. CCH174 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH175 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH163 Tanzania
Ledebouria sp. Uganda
Ledebouria sp. CCH195 Tanzania
Ledebouria sp. CCH180 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. CCH178 Zambia
Ledebouria sp. 2 Zimbabwe

Ledebouria
subclade B

Ledebouria sp. CCH092 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH210 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. CCH101 Namibia

Ledebouria
subclade C

Ledebouria sp. CCH003 Namibia
Ledebouria sp. South Africa
Ledebouria undulata Namibia

Ledebouria aff. cremnophila South Africa

Ledebouria caesiomontana South Africa

Ledebouria
Clade A

potential historical hybridization event

Resnova

Ledebouria Clade B

Ledebouria sp. 1 Mozambique

Drimiopsis

Drimiopsis botryoides subsp. *botryoides* CCH153 Tanzania
Drimiopsis botryoides subsp. *prostrata* CCH160 Tanzania
Drimiopsis botryoides Burundi

b)

Placement of
Ledebouria sp. 1 ◆

Inclusion of
Drimiopsis
CCH153 ⬡

Support for
monophyletic
Ledebouria

Proportion of relevant gene trees

1.00

0.75

0.50

0.25

0.00

Ledebouria Clade B
without *L.* sp. 1

Ledebouria sp. 1
sister to *Ledebouriinae*

Ledebouria Clade B
with *L.* sp. 1

Within *Ledebouria*
subclade A+B+C

Within *Ledebouria*
subclade C

Within *Ledebouria*
subclade A

Within *Ledebouria*
subclade B

Monophyletic
Ledebouria

Strongly Supported
Weakly Supported
Weakly Reject
Strongly Reject