Peeling Back the Layers: the Complex Dynamics Shaping the Evolution of 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. An understanding of the phylogenetic relationships within the group have been historically difficult to reconstruct, however. Here, we provide the first phylogenomic perspective into the Ledebouriinae. We use this renewed phylogenetic framework to hypothesize historical factors that have resulted in the topology recovered. 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 also suggest that the Ledebouriinae underwent a rapid radiation leading to rampant

incomplete lineage sorting. [Asparagaceae; *Drimiopsis*; geophytes; *Ledebouria*; monocots;

Resnova; Scilloideae.]

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

rainforests to arid landscapes (Linder 2014; Couvreur et al. 2020). Although seemingly distinct

from one another, many habitats have intertwined evolutionary histories. For instance, the

historical expansion of semi-arid and arid landscapes repeatedly separated western/central and

eastern tropical forests, resulting in increased speciation and endemicity (Couvreur et al. 2008).

Numerous additional historical phenomena have resulted in a unique, modern-day assemblage of

flora and fauna on the continent. As research on Africa's biota has increased, so too has an

appreciation for the contributions and influences of African lineages in shaping the floras of

adjacent biomes (Zhou et al. 2011; Buerki et al. 2012; Gostel et al. 2015). Still, there remain

numerous, understudied African organisms that have the potential to either support established

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.

Geophytes offer unique insights into the evolution of seasonal or disturbance-prone

habitats as these plants are especially adept at surviving such conditions due to belowground bud

and resource placement (Rees 1989). Structures commonly associated with geophytism include

bulbs, corms, stem tubers and rhizomes. The hyacinths (Scilloideae, Asparagaceae; formerly

Hyacinthaceae; APG IV ([he Angiosperm Phylogeny Group 2016]) 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). Many clades within

the Scilloideae have received varying degrees of phylogenetic and systematic attention (e.g.,

Ledebouriinae, Massonieae, Ornithogaloideae; (Pfosser et al. 2003; Lebatha et al. 2006;

Martínez-Azorín et al. 2011); among many others), but phylogenomic applications are almost

nonexistent (Steele et al. 2012). To showcase the value of focusing attention on understudied

groups such as this, 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 just a handful of taxa in Madagascar, Yemen, India

and Sri Lanka (Fig. 1a; Venter 1993; Giranje and Nandikar 2016). 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 2004; Lebatha et al. 2006). 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 et al.

2003; Manning and Goldblatt 2012; Manning 2020). 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 (Manning et al. 2003; Lebatha et al. 2006). Historically, *Ledebouria* and

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

identity for some time (Lebatha et al. 2006; Müller-Doblies and Müller-Doblies 2008; Goldblatt

et al. 2012). The status of *Resnova* van der Merwe, on the other hand, has always been in

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

are currently 53 *Ledebouria*, 16 *Drimiopsis*, and five *Resnova* species accepted (The Plant List

2013), with the majority of systematic work occurring in South Africa (Venter 1993). Thus far,

difficulties in reconstructing the phylogenetic history of the Ledebouriinae have stemmed from

morphological homoplasy (Lebatha et al. 2006), the use of a small number of molecular markers

with low information content (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 limitations 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.

The widespread distribution of the Ledebouriinae holds complementary promise for

highlighting intricate details of evolution within and outside of Africa. Based on the results from

previous studies (Ali et al. 2012; Buerki et al. 2012), the Ledebouriinae may have originated

during a time (i.e. within the last 30 My) when African was undergoing major climatic and

geological shifts (increasing seasonality and aridity, mountain building, etc.) (Partridge and

Maud 1987; Jacobs 2004; Bobe 2006). Being geophytes and probably well-suited to withstand

these changes, the Ledebouriinae may have undergone a rapid radiation in response to open

niche space. Therefore, to recover a well-supported phylogenetic hypothesis for the group, the

use of a large, genomic dataset consisting of rapidly evolving markers is likely needed.

Unfortunately, the Ledebouriinae still lack the necessary genomic resources to develop a custom

probe set. However, broadly applicable targeted-capture kits (e.g., Angiosperms353; Johnson et

al. 2019) have been instrumental in bringing complex groups like the Ledebouriinae to the

phylogenomic playing field (Dodsworth et al. 2019).

Figure 1. a) Distribution 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.

Here, we apply 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 the historical evolution of the Ledebouriinae and its

putative lineages within (i.e. *Ledebouria*, *Drimiopsis* and *Resnova*).

103   MATERIALS AND METHODS

104   *Taxon Sampling and Sequence Assembly*

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

(Namibia), and 2017 (Tanzania, Zambia, and Namibia). 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 Supplementary

Table 1 for the specimen list with associated collection and locality information. Targeted

capture was performed using the Angiosperms353 probe set on an Illumina HiSeq 2000 followed

by sequence assembly and alignment. See Supplementary Methods for an expanded explanation

of methodology.

118   *Phylogenetic Analyses*

119   We analyzed both the full supercontig dataset as well as a subset of our dataset. 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). Maximum likelihood phylogenetic reconstruction was performed using IQ-Tree

v2.0-rc1 (Minh et al. 2018). We quantified discordance and concordance using 1) 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, and 2) Quartet Sampling (QS), which provides unique and more revealing

information pertaining to discordance often prevalent in phylogenomic datasets (Pease et al.

2018). 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) as well as singular value

decomposition quartet species-tree estimation (SVDQuartets) (Chifman and Kubatko 2014).

131   RESULTS

132   Raw reads from all the samples included in our study have been submitted to the SRA

133   (BioProject ID: *pending acceptance*). All supermatrix alignment files with corresponding

134   partition files as well as output files for each analysis are available on Digital Dryad (*pending*

135   *acceptance*). See Supplementary Results for a more detailed reporting of our results.

136   Excluding the full dataset, which included samples with a lot of missing data, each major

clade received overall high support using SH-aLRT, ultrafast bootstrap (UFBoot), and local

posterior priority (LPP) (Table 1, Fig. 2, Supplementary Figs. 1 – 4). This resulted in a

paraphyletic *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 paraphyletic

Resnova (Supplementary Fig. 1) and recovered low LPP for *Resnova* (Supplementary Fig. 2).

After the removal one herbarium sample found in only four alignments (i.e. *Resnova*

lachenalioides, which was a sample that consistently jumped around potentially due to missing

data [compare Supplementary Figs. 1, 2, 9]), we found increased support for a monophyletic

Resnova across all measures (Table 1, Fig. 2, Supplementary Figs. 3, 4, 11). Second, *Drimiopsis*

+ *Ledebouria* Clade B recovered overall high support except in the full dataset (Table 1,

Supplementary Figs. 1, 2). Using all samples, we found low support for *Ledebouria* Clade B in

terms of the placement of *Ledebouria* sp. 1 Mozambique (Fig. 2, Table 1, Supplementary Figs. 1,

2). The subclade sister to this sample shows higher but still low support in the full dataset (Fig. 2,

Supplementary Figs. 1, 2). In the Taxa70 dataset, we find stronger support for *Ledebouria* Clade

B + *Drimiopsis* (Supplementary Figs. 3, 4). Support increases further for *Ledebouria* Clade B +

Drimiopsis as well as *Ledebouria* Clade B after the removal of *Ledebouria* sp. 1 Mozambique

(Table 1, Supplementary Figs. 5 ,6).

	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
	Taxa70	-0.0045	0.025	0.33	0.0081	0.031	0.27
	L. sp. 1 Moz removed	0.05	0.023	0.39	0.047	0.026	0.33
QD	Full	0.81	0.76	0.95	0.92	0.77	0.47
	Taxa70	0.88	0.83	0.77	0.86	0.85	0.55
	L. sp. 1 Moz removed	0.74	1	0.92	0.86	0.98	0.43
QI	Full	0.34	0.41	0.54	0.3	0.33	0.48
	Taxa70	0.33	0.38	0.58	0.31	0.31	0.5
	L. sp. 1 Moz removed	0.34	0.39	0.57	0.27	0.32	0.55

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 Supplementary Methods or Pease et al. (2018) for a detailed explanation of these measures.

Figure 2. 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.

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

in both the full and Taxa70 datasets (Table 1; Supplementary Figs. 1, 3). Quartet concordance

values were mostly positive for the four major clades, indicating overall concordance (Table 1;

Supplementary Figs. 7, 8). Quartet differential (QD) indicated low proportions of an alternative

evolutionary history (i.e. values nearer to 1) (Table 1; Supplementary Figs. 7, 8). Quartet

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

the results of sCF (Table 1; Supplementary Figs. 7, 8).

For both the full dataset and Taxa70 dataset, SVDQuartets returned the same overall

results as IQ-Tree and ASTRAL with a few notable exceptions (Supplementary Figs. 9, 11). Low

bootstrap values were found across the full dataset phylogeny, and *Resnova lachenalioides* was

placed within *Ledebouria* Clade B (Supplementary Fig. 9, 10). In both datasets, *Ledebouria* sp. 1

Mozambique was placed sister to the remaining Ledebouriinae (Supplemental Figs. 9, 11).

Additionally, one *Drimiopsis botryoides* subsp. *botryoides* was nested within *Ledebouria* Clade

A (Supplemental Fig. 9, 11). The Taxa70 SVDQuartet bootstrap tree placed *Drimiopsis* as sister

to *Resnova* + *Ledebouria* Clade A, but with the lowest bootstrap support of all the nodes

(Supplemental Fig. 12).

172   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,

2, Supplementary Figs. 1 – 6). The low number of informative genes coupled with coalescence

and concordance analyses suggest that incomplete lineage sorting due to rapid radiations and/or

hybridization may have played significant roles in the group's evolutionary history. Past

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

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

Wetschnig et al. 2007; Pfosser 2012). The focus of these studies has largely been on whether

Drimiopsis and *Resnova* constitute two distinct taxa or are deeply nested within *Ledebouria*

(Manning et al. 2003; Lebatha et al. 2006; Manning and Goldblatt 2012). Our findings suggest

that delimitation of *Drimiopsis* and *Resnova* has been a misguided focus since both have easily

distinguishing characteristics, such as tepal shape, stamen positioning, and non-stipitate ovaries

(Lebatha 2004; Lebatha et al. 2006). Perhaps a more appropriate goal is to uncover diversity

within *Ledebouria*, and we suggest attention should now shift to delimiting and interpreting the

history of its two independent lineages. 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.

Ledebouria Clade A includes sub-Saharan African samples in addition to a Malagasy lineage

(Fig. 1; Supplementary Fig. 1). *Ledebouria* Clade B includes its own Malagasy lineage as well as

samples from eastern parts of Africa, the Horn of Africa, Yemen, Socotra, India, and Sri Lanka

(Fig. 1; Supplementary Fig. 1). African Apocynaceae and Rutaceae show similar distributions

(Thiv et al. 2011; Bruyns et al. 2014), where clades consist of Eastern/Horn of African and/or

non-Africa clades, and other clades have only sub-Saharan African taxa. Similar patterns within

African can also be seen in ungulate distributions (Lorenzen et al. 2012). Our findings suggest

that the two *Ledebouria* clades may have dispersed and radiated across Africa at different times,

each with an independent dispersal to Madagascar. Interestingly, the two *Ledebouria* clades

overlap geographically in eastern Africa, a highly heterogenous landscape due to recent changes

in climate and geology (Linder et al. 2012; Linder 2014, 2017). This area now serves as a

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

African lineages (Lebatha 2004; Zhou et al. 2011; Lorenzen et al. 2012; Dagallier et al. 2020),

and any number of climatic or geological factors that shaped eastern Africa may have also

contributed to the two distinct *Ledebouria* clades we recovered. Similar environmental

influences may have also influenced the current diversity and distribution of *Drimiopsis*, which,

based on our limited sampling, consist of two clades: a South African clade, and an East African

clade (Fig. 1). The two *Drimiopsis* clades are also distinguishable by morphological and ploidy

characteristics (Stedje and Nordal 1987; Lebatha 2004), but increased sampling is needed to fully

understand the history of this group.

Ledebouriinae taxa are continually being described (Hankey et al. 2014; Cumming 2018;

Hankey 2020), which suggests that much remains to be uncovered about their diversity. This is

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

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

2a, Supplementary Figs. 9 – 10), has the lowest quartet fidelity value (rogueness) of all the tips

(Taxa70 dataset; Supplementary Fig. 13), and exhibits unique morphological characteristics

compared to currently known Ledebouriinae (e.g., pointed seeds). Whether this sample

represents a distinct lineage remains to be understood. Increasing *Ledebouria* samples from

Central and Western Africa as well as significantly improving sampling of *Resnova* and

Drimiopsis will be necessary to fully capture the intricate details of the group's evolutionary

history. For example, SVDQuartets consistently, albeit with low support, placed the Eastern

African *Drimiopsis botryoides* subsp. *botryoides* within *Ledebouria* Clade A, and East African

Drimiopsis are known polyploids (Stedje and Nordal 1987). Perhaps this is due to an ancient

hybridization with a *Ledebouria* ancestor; however, more extensive sampling is needed to test

further hypotheses regarding any ancestral hybridization within the Ledebouriinae.

Our results showcase the value of extending the phylogenomic repertoire to groups with

unexplored potential. Our use of the Angiosperms353 probe set was vital for uncovering this

Ledebouriinae phylogeny, but a custom probe set may prove more informative. Quartet

sampling, gCF and sCF values suggest that gene tree conflict and incomplete lineage sorting are

prevalent throughout the phylogeny (Table 1), and short branches are common suggesting rapid

radiation(s) (Fig. 2). One clade that may particularly benefit from more detailed study using a

custom probe set is a subclade within *Ledebouria* Clade A that consistently returned low support

(Fig. 2), and which contains many samples from southern Africa (Namibia, Zambia, and South

Africa). Similarly to East Africa, southern Africa has also undergone drastic changes in habitat,

geology, and climate within the past 30 million years (e.g., savanna expansion, aridification of

southwest Africa, and rise of the Great Escarpment) (Burke and Gunnell 2008; Hoetzel et al.

2013; Linder 2014). The role that these and other factors may have played in obscuring the

evolutionary history of this, and other clades present an exciting opportunity for further study.

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

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