

## ABSTRACT

### Plant Community Change Across the Paleocene-Eocene Boundary in the Gulf Coastal Plain, Central Texas

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During the early Paleogene (~58-53 million years ago), the earth experienced long-term global warming punctuated by several short-term ‘hyperthermal’ events, the largest of which is the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM). During this time, tropical climates expanded into extra-tropical areas and it is likely that this created a wide band of ‘paratropical’ forests, which may have expanded into the mid-latitude Northern Great Plains during the PETM. Relatively little is known about these ‘paratropical’ floras, which would have occurred across the Gulf Coastal Plain (GCP) during this time. This study is focused on assessing the floras of the GCP in Central Texas from before, during, and after the PETM. The Paleocene-Eocene floras of the central Texas GCP suggest a high turnover rate, change in plant community composition, and similar plant communities across the GCP at the Paleocene-Eocene boundary.

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To my father: thank you for inspiring my fondness of the natural world.  
Luv ya.

## CHAPTER ONE

### Introduction

Since the early 1900s, fossil microfloras and macrofloras have been collected and described from localities throughout the Gulf Coastal Plain (GCP) (Berry, 1916; Crepet et al., 1975; Potter, 1976; Crepet et al., 1980; Dilcher and Manchester, 1986; Taylor, 1988; Harrington et al., 2003; Jardine et al., 2012; Denison et al., 2017; Gardner et al., 2017; Stephenson et al., 2018). The GCP is rich in early Paleogene deposits, mostly late Paleocene and early Eocene in age. During the early Paleogene (~58 - 50 million years ago, Ma), the Earth experienced a long-term trend of increasing temperatures, allowing latitudinal expansion of sub-tropical habitats (Bowen et al., 2001; Zachos et al., 2001). The warming of the early Paleogene has been suggested to have caused tropical climates to expand into extra-tropical areas, which in turn allowed a wide band of ‘paratropical’ forests to extend throughout the mid-latitudes (Wing et al. 2005; Fine and Ree, 2006; Jaramillo et al., 2006; Jardine et al., 2012; Wing and Currano, 2013). The long-term warming of the early Paleogene was punctuated by several abrupt and short-term rapid increases in temperature known as ‘hyperthermal’ events. The best known of these hyperthermals is the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM), which occurs at ~56.3 Ma and demarcates the beginning of the Eocene (e.g., Slotnick, et al., 2012).

During the PETM, the Earth experienced a significant increase in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> due to the release of 2,300 to 83,000 Pg C, which occurred over less than 20,000 years (Bowen et al., 2001; Zachos et al., 2006). This rapid release in <sup>13</sup>C depleted carbon

caused a major perturbation to the global carbon cycle, which is recorded in marine and terrestrial records by a negative carbon isotope excursion (CIE) of 3-6 ‰ (Zachos et al., 2005). Contemporaneous with the rise in CO<sub>2</sub> is a dramatic increase in global temperatures of ~5 °C. The warming associated with the PETM likely persisted between 100,000 to 200,000 years (McInerney and Wing, 2011; Bender, 2013; Zeebe, 2013). The rapid increase in CO<sub>2</sub> and increase in temperature changed weathering rates, hydrologic cycles, and created a feedback loop that altered the global carbon cycle (Slotnick et al., 2012). The warming and associated environmental changes led to changes in the distribution of biota and quick evolutionary turnover rates in both marine and terrestrial environments, including shifts in the latitudinal range and species occurrences of marine plankton, a mass extinction of benthic foraminifera in marine environments, an alteration in the trophic structure and taxonomic composition of terrestrial faunas, major changes in the composition of mid-latitude floral communities, and a major diversification of tropical plant groups (e.g., Zachos et al., 2005; Wing et al., 2005; Takeda and Kaiho, 2007; Woodburne et al., 2009; Jaramillo et al., 2010; McInerney and Wing, 2011).

The best-studied floras from the PETM occur in the Bighorn Basin in Wyoming and document significant changes through the interval. Species present during the Paleocene were almost completely replaced by new, “thermophilic” taxa, which are thought to have migrated from southern latitudes (Wing et al., 2005; McInerney and Wing, 2011; Wing and Currano, 2013). The Bighorn Basin PETM floras contain a distinctive leaf, “*Artocarpus*” *lessigiana*, which is present in Late Cretaceous and Paleocene deposits of the southern Rocky Mountains and GCP but is essentially absent in the Paleocene flora of the Bighorn Basin (Berry, 1916; Ellis et al., 2003). Other low-

latitude taxa are present during the PETM (Wing and Currano, 2013), suggesting a northward expansion of species of between 4 and 20 degrees north (Wing et al., 2005). The most logical source for many of these species is the Gulf Coastal Plain (GCP). Interestingly, during the recovery from the PETM, many of the Paleocene taxa that were replaced during the PETM return to the Bighorn Basin but are then replaced again about two million years later by the same “thermophilic” taxa during the Early Eocene Climatic Optimum (Wing et al., 2005; McInerney and Wing, 2011). This rapid transition suggests the presence of high-elevation refugia for cool-climate taxa and isolated low-elevation refugia for warm-climate taxa.

Despite suggestions that paratropical forests existed in mid-latitudes during the early Paleogene and that taxa from southern North America migrated into the Northern Great Plains (NGP) during warm times (Wing et al., 2005; McInerney and Wing, 2011; Jardine et al., 2012), relatively little is known about early Paleogene floras from southern North America, limiting our ability to test these hypotheses. Floras collected from Paleogene GCP deposits present an excellent opportunity to examine the floral record from southern North America during the early Paleogene. Macrofloras and microfloras are common in the upper Wilcox Group and lower Claiborne Group in Central Texas (Berry, 1916; Yancey et al., 2010; Dickey and Yancey, 2010; Gardner et al., 2017; Stephenson et al., 2018), and are thus ideal floras to study. Here, I use macrofloras collected from central Texas to describe and assess the floral composition and paleoecology of Gulf Coastal Plain floras across the Paleocene-Eocene boundary. These trends and characteristics are then compared to other GCP floras, and to the NGP flora of the Bighorn Basin to test the hypothesis that paratropical forest communities migrated

north from the GCP during hyperthermal events and contracted back to the GCP during cool periods.

### *Geologic Framework*

The GCP of Texas is comprised of approximately 100 stratigraphic units that span much of the Mesozoic and Cenozoic (Baker, Jr., 1995). The stratigraphic nomenclature of the geologic units in the GCP of Texas is very complex and is generally separated into three regions: east coastal plain, central coastal plain, and south coastal plain (Fig. 1.1; Baker, 1995). The formations that are the focus of this study are in the Wilcox and Claiborne Groups, which are present across the entire GCP (Fig. 1.1; Baker, 1995; Weems and Edwards, 2004;).

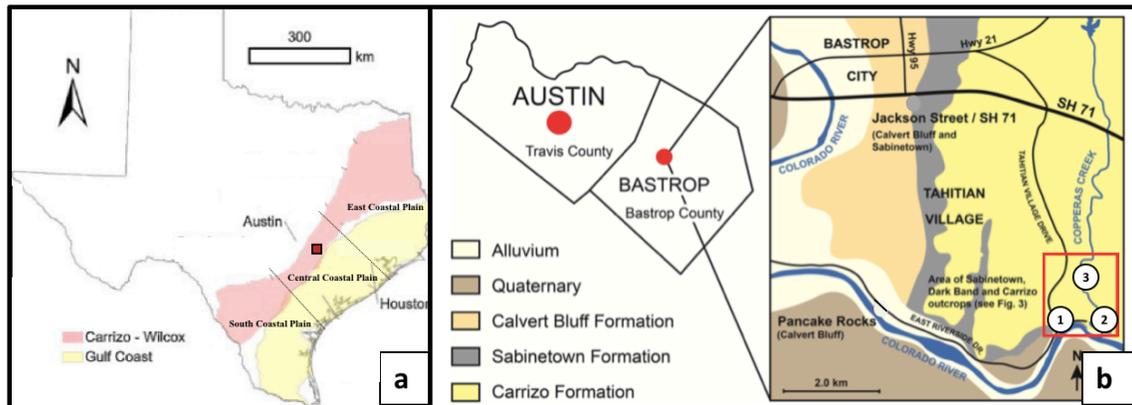


Figure 1.1 a) Location of the collection sites within the Gulf Coastal Plain, specifically the Carrizo-Wilcox Group location, in Texas. Bastrop, TX is represented by the red box to the south-east of Austin. b) stratigraphic map of the collection sites with each census location indicated within the red box (Denison et al., 2017: used with permission).

The Wilcox Group is composed of siliciclastic sediments that were deposited in the Gulf of Mexico during the Paleocene (Fisher and McGowen, 1967; Galloway et al., 2000; Wahl et al., 2016; Olariu and Zeng, 2018). Initially, the Wilcox Group outcrops of

Texas were interpreted as fluvial deposits (e.g., Fisher and McGowen, 1967; Baker, 1995); however, this has recently been challenged due to the presence of tidal heterolithic strata (Breyer and McCabe, 1986; O’Keefe et al., 2005; Denison et al., 2017), marine trace fossils, and sedimentary structures indicative of open-marine deposition (Dickey and Yancey, 2010; Yancey et al., 2010, 2012; Denison et al., 2017), and are now inferred to represent tidal to open marine environments (e.g., Denison et al., 2017). The shoreface to tidal deposits of the Claiborne Group unconformably overlie the Wilcox Group and are Eocene in age (Fisher and McGowen, 1967; Baker, 1995).

*Paleogene Gulf Coastal Plain deposits in Central Texas.* There are several locations in Bastrop, TX where sections of the Wilcox Group and lower Claiborne Group are exposed (Fig. 1.1). The stratigraphic succession present in Bastrop in ascending order is the Calvert Bluff and Sabinetown Formations of the upper Wilcox Group, a ‘Dark Band’ section, and the Carrizo Sands of the Claiborne Group (Fig. 1.2; Denison et al., 2017). The ‘Dark Band’ has not been formally defined or placed into a stratigraphic formation or group, although it is presently thought to be the uppermost unit of the Wilcox Group and to have been deposited during the PETM making it early Eocene in age (e.g., Denison et al., 2017; Gardner et al., 2017; Demchuk et al., 2018; Stephenson et al., 2018).

The uppermost Calvert Bluff Formation consists of coarsening-upward sequences that begin with marine mudstones and progress upward into sand-dominated tidal flats that are cut by tidal channels with layers of silt and occasional trace fossils (*Skolithos*, *Planolites*, *Ophiomorpha*) (Yancey et al., 2010; Denison et al., 2017). The tidal channels contain cross-bedded and oscillation-rippled sandstones. The depositional environment is more marine-influenced than fluvial. The uppermost Calvert Bluff Formation is exposed

across from the Buc’ees gas station in Bastrop, TX to the northwest of the study area and at the ‘Pancake Rocks’ exposure to the west of the Golf Course exposure. It does not occur in the study area.

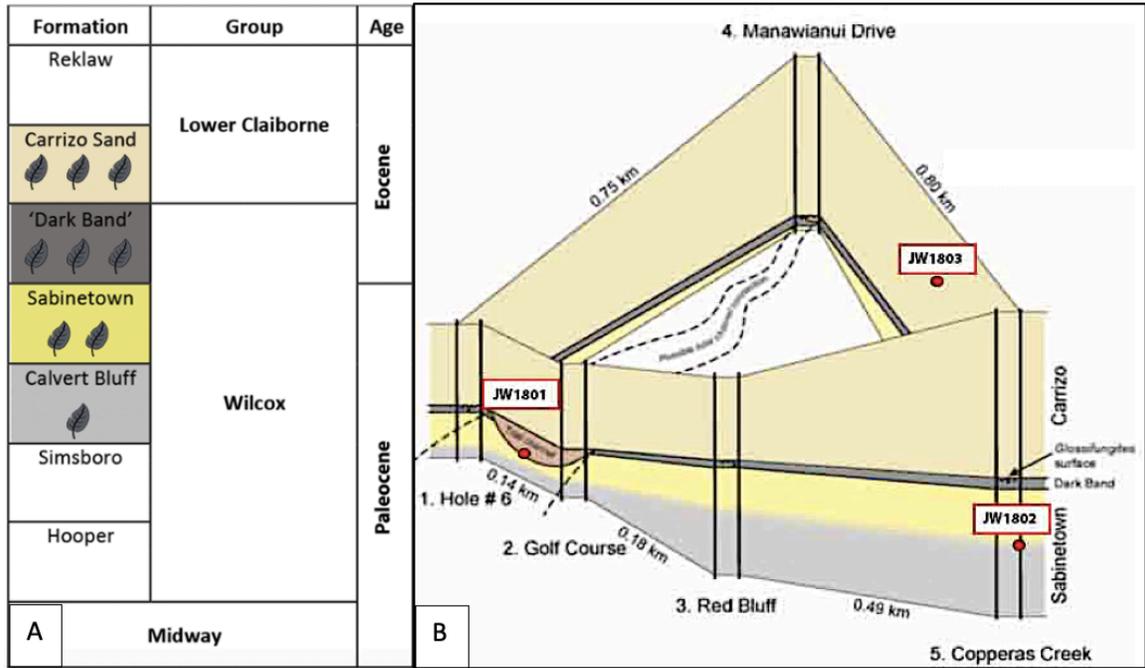


Figure 1.2. A) the nomenclature and age of the formations from the Wilcox Group and Lower Claiborne Group. Leaves show fossil leaf presence and abundance. Stratigraphic column is not drawn to scale; B) the formations present in Bastrop, TX in reference to each other and the channel deposits (Fence diagram is edited from Denison et al., 2017, with permission). Approximate geographic and stratigraphic location of the three fossil leaf sites (JW1801, JW1802, and JW1803) are indicated by red circles.

The Sabinetown Formation, which is well exposed at Copperas Creek and at the base of the Pine Forest Golf Course (Fig. 1.2B), is a progradational parasequence that is capped by the Carrizo Sand (Dickey and Yancey, 2010; Yancey et al., 2010, 2012; Denison et al., 2017). The Sabinetown consists of silt-dominated, muddy tidal deposits that become more heterolithic upwards with well-developed muddy tidal flats and a quick transition to sandy tidal flats. There is a distinct silt-dominated unit present (the “Dark

Band”) between the top of the Sabinetown and the base of the Carrizo Sand. The contact between the Sabinetown, “Dark Band”, and base of the Carrizo sand suggests an unconformity. Within the Sabinetown Formation fossil leaves are common, though poorly preserved and never found in high abundance in one location.

Between the uppermost Sabinetown Formation and the base of the Carrizo Sand is the “Dark Band” (Fig. 1.2B; Denison et al., 2017) which, due to presence of marine trace fossils, suggests a very shallow marine transgression. The Dark Band has been eroded in all three locations by channels (Fig. 1.2B). Tidal channel-fill deposits consist of sand and mud and commonly end with a subbituminous coal of varying thicknesses. The channel deposits contain abundant fossil leaves.

Above the Dark Band and the channel deposits is the Carrizo Sand (Fig. 1.2). It unconformably overlies the Dark Band, and *Thalassinoides* burrows from a Glossifungites surface extend down into the Dark Band (Denison et al., 2017). The Carrizo Formation is composed of fine-grained cross-bedded sands that contain abundant large-scale *Ophiomorpha* burrows, indicating deposition on an open marine shelf. Upsection, mud laminae become increasingly abundant indicating a small-scale regression, then decrease and the sands become better sorted, indicating renewed transgression and a return to open shelf conditions. Within these sand deposits, usually in the mud layers, there are pieces of wood debris and occasional well-preserved fossil leaves (Yancey et al., 2010).

Palynological analyses of these deposits indicate that the PETM is likely within the dark band or near the contact of the Claiborne Group, where it hasn’t been cut out by erosion prior to deposition of the Carrizo Sand (Yancey et al., 2010; Dickey and Yancey,

2010; Gardner et al., 2017; Demchuk et al., 2018). The palynological analyses show a spike in *Cicatricosisporites sp.* fern spores, the last occurrence of *Spinaepollis sp.* angiosperm pollen, a spike in the abundance of *Apectodinium homomorphum* within the dinocyst assemblage, and a lack of Eocene-restricted taxa (Denison et al., 2017; Gardner et al., 2017; Demchuk et al., 2018; Stephenson et al., 2018).

Assessment of the palynoecology using fungi and non-pollen palynomorphs suggests deposition at the base of the Sabinetown Formation took place on a shallow shelf offshore from a tidal marsh surrounded by an onshore hardwood wetland and fern savannah and the upper section deposition took place in a tidal lagoon or shallow shelf adjacent to a fire-prone fern-dominated savannah (Stephenson et al., 2018). The palynoecology of the coal deposits within the uppermost Sabinetown suggest a transition from mangrove swamps to hardwood hammocks, followed by a transition to sawgrass marshes (Stephenson et al., 2018). The palynoecology from the Carrizo Sand suggests an abrupt change in depositional environment which consisted of a shallow shelf offshore from a brackish tidal marsh bordered by a palm savannah (Stephenson et al., 2018).

Additionally, preliminary results of compound-specific isotope analyses of widely-spaced samples from the dark band show a weak negative excursion in  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ , which is suggestive of a carbon isotope excursion (Demchuk et al., 2018). Importantly, fossil leaves are abundant within this interval (Fig.1.2A), making it an ideal location to assess the southern North American floral record of the early Paleogene.

## CHAPTER TWO

### Methods

Fossil leaves were collected from the late Paleocene and early Eocene upper Wilcox Group and early Eocene lower Claiborne Group deposits along the Colorado River, near Bastrop, TX (Fig. 1.2 and 2.1). Voucher collections were made at three localities: late Paleocene (JW1802), PETM (JW1801), and early Eocene (JW1803). Two census collections were made, JW1801 (PETM) and JW1803 (early Eocene), to assess the species richness and diversity of the flora. Fossil leaf preservation was not good enough to make a census collection at JW1802 (late Paleocene).

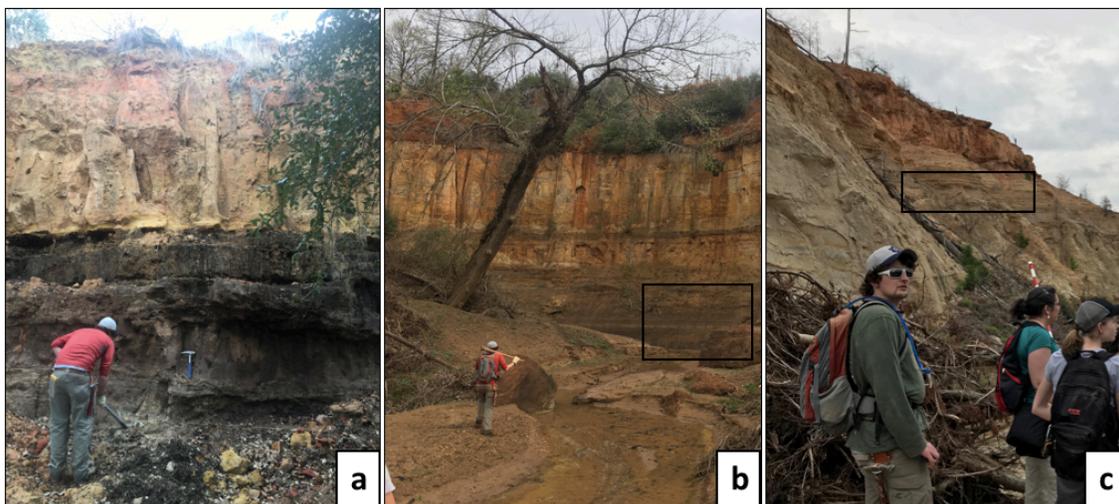


Figure 2.1. The locations of the three systematic census collections in Bastrop, TX; a) the channel fill below the lignite and Carrizo at the Pine Forest Golf Course; b) the upper Sabinetown formation at Copperas Creek; c) the Carrizo Sand at Manawianui Drive. The boxes in b and c are roughly the location of the collection in the outcrop.

### *Fossil Collection and Description*

Locality JW1802, here forward referred to as ‘late Paleocene’, was collected from the Sabinetown Formation of the Wilcox Group and was located within an outcrop exposed at Copperas Creek, which is a small tributary of the Colorado River (Fig 2.1B). Locality JW1801, referred to as ‘PETM’, was located in an outcrop exposed on the Pine Forest Golf Club course along the Colorado River in Bastrop, TX (Fig 2.1A). Locality JW1803, referred to as ‘early Eocene’, was located at an outcrop exposed at the end of Manawianui Dr. in Bastrop, Texas (Fig. 2.1A). Voucher collections, in which the best-preserved specimens and specimens of any unknown morphotypes were collected, were made at all three sites. Census collections of fossil leaves, in which at least 300 specimens were examined, identified, and tallied, were made from the upper Wilcox Group (JW1801) and lower Claiborne Group (JW1803) sites that sample the PETM and the early Eocene. The tallied specimens made during these collections comprise the “field census”. Representative samples of each morphotype, all unknown specimens, and well-preserved specimens that document that variability of morphotypes were collected during the census collections. All specimens collected as part of this work have been given lab identification numbers and are housed at Baylor University. In the lab, all morphotypes from the field census and voucher collections were tallied, to make the “lab census”.

Fossil dicotyledonous angiosperm (dicot) leaves were described using the Manual of Leaf Architecture (Ellis et al., 2009). Monocotyledonous angiosperms (monocots) and ferns were described primarily using venation characteristics. Based on the features observed when making these descriptions, the fossils from each locality were divided into

morphotypes (e.g., Ellis et al., 2009; Peppe et al., 2008). See Appendix for descriptions and illustrations of all morphotypes identified in this study.

In addition to comparing the morphotypes across the Bastrop localities, late Paleocene and early Eocene fossil leaves housed at the Florida Museum of Natural History from GCP localities from north eastern Texas, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Kentucky (Fig. 2.2) were assessed and photographed for comparison with the Bastrop, TX morphotypes.

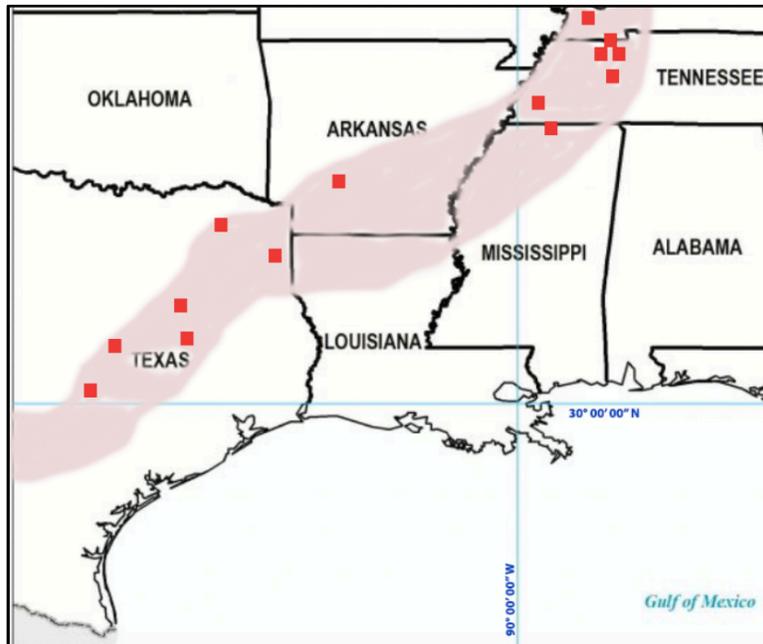


Figure 2.2. Gulf Coastal Plain Wilcox and Claiborne Group fossil localities. Gulf Coastal Plain deposits indicated by pink shading. Fossil sites indicated by red squares. Fossils and data for these localities are stored at the University of Florida Museum of Natural History.

### *Vein Density*

Photographs of all morphotypes were taken using a high-resolution camera (Nikon D330, DX-VR, 18-55 mm). All photographs included a scale bar, locality, and morphotype ID. Vein density was measured on all specimens with well-preserved

secondary veins. Secondary veins (2°) were identified using the definition of Ellis et al. (2009) and included all regular, inter-, interior, and minor secondaries. Four or more rectangular boxes were placed on the photographs of preserved leaf fragments using Adobe Photoshop CC 2019. These boxes were located on the basal, middle (2), and apical thirds of the leaf following the protocols of Sack et al. (2012) and Merkhofer et al. (2015). If those locations were not available, the boxes were fit on the available preserved area. Vein density is defined as the total vein length divided by the area of the rectangle (Sack et al. 2012). The area of each rectangle was sized to include at least two 2° veins. After measuring and recording the area of each box, the lengths of all secondary veins were measured and recorded. All measurements were made in Image J. After calculating the average vein length density (mm/mm<sup>2</sup>) for all specimens, the estimated area of each leaf was scaled using the regression method of Sack et. al (2012):

$$\log_{10}(\text{leaf area cm}^2) = 1.96 - 2.04 \times \log_{10}(\text{subsamped } 2^\circ \text{ vein density cm/cm}^2) \quad (\text{Eq.1})$$

The estimated leaf area was recorded in mm<sup>2</sup> and the natural log of the estimated leaf area was used to categorize each leaf into the following leaf sizes: leptophyll, nanophyll, microphyll, notophyll, mesophyll, and megaphyll; which are defined as greater than 2.12 mm<sup>2</sup>, 4.32 mm<sup>2</sup>, 6.51 mm<sup>2</sup>, 8.01 mm<sup>2</sup>, 9.11 mm<sup>2</sup>, and 11.42 mm<sup>2</sup>, respectively (Webb, 1959).

#### *Leaf Mass per Area*

In order to calculate leaf mass per area (g/m<sup>2</sup>), the vein-scaled areas were used in combination with petiole widths using the woody dicot regression from Royer et al. (2007):

$$\log[\text{LMA}] = 0.3820 \times \log[\text{PW}^2/A] + 3.070 \quad (\text{Eq.2})$$

If the area could be determined via direct measurement (i.e. the fossil leaf was complete enough to measure the entire area), this area was used instead of the vein scaled area. All leaves measured were non-sessile with observable petioles. If the entire petiole was not present, the width of the exposed primary vein merging with the uppermost section of the petiole was measured following the protocol of Royer et al. (2007; 2012). The leaf mass per area was then compared to modern sites (Royer et al., 2012; Peppe et al., 2011) to assess the ecological habitat.

### *Diversity Analyses*

Floral diversity was assessed using PAST (Hammer et al. 2001) from quantitative (census) collections. Abundance counts from JW1801 and JW1803 (PETM and early Eocene, respectively) were used to determine the diversity (Shannon, Simpson, and Equitability Indices), dominance (Berger-Parker Dominance), and evenness of the flora (Shannon index divided by the natural log of species richness) (Harper, 1999; Morris et al., 2014). Bray Curtis Dissimilarity (Legendre and Legendre, 1998) and Jaccard's Index of Similarity (Real and Vargas, 1996) were used to compare the composition of the communities.

## CHAPTER THREE

### Results

#### *Flora Composition Characteristics*

The megaflora fossils collected from the late Paleocene deposit (Sabinetown Formation, locality JW1802) were poorly preserved and commonly occurred in mats between mudstone deposits. A total of 11 morphotypes consisting of 91% dicots and 9% monocots were identified and described (Table 3.1, Fig. 3.1A). Out of the 10 dicots, 63% had toothed margins. The megaflora fossils from the PETM deposit were better preserved and had a total of 26 morphotypes. The morphotypes were 84% dicot, 8% monocot, and 8% fern (Table 3.1, Fig. 3.1B), with 39% of the dicots having toothed margins. The early Eocene megaflora fossils' preservation was comparable to the PETM's and consisted of 13 morphotypes. The megaflora fossils were 77% dicot, 15% monocot, and 8% fern (Table 3.1, Fig. 3.1C), with 60% of dicots having a toothed margin.

Table 3.1. The Central Texas Paleocene-Eocene boundary fossil flora characteristics. The number of morphotypes, composition, and margin characteristics of the flora collected at the Paleocene-Eocene boundary in the GCP of central Texas.

Locality	# morphotypes	% dicot	% monocot	% fern	Margin (%)
early Eocene flora	13	77	15	8	60
PETM flora	26	84	8	8	39
late Paleocene flora	11	91	9	0	63

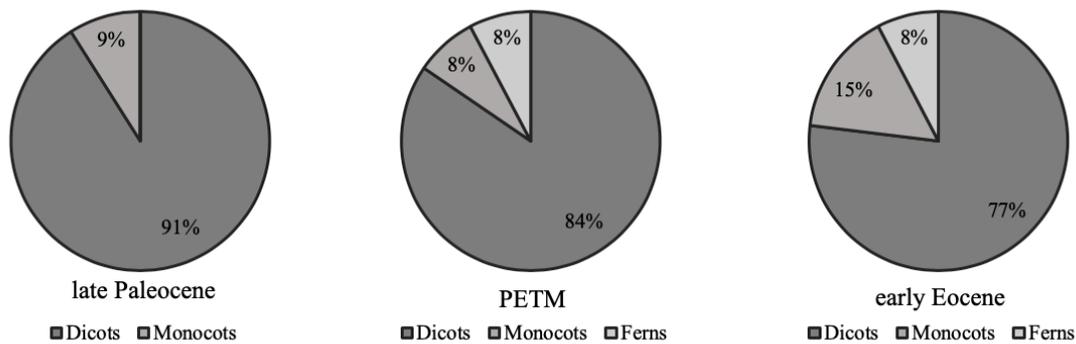


Figure 3.1. Composition of the late Paleocene, PETM, and early Eocene flora from the Gulf Coastal Plain, central Texas. (A) The late Paleocene flora comprised 10 dicots and 1 monocot; (B) the PETM flora comprised 22 dicots, 2 monocots, and 2 ferns; (C) the early Eocene flora comprised 10 dicots, 2 monocots, and 1 fern. These compositions included fossil leaves and reproductive material.

The field census collection at the PETM locality (JW1801) yielded 310 specimens composed of 10 morphotypes. Morphotypes BT-01 and BT-02 made up >50% of the collection (Table 3.2). The PETM lab collection had 200 specimens composed of 23 morphotypes (Table 3.2). BT-01 and BT-02 were also the most abundant morphotypes (~40% of the collection) in this collection. The field census collection at the early Eocene locality (JW1803) yielded 344 specimens composed of 13 morphotypes. BT-30, a monocot, made up >40% of the collection (Table 3.3). The early Eocene lab collection had 108 specimens composed of 13 morphotypes. The most abundant morphotypes were BT-23 (palm) and BT-34 (dicot/laurel) (Table 3.3). The late Paleocene locality (JW1802) lab collection had 54 specimens composed of 12 morphotypes. Dicots BT-02 and BT-15 were the two most abundant morphotypes (Table 3.4).

Several morphotypes were shared among the localities. Two morphotypes, BT-02 and BT-28, were present in all three localities (Table 3.5, Appendix). BT-01 and BT-29 are present in the PETM and the early Eocene, BT-21 is present in the late Paleocene and

PETM intervals, and BT-34 is present in the late Paleocene and early Eocene (Table 3.5).

The fossil leaves observed from other localities within the Gulf Coastal Plain share morphotypes in common with those found at Bastrop, Texas, including BT-02, BT-05, BT-06, BT-09, BT-12, BT-14, BT-20, BT-23, BT-30, BT-34, BT-35 and BT-37 (Table 3.6., Fig. 2.2).

Table 3.2. Field and lab census data for locality JW1801 (PETM) collected in Bastrop, Texas.

JW1801	Field Census	Lab Census	Total
BT-01	81	51	132
BT-02	105	36	141
BT-03	0	5	5
BT-04	0	1	1
BT-05	3	1	4
BT-06	0	2	2
BT-07	0	1	1
BT-08	0	1	1
BT-09	10	8	18
BT-11	3	2	5
BT-12	0	1	1
BT-13	5	3	8
BT-14	17	16	33
BT-16	9	17	26
BT-19	0	1	1
BT-20	40	27	67
BT-21	37	17	54
BT-29	0	1	1
BT-31	0	2	2
BT-32	0	2	2
BT-33	0	2	2
BT-38	0	2	2
BT-39	0	1	1
Total Specimens:	310	200	510

Table 3.3. Field and lab census data for locality JW1803 (early Eocene) collected in Bastrop, Texas.

JW1803	Field Census	Lab Census	Total
BT-01	3	4	7
BT-02	8	7	15
BT-22	22	4	
BT-23	45	20	65
BT-24	20	8	28
BT-25	7	2	9
BT-27	3	2	5
BT-28	21	17	38
BT-29	2	1	3
BT-30	143	15	158
BT-34	48	19	67
BT-35	7	5	12
BT-44	15	4	19
Total Specimens:	344	108	426

Table 3.4. Lab census data for locality JW1802 (late Paleocene) collected in Bastrop, Texas (GPS).

JW1802	Lab Census
BT-02	10
BT-10	1
BT-15	23
BT-17	1
BT-21	9
BT-28	1
BT-34	1
BT-36	1
BT-37	1
BT-40	1
BT-41	2
BT-42	2
Total Specimens:	53

Table 3.5. Presence/absence data for the late Paleocene, PETM, and early Eocene flora.  
The 'X' indicates presence in each locality.

Morphotype	late Paleocene	PETM	early Eocene	Type
BT-01		X	X	Dicot
BT-02	X	X	X	Dicot
BT-03		X		Dicot
BT-04		X		Dicot
BT-05		X		Dicot
BT-06		X		Dicot
BT-07		X		Dicot
BT-08		X		Dicot
BT-09		X		Dicot
BT-10	X			Dicot
BT-11		X		Dicot
BT-12		X		Dicot
BT-13		X		Dicot
BT-14		X		Dicot
BT-15	X			Dicot
BT-16		X		Dicot
BT-17	X			Dicot
BT-18		X		Dicot
BT-19		X		Dicot
BT-20		X		Monocot
BT-21	X	X		Monocot
BT-22			X	Dicot
BT-23			X	Monocot
BT-24			X	Dicot
BT-25			X	Dicot
BT-26		X		Dicot
BT-27			X	Fern
BT-28	X		X	Dicot
BT-29		X	X	Dicot
BT-30			X	Monocot
BT-31		X		Dicot
BT-32		X		Fern
BT-33		X		Dicot
BT-34	X		X	Dicot
BT-35			X	Dicot
BT-36	X			Dicot
BT-37	X			Dicot
BT-38		X		Dicot
BT-39		X		Fern
BT-40	X			Dicot
BT-41	X			Dicot
BT-43	X			Dicot
BT-44		X	X	Dicot

Table 3.6. Morphotype localities throughout the GCP in the Wilcox and Claiborne groups. All reference and collection data were taken from the fossil specimen labels. References and collection information for fossil localities are: Warman Clay Pit, Steve Manchester (1989) and Zhenbo Sun (1989); Somerville, Puryear Clay Pit, Miller Clay pit, F.W. Potter Jr. (1976); Calvert Lignite Mine, R. S. Irving & T.F. Stuessy (1971); Jewett Coal Mine, collected by N. Frisbee, J. Wolfe, and David Dilcher in 1996 (no publication); Hope, Arkansas, collected by David Dilcher in 1976 (no publication); Marshall, Texas, collected by T. Delevoryas (no publication).

Morphotype	Location	Formation
BT-01	Warman Clay Pit; Como, TN Quadrangle; 36° 17' 15" N, 88° 31' 49" W	Upper Claiborne
BT-01	Lamkin Clay Pit; Kentucky, US; 36.8638111000, -88.6980556000	Claiborne
BT-02	Somerville, TN; 35° 15' 47" N, 89° 21' 15" W;	Claiborne
BT-02	Puryear Clay Pit; Henry County, TN; 36° 26' 17" N 88° 20' 15" W	Claiborne
BT-02	Miller Clay Pit; Henry, TN; 36° 13' 15" N 88° 28' 46"	Claiborne
BT-02	Hope, Arkansas; 30°40'01" N, 93°35'09" W	Claiborne
BT-02	Marshall, TX; Harrison County; Marshall Clay Company	Wilcox
BT-02	Warman Clay Pit; Como, TN Quadrangle; 36° 17' 15" N, 88° 31' 49" W	Upper Claiborne
BT-04	Marshall, TX; Harrison County; Marshall Clay Company	Wilcox
BT-05	Marshall, TX; Harrison County; Marshall Clay Company	Wilcox
BT-06	Marshall, TX; Harrison County; Marshall Clay Company	Wilcox
BT-09	Warman Clay Pit; Como, TN Quadrangle; 36° 17' 15" N, 88° 31' 49" W	Claiborne
BT-09	Marshall, TX; Harrison County; Marshall Clay Company	Wilcox
BT-10	Puryear Clay Pit; Henry County, TN; 36° 26' 17" N 88° 20' 15" W	Claiborne
BT-12	Warman Clay Pit; Como, TN Quadrangle; 36° 17' 15" N, 88° 31' 49" W	Claiborne
BT-14	Marshall, TX; Harrison County; Marshall Clay Company	Wilcox
BT-20/23	Warman Clay Pit; Como, TN Quadrangle; 36° 17' 15" N, 88° 31' 49" W	Upper Claiborne
BT-20/23	Calvert Lignite Mine; Robertson County, TX; 31° 06' 06" N, 96° 39' 58" W	Wilcox
BT-20/23	Jewett Coal Mine; Freestone County, TX; 31° 28.23 N 96° 09.64 W	Claiborne
BT-30	Marshall, TX; Harrison County; Marshall Clay Company	Wilcox
BT-34	Puryear Clay Pit; Henry County, TX; 36° 26' 17" N 88° 20' 15" W	Claiborne
BT-34	Calvert Lignite Mine; Robertson County, TX; 31° 06' 06" N, 96° 39' 58" W	Wilcox
BT-35	Warman Clay Pit; Como, TN Quadrangle	Upper Claiborne
BT-37	Marshall, TX; Harrison County; Marshall Clay Company	Wilcox

### *Diversity*

The rarefaction curves for both the PETM and early Eocene specimens' display similar species richness (10 and 13 morphotypes, respectively) and plateau, which indicates that the sites have been well sampled (Fig. 3.2). The floras also had very similar levels of diversity and dominance (Table 3.7). However, despite having similar levels of

species richness and diversity, the floras had markedly different floral compositions demonstrated by the Bray Curtis Dissimilarity value of 0.966 and a Jaccard's Index of Similarity of 0.095 (Table 3.8).

### *Paleoecology*

All of the floras had similar site mean and median leaf mass per area and were comprised primarily by taxa reconstructed to be deciduous, though there was a small component of evergreen taxa in each flora. For the late Paleocene locality, the mean and median leaf mass per area was 93 g/m<sup>2</sup> (uncertainty: upper 213 g/m<sup>2</sup> and lower 41 g/m<sup>2</sup>) (Fig. 3.3), and 2 of the 6 morphotypes (BT-36, BT-37) had LMA values indicating that they were likely evergreen. The mean leaf mass per area for the PETM locality was 93 g/m<sup>2</sup> (uncertainty: upper 177 g/m<sup>2</sup> and lower 51 g/m<sup>2</sup>) (Fig. 3.3), and four morphotypes (BT-04, BT-05, BT-06, and BT-12) were likely evergreen. The early Eocene locality had one morphotype (BT-35) that was likely evergreen, and the mean and median leaf mass per area was 84 (uncertainty: upper 134 g/m<sup>2</sup> and lower 53 g/m<sup>2</sup>) (Fig. 3.3). Although the mean and median leaf mass per area was similar between the sites, the distributions of leaf mass per area at each locality are considerably different (Fig. 3.4). In particular, the PETM had a much wider distribution of leaf mass per areas than the late Paleocene and early Eocene sites (Fig. 3.4), suggesting differences in the paleoecology of the PETM flora from the other sites.

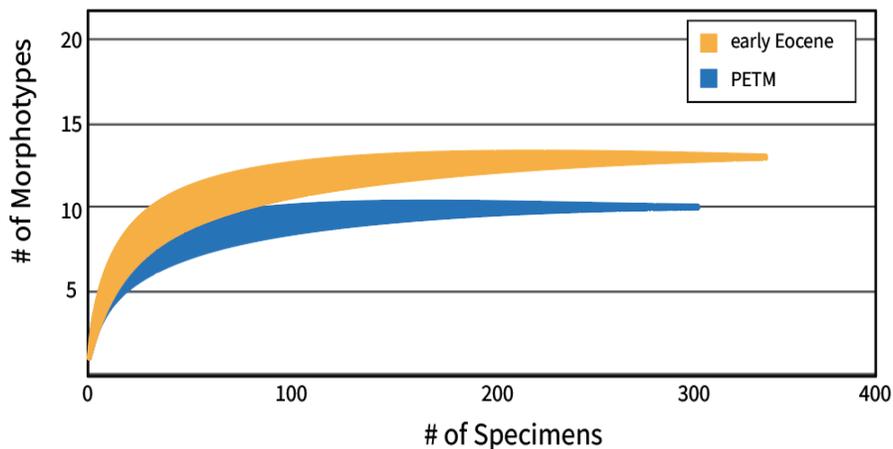


Figure 3.2. Rarefaction curves for the PETM (JW1801) and early Eocene (JW1803) field census collection data. The PETM and early Eocene census data consists of 310 specimens, 10 morphotypes and 347 specimens, 11 morphotypes, respectively.

Table 3.7. Diversity values for ‘PETM’ and late Eocene flora from Bastrop, Texas. Floral diversity was assessed using PAST (Hammer et al. 2001) from quantitative (census) collections.

Locality	Shannon Index	Simpson Index (1-D)	Equitability (Evenness)	Berger-Parker Dominance
early Eocene	1.913	0.776	0.746	0.416
PETM	1.764	0.781	0.766	0.339

Table 3.8. Diversity comparisons of the PETM and early Eocene census collections. See methods for equations.

Communities	Bray Curtis Dissimilarity	Jaccard's Index of Similarity
PETM vs early Eocene	0.966	0.095

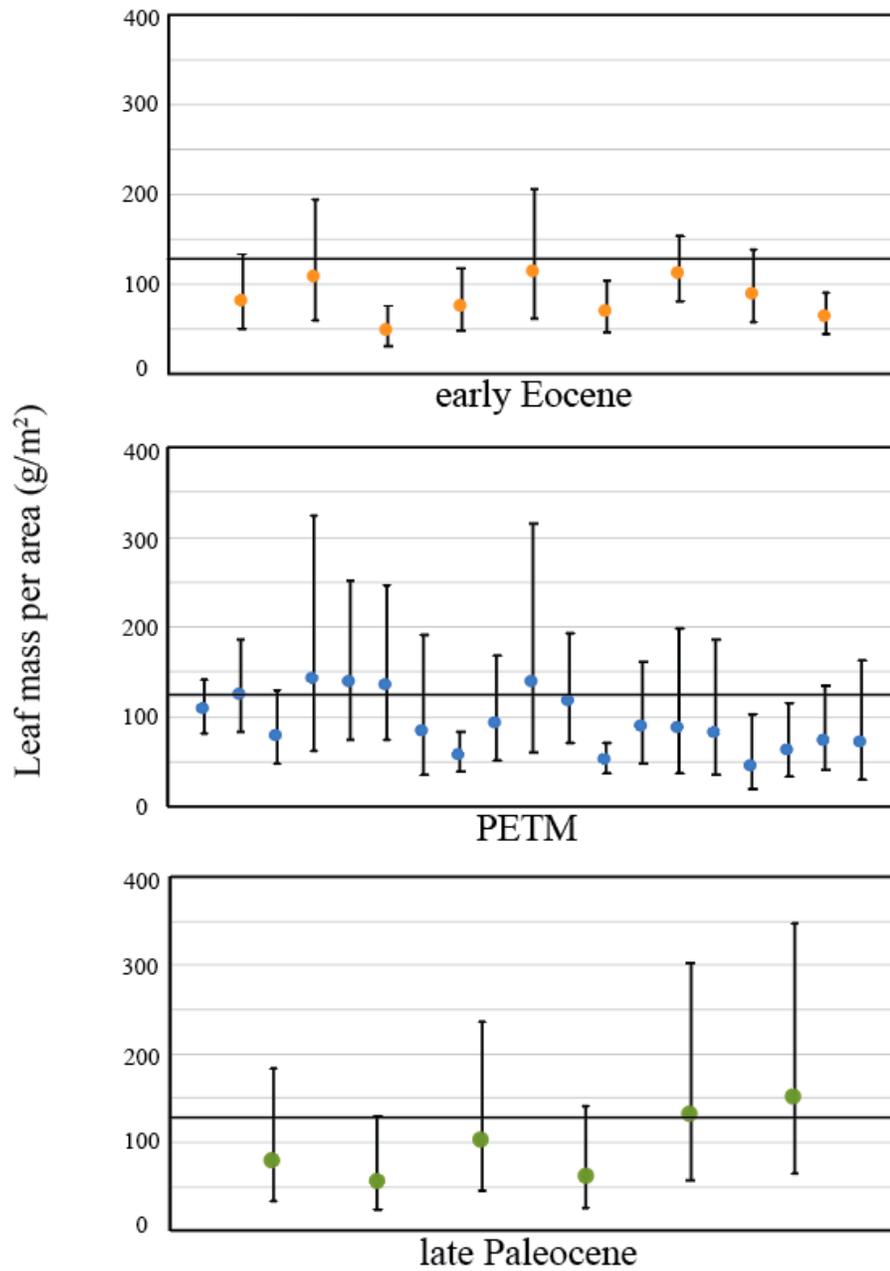


Figure 3.3. LMA values with standard error bars for the late Paleocene, PETM, and early Eocene GCP central Texas flora. The horizontal scale represents the deciduous/evergreen ‘threshold’ of 129 g/m<sup>2</sup>. Values >129 g/m<sup>2</sup> are suggested to be evergreen and <129 g/m<sup>2</sup> are suggested to be deciduous. Average LMA values for the Late Paleocene, PETM, and early Eocene localities are 93, 93, and 84 g/m<sup>2</sup>, respectively. All values were calculated using vein-density scaled leaf area and the Royer et al. (2012) method.

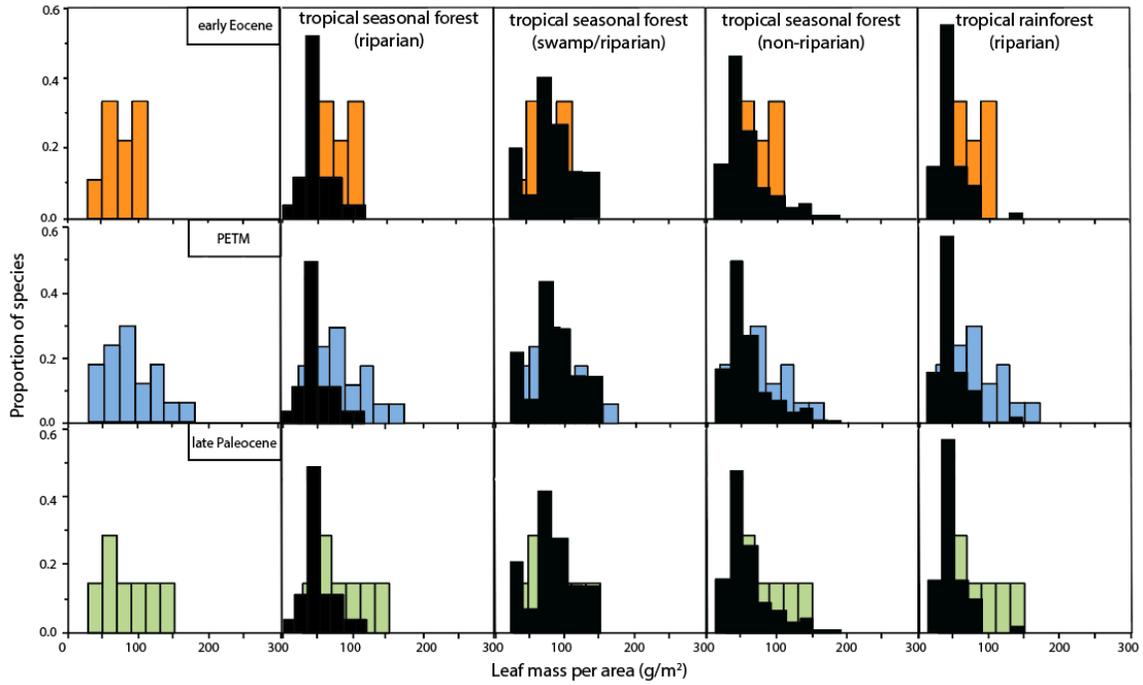


Figure 3.4. Distribution of LMA values for the late Paleocene, PETM, and early Eocene localities in central Texas. The black bars in each column represent modern day tropical LMA distributions, from Peppe et al. (2011). The late Paleocene distribution is most similar to the modern swamp/riparian tropical seasonal forest, the PETM is most similar to the non-riparian tropical seasonal forest, and the early Eocene distribution is an overall poor fit for the modern-day tropical forest LMA distributions.

## CHAPTER FOUR

### Discussion

#### *Composition and Diversity of Central Texas Gulf Coastal Plain Floras*

An overall change in floral composition from the Paleocene to the Eocene was observed. The late Paleocene flora was dominated by dicots. Monocots were present, but much less abundant in number of morphotypes and abundance of specimens when compared to the younger localities. Further, unlike the other two sites, ferns and gymnosperms were not present. Two dicots dominated the assemblage and legume-like fruits were relatively common. Given the composition of the flora and the dominance of a few taxa in the total assemblage, the flora was probably low in species richness and diversity. This could not be tested further because the flora was relatively poorly preserved and not amenable to systematic collecting. However, the flora was sufficiently well preserved to compare the taxonomic composition of the flora with the other two sites.

The PETM flora contained approximately twice the number of morphotypes than either the late Paleocene or the early Eocene floras (Table 3.1). With a total of 23 morphotypes, the flora was dominated by 4 taxa (3 dicots, 1 palm) with the other morphotypes being relatively rare. Despite the relatively high richness in the voucher collection, the census collection yielded only 10 morphotypes, suggesting that extensive voucher sampling yielded rare morphotypes that were not observed in the census collection. Interestingly, despite the marked difference in species richness between the

voucher and census collections, rarefaction analysis for the census collection suggests the site was well sampled (Fig. 3.2). The presence and increased abundance of palms and ferns in the PETM deposit suggests a change in the flora composition, which is complemented by the presence of dicot morphotypes which were not present in the late Paleocene (Table 3.5). There are only two morphotypes that persist from the late Paleocene into the PETM (BT-02 and BT-01), both of which are more abundant in the PETM than the late Paleocene.

The early Eocene flora was dominated by palms and a laurel-like morphotype (BT-34) (Table 3.3). The voucher and census collections yielded 13 distinct morphotypes and rarefaction suggested the collection was well-sampled (Fig. 3.2). Of the 11 Paleocene morphotypes that were apparently extirpated during the PETM (Table 3.5), only 2 return and are present in the early Eocene flora (BT-28 and BT-34). Morphotype BT-02 (mentioned above, high in abundance during the PETM) decreased in abundance during the early Eocene, returning to an abundance similar to what was observed in the late Paleocene locality. The diversity of the PETM and early Eocene floras were similar (Table 3.7), but the Berger-Parker Dominance value was greater in the early Eocene (Table 3.8), indicating the site was more dominated by a few taxa. Though the diversity indices are similar between the PETM and Eocene sites are similar, the floral composition is significantly different (Table 3.8) suggesting that the high turnover in floral composition had little effect on the overall diversity of the flora.

#### *Gulf Coastal Plain Early Paleogene Floras*

The Wilcox and Claiborne Group fossils housed by the University of Florida Natural History Museum were collected along the Gulf Coastal Plain stretching from Bastrop,

Texas to the southwest corner of Kentucky during many prior field campaigns (Fig. 2.2).

The localities across the GCP and southeastern United States share ~15 morphotypes (Table 3.6). The most common morphotypes to appear in the other GCP localities are BT-02, BT-20, BT-23, and BT-34. It appears these morphotypes belong to the Juglandaceae, Arecaceae, and Lauraceae families, respectively.

BT-02, the lanceolate, usually entire, Juglandaceous-type leaf, was the most common morphotype throughout the observed GCP floras. Berry (1916) described several fossil leaf morphotypes similar to BT-02. In addition, Dilcher and Manchester (1986) created a new genus for a fossil leaf with characteristics very similar to BT-02, *Oreoroa*, to accommodate leaves similar to *Oreomunnea* and *Alfaroa*. Extant *Oreomunnea* and *Alfaroa* are genera of evergreen trees that grow in montane/sub-montane tropical rain forests in Central America. They typically have pinnately compound leaves with lanceolate leaflets.

The *Oreoroa* described by Dilcher and Manchester (1986) ranges from Middle Eocene to the Upper Miocene in Europe and is very common in the Eocene of southeastern North America. Furthermore, they described one particular species of *Oreoroa*, *O. claibornensis*, based on its locality in the Claiborne Formation in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Similar morphotypes across the GCP, possibly either *O. claibornensis* or other species of *Oreoroa*, were present in the GCP floras access, with primary difference being the margin type with some specimens have a serrated margin and others an entire margin. In addition to the fossil leaves of *Oreoroa*, abundant *Momipites*-type pollen have been described from the same setting as the Bastrop, TX GCP flora (Stephenson et al., 2018) as well as being described in other locations across

the GCP (Elsik and Grabaugh, 2001; Dickey and Yancey, 2010), and it is thought that *Oreoroa sp.* likely produced this pollen type.

BT-20 and BT-23, fan palms from the Arecaceae family, possibly subfamily Coryphoideae (Gomez-Navarro et al. 2009), appear throughout the GCP in the Wilcox and Claiborne Groups in Tennessee and Texas (Table 3.6). The macrofossil palms appear to be very similar in morphology between GCP sites, but more analysis is needed to determine if they are the same species. Multiple palm pollen types have been identified in the same setting in Bastrop, including *Arecipites*, *Pandanus*, and *Butia* types (Stephenson et al., 2018). Interestingly, one of the taxa that appears in the body of the negative CIE in the Bighorn Basin was a palm (Wing et al., 2006), and perhaps the GCP palms were the source of the NGP palm taxa. During the Paleocene and Eocene, palms experienced a significant radiation event (Gomez-Navarro et al. 2009), which coincides with the long-term global warming of the early Paleogene (e.g., Zachos et al., 2007;). The trend observed in the central TX early Paleogene flora is an increased palm abundance from the late Paleocene into the early/mid Eocene, which coincides with this radiation event (Harley 2006; Dranfield et al., 2008). The hyperthermal events could have acted as catalyst moments, providing opportunities for palm species to increase in abundance in subtropical areas (e.g. the GCP) and appear in high latitudes during the ‘hyperthermal’ events (e.g. the PETM).

BT-34 is a species within the Lauraceae family that is present in Texas and Tennessee Claiborne Group localities. It is likely an evergreen tree or shrub, possibly in the genus *Cinnamomum*. This morphotype was not present in the central TX PETM locality, but appeared in the late Paleocene and early Eocene localities (Table 3.5).

The GCP would have been composed of a variety of coastal and offshore environments during the early Paleogene, as the ocean transgressed repeatedly into North America. This is complemented by the location of the Wilcox and Claiborne Groups in the GCP, in addition to the sedimentary structures present in the studied sections (Fig. 1.1, 2.2). The decrease in the temperature latitudinal gradient between the lower and upper latitudes due to the rapid warming of the early Paleogene (Zachos et al., 2001; Wing et al., 2005; McInerney and Wing, 2011) would have created a sub-tropical/tropical coastal environment composed of similar taxa throughout the GCP. The presence of shared morphotypes along the GCP early Paleogene deposits suggests that a ‘paratropical belt’ consisting of similar taxa was likely present across the region during the Early Paleogene.

#### *Paleogene Floras Across the PETM*

In central Texas, the morphotypes present before, during, and after the PETM are distinctly different with only one morphotype persisting for the entire interval. This is similar to what is observed in the Bighorn Basin (Wing & Currano 2013) between the Paleocene and the PETM where extirpation is high and eighty-eight percent of plant taxa from the latest Paleocene are not recorded during the PETM interval, and only two Paleocene taxa persisted through the onset, body and recovery of the CIE. During the recovery period of the CIE and further into the early Eocene in the Bighorn Basin, 22 of the locally extirpated taxa from the late Paleocene return and 5 ‘immigration’ taxa remain (McInerney & Wing, 2011). The GCP flora in central Texas shows a markedly different pattern; the Eocene flora does not return to its previous Paleocene composition and relatively few taxa persist from the PETM into the Eocene. Rather, 2 morphotypes return (BT-28, BT-34), 4 morphotypes from the PETM interval remain (including BT-02, the

only persistent taxa), and 7 new morphotypes appear. This suggests that the floral recovery following the PETM in the GCP was very different from that in the NGP.

The rarefaction curves of the Bighorn Basin PETM flora (Wing et al., 2005) suggest a standing species richness between 15-30 morphotypes which is greater than the standing species richness of the PETM and early Eocene flora of the GCP (10 and 13 taxa, respectively)(Fig. 4.1). The greater species richness of the Bighorn Basin flora suggests there may have been higher turnover rates or opportunities for greater diversification. It is interesting that the GCP PETM flora have a lower standing richness than the Bighorn Basin flora, given that it is at a lower latitude and typically richness and diversity decrease with increasing latitude (Stevens, 1989). The higher standing richness could be attributed to the difference in environments; the flora of the GCP was marine influenced while the NGP flora was terrestrial. The tidally influenced, marsh-like environment of the GCP flora may have limited the niche space available for current and immigrating taxa (i.e. flora adapted to coastal, marsh-like environments). However, despite the differences in species richness, the percent of dicots, monocots, and ferns in the Bighorn Basin during the PETM is comparable to that of the GCP PETM and early Eocene (Fig. 4.1).

The turnover and extirpation of the flora of the mid-latitude Bighorn Basin (~44°N) during the onset, body, and recovery of the PETM has been associated with higher temperatures and increased water stress (Secord et al. 2012; Kraus et al. 2013; Wing & Currano 2013). Once the temperatures and precipitation returned to pre-PETM conditions, the PETM taxa were likely pushed out and the taxa with an affinity for cooler temperatures and low water-stress environments returned (McInerney & Wing, 2011;

Wing & Currano, 2013). In higher latitudes (Arctic, 70-80°N), the PETM flora is characterized by a decrease in conifer abundance and an increase in angiosperm abundance (Sluijs et al. 2006) and is associated with high water availability and runoff. In the tropics, there is a significant increase in diversity from the late Paleocene into the Eocene, suggesting that water stress and high temperatures during the PETM did not exceed the tolerance of the tropical vegetation (Jaramillo et al. 2010). While there is noticeable turnover in floral composition, there is no change in species richness or diversity between the PETM and Eocene in the relatively low latitude (~30 °N) GCP floras in central Texas.

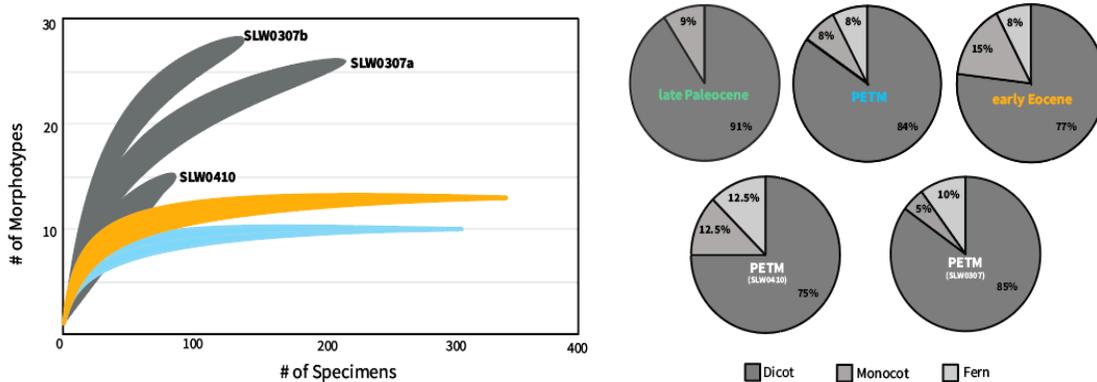


Figure 4.1. Rarefaction curves and plant composition for the Bighorn Basin in Wyoming PETM (Wing et al., 2008; SI) in relation to the GCP Paleocene-Eocene rarefaction and plant composition. The localities are SLW0410 and SLW0307ab, 3 and 37 meters above the base of the CIE, respectively. PETM and early Eocene rarefaction represented by the blue and orange curves, respectively.

The lack of diversity and species richness change suggests that as turnover was occurring in central Texas, the flora's threshold for tolerating higher temperatures and increased seasonality was not breached, rather it allowed for immigration of taxa from the tropics while the local taxa either remained and were out competed or dispersed to more

northern latitudes. This would explain the increased turn-over at the Paleocene-Eocene boundary with little change in diversity and species richness.

As emphasized by Wing and Currano (2013), plant community response to the rapid warming and change in seasonality varied depending on latitudinal location. In the Arctic where there was increased runoff and precipitation, conifer abundance decreased, and angiosperm abundance increased. In the mid-latitudes of North America, higher temperatures and water-stress coincided with extirpation of local NGP flora which were replaced by thermophilic, mimosoid-like flora. In the lower latitudes of North America, the GCP flora of the Paleocene-Eocene boundary had a high turnover rate, with little change in diversity and species richness. In the tropics of South America where the heat tolerance threshold was likely not reached, flora diversity increased during the Paleocene-Eocene transition.

In summary, fossil evidence from North America, Europe, and South America suggests that the warming of the PETM increased turnover rates in low, middle, and high latitudes, increased diversity near the equator (i.e. tropical regions), and created a 'paratropical belt' that extended into the mid-latitudes where the flora turnover and diversity would have been more likely to be influenced by heat-tolerance thresholds and increased aridity (Jaramillo et al., 2010; McInerney and Wing, 2011; Wing and Currano, 2013). Understanding the variation and dynamics of flora and fauna response to rapid global warming will be essential for current and future climate change, as farmlands and food production are likely to be affected.

## *Paleoecology*

Leaf mass per area can be used to assess the leaf economics for fossil taxa and their correlated habitat (Royer et al. 2007). The threshold for the woody dicot calibration is  $129 \text{ g/m}^2$  with deciduous taxa being  $<129 \text{ g/m}^2$  and evergreen taxa being  $>129 \text{ g/m}^2$ . Because vein density was used to scale and estimate the complete size of the incomplete fossil leaves, it is important to mention there are already assumptions underway when the LMA was estimated. The late Paleocene, PETM, and early Eocene leaf mass per area distributions have similar averages (93, 93, and  $84 \text{ g/m}^2$ , respectively) and do not exactly resemble the modern-day tropical seasonal and rain forest distributions, although there are some commonalities.

The distribution of the late Paleocene flora is most similar to distributions seen in modern swamp/riparian tropical seasonal forests (Fig. 3.4). The width of the distribution ( $40\text{-}150 \text{ g/m}^2$ ) is very similar to the modern tropical seasonal forest (swamp/riparian) distribution, but the proportion of morphotypes is different; 30% of the flora in the late Paleocene were  $50\text{-}60 \text{ g/m}^2$  and only 10% of the modern tropical seasonal forest (swamp/riparian) flora were in the same category. Bastrop's Wilcox and Claiborne Groups have recently been re-described as coastal marine and just onshore, based on the lithology, ichnology, and palynology (Denison et al., 2017). The environment of deposition was probably within and offshore from a tide-dominated deltaic system, including tidal lagoons, tidal channels and bars, tidal marshes, and peat-producing topogenous mires, as indicated by the sedimentology, organic petrography, palynology, and ichnofossils. (Denison et al. 2017; O'Keefe et al., 2017; Stephenson et al., 2018). Thus, the plants inhabiting this region at the time would have needed to be tolerant of salt

spray, tidal changes, brackish water, and possibly winds. These plant communities are often low in diversity due to such harsh, changing environments (Mitsch and Gosselink, 2015).

The PETM distribution was most similar to the tropical seasonal forest (non-riparian) (Fig. 3.4). The leaves deposited in the channel fill were likely sourced from the surrounding area which complements the non-riparian characteristic of the PETM flora. Most of the leaves are well preserved with  $\geq 50\%$  of the leaf being present, suggesting relatively limited transport. Because the PETM flora composition is significantly different from the pre and post PETM flora, the wide distribution may be the result of new taxa establishing territory in the GCP while the previous taxa were being 'extirpated'. The number of morphotypes during the PETM, particularly the morphotypes that were not present in the field census collection, could represent species diversification as new niche spaces were created during the Paleocene-Eocene flora turnover. This difference could also be attributed to the depositional environment, as the channel fill was composed of multiple splays and the census collection may have sampled a single splay, while the voucher collection may have comprised multiple splays. In addition, the ecosystem suggested by the palynology is a peat-producing sawgrass marsh near a hardwood hammock (Stephenson et al., 2018). Hardwood hammocks typically comprise a mixture of diverse evergreen and semi-deciduous tree and shrub species and are often closed canopy. The LMA distribution of the central Texas PETM macroflora suggests a mixture of evergreen, semi-deciduous, and deciduous taxa, supporting the hypothesis of a hardwood hammock ecosystem.

The early Eocene distribution did not resemble any of the modern-day tropical rainforest and tropical seasonal forest distributions (Fig. 3.4). The distribution of the flora is primarily deciduous with ~30% of the flora being between 100-120 g/m<sup>2</sup>, suggesting these floras may have been semi-deciduous. The increase in palm abundance observed in the early Eocene flora and the heterolithic coarsening upwards with well-developed muddy tidal flat deposits of the early Eocene locality suggest an offshore coastal environment, possibly surrounding a tidal marsh, rich in palms, deciduous to semi-deciduous shrubs, and scattered ferns. The palynology described from the same locality in the Carrizo Sand at Manawanui Drive suggests a shallow shelf environment offshore from a brackish tidal marsh with low pollen diversity and the presence of fungi (Stephenson et al., 2018). The Shannon and Simpson (1-D) Index values for the early Eocene macroflora suggests a low diversity with moderately high evenness. Salt marshes are typically low in diversity with a variety of plant compositions depending on the salinity gradient (Mitsch and Gosselink, 2015).

Comparisons of the LMA distributions of the central Texas flora and the Bighorn Basin (Currano et al., 2008) suggest the central Texas GCP late Paleocene flora and the NGP Bighorn Basin PETM flora have similar deciduous/evergreen distributions (Fig. 4.2). The GCP late Paleocene distributions range from 56-151 g/m<sup>2</sup> and the NGP PETM distributions range from 53-156 g/m<sup>2</sup> with average LMAs of 93 and 89 g/m<sup>2</sup>, respectively. This suggests similar ecological habitats and supports the hypothesis of the expansion of a 'paratropical' belt during the PETM into the NGP. However, only a few morphotypes present in the late Paleocene of the central Texas GCP resemble the flora of the Bighorn Basin (BT-20, BT-23, BT-24, BT-28, and BT-41; 2 palms, a laurel, an

unidentified dicot leaf, and a legume-like fruit, respectively). The legume-like fruits (specifically of the morphology of BT-41, see Appendix) were solely observed in the late Paleocene flora of the central Texas GCP, which is interesting considering the thermophilic taxa present in the NGP PETM flora were rich in mimosoid-like legumes which would have produced fruit similar to the fruit present in the late Paleocene.

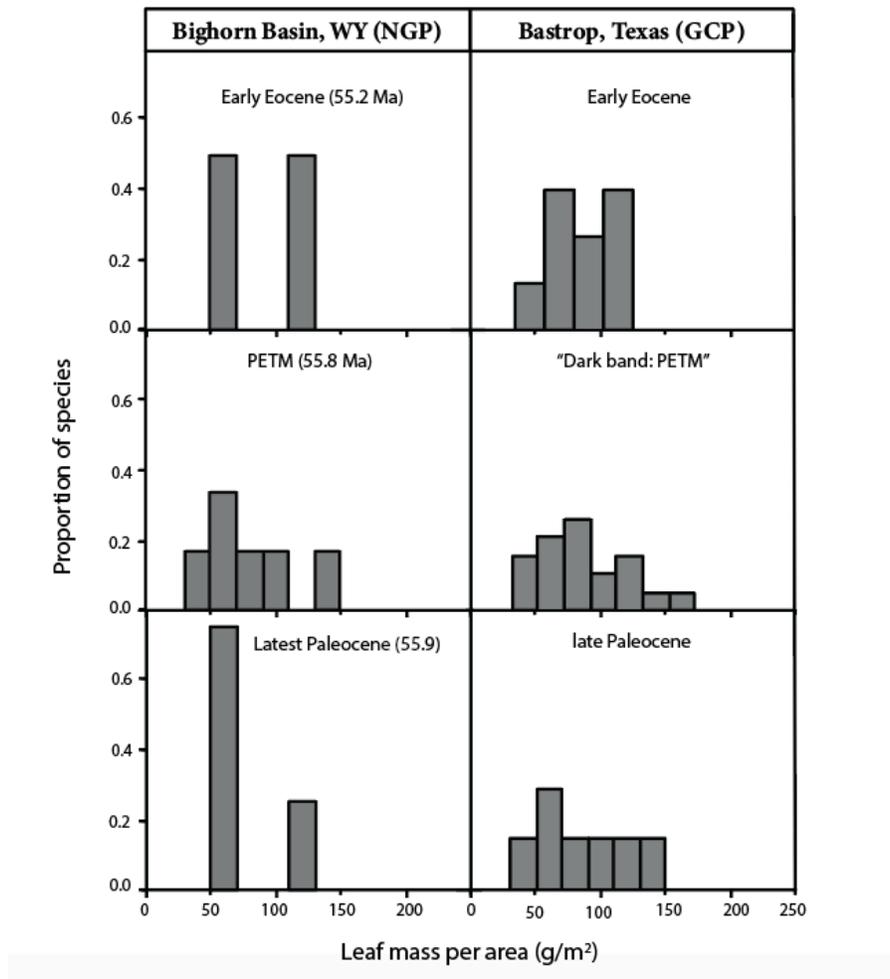


Figure 4.2. Estimated LMA distributions of fossil flora from Bighorn Basin in WY and GCP central TX. Bighorn Basin data taken from Currano et al. (2008) supplemental data. Latest Paleocene: USNM 416413, ‘Clarkforkian 3’ (55.9 Ma); PETM: USNM 42384, ‘Wasatchian 0’ (55.8 Ma); early Eocene: USNM 42395-42399, ‘Wasatchian 2’ (55.2 Ma). The Royer et al. (2007) method was used to estimate all LMA values.

Data suggest the environments of the late Paleocene, PETM, and early Eocene flora of the central Texas GCP were coastal, tidally influenced lagoons or marshes, which transitioned to an offshore shallow-shelf environment abundant with palms and moderately diverse dicots. All floras in this study would have been strongly influenced by and adapted to coastal, marine environments. A variety of microhabitats develop along coastal areas in response to tidal influences and salinity gradients (Sternberg et al., 1991). Plant community composition can change due to changes in sea level as a result of a change in salinity; this is observed in lower, middle, and upper marsh habitats due to varying salinity gradients (Gough and Grace, 1998). Eustatic sea level rise was occurring during the PETM and dinoflagellate cyst composition suggests this rise in sea level would have shifted the deposition of terrigenous material landward (Sluijs et al., 2014). This coincides with the change in depositional environments observed across the Paleocene-Eocene boundary in central Texas and along the GCP (i.e. transitioning from the progradational parasequence of muddy tidal flats of the Sabinetown to the shallow marine transgression of the 'Dark Band' and ultimately to the cross-bedded sandstone with herringbone crossbedding deposits within the Carrizo Sand formation) (Yancey et al., 2010; Yancey et al., 2012; Sluijs et al., 2014; Denison et al., 2017).

Microfossil studies show that seasonal euxinic photic zone conditions developed along the GCP at the Paleocene-Eocene boundary (Sluijs et al., 2014) and it has been suggested that this led to shelf eutrophication, which facilitated carbon burial along continental margins, ultimately acting as negative feedbacks to carbon input and global warming (Sluijs et al., 2014). Coastal habitats (submerged or partially submerged) often reduce the flow of turbulence and dampen wave energy while their roots trap sediment

and prevent resuspension of sediment (Duarte et al.,2013). As a result, these coastal regions act as large carbon deposits, influence basin accommodation space, regulate nutrient fluxes, and provide a form of climatic regulation (Duarte et al., 2013). If this is the case, coastal plant communities within the GCP, specifically those with tidal marsh, mangrove, and hardwood hammock characteristics, may have played an essential role in sediment accumulation during the PETM.

Flora compositions within the GCP would have been changing in response to sea level rise and salinity change during the PETM, in addition to the expansion of 'paratropical' belt ecosystems and immigration of topical or subtropical plants. This is important to consider when evaluating the source of the NGP flora and possible immigration of the GCP flora, as well as when comparing the response of coastal and inland floral communities and composition to rapid climate change. Certain taxa found in central Texas may have been restricted to the coast and unlikely to be found inland in areas such as the NGP. Taxa with similar ecological niches that are not restricted to coastal areas (i.e. morphotypes present further inland in places like TN, AR, and KY) may more likely be the source of the flora, but more descriptions and accurate dating along other areas of the GCP are necessary to test this hypothesis.

Ongoing destruction of coastal environments (salt marshes, tidal lagoons, hardwood hammocks, mangrove forests) has been well documented and studied (Watson and Byrne, 2009) because of the recognized ecological and biogeochemical importance of such habitats. Current global warming is occurring at a faster rate than what is observed at the Paleocene-Eocene boundary. If these habitats play an important role in carbon sequestration and they are already being destroyed due to anthropogenic effects

(Watson and Byrne, 2009), they may not be able to keep up with the pace of current climate change and essential carbon sinks could be lost.

### *Conclusions and Future Work*

The Paleocene-Eocene macrofossil flora of the central Texas GCP suggest a high turnover rate and change in plant community composition at the Paleocene-Eocene boundary in response to rapid global warming. The response of flora and fauna during the onset, body, and recovery of the PETM is important for understanding how biota will respond to current and future global warming. Coastal plant compositions and distributions will likely depend on sediment accumulation, keeping pace with rising sea levels (Watson and Burne, 2009), heat tolerance thresholds (Wing and Currano, 2013), and immigration of new or invasive species (Dukes and Mooney, 1999). Environments such as marshes, swamps, and coastal lagoons are not only important ecological habitats, but also act as carbon sinks. As global temperatures continue to rise at an alarming rate, important ecological habitats are increasingly threatened due to adaptation and evolution limiting the rate at which these habitats can respond to the fast rate of global warming.

The high turnover of flora observed in the GCP suggests continuous response to the changing environment and the lack of change in diversity suggests the plant communities were not limited by heat tolerance thresholds but were influenced by changes within the environment such as salinity, sea level, and the introduction of new thermophilic taxa. The similar morphotypes throughout the Wilcox and Claiborne Groups of the southeastern U.S. GCP support the hypothesis of an expanded 'paratropical' belt composed of thermophilic taxa. Several of the morphotypes described in the central Texas GCP late Paleocene flora may be present in the NGP PETM flora, though more

descriptions and comparisons are necessary to confirm this hypothesis. The similarity in the LMA distributions of the GCP late Paleocene flora and the NGP PETM flora suggests an environment comparable to that of the late Paleocene flora, supporting the hypothesis of an expansion of paratropical environments into northern latitudes. More descriptions and better age constraint of the GCP flora are necessary to further evaluate the composition and transition of flora at the Paleocene-Eocene boundary across the southeastern USA and the relationship between the GCP and NGP floras.

## APPENDIX

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### *Supplemental Data and Morphotype Descriptions*

This appendix consists of the raw leaf mass per area (LMA) data, a table summarizing all morphotypes in this study, and descriptions and images for each morphotype described in localities JW1802, JW1801, and JW1803. These represent the time periods before, during, and after the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum, respectively. Fossil dicotyledonous angiosperm (dicot) leaves were described using the Manual of Leaf Architecture (Ellis et al., 2009). Monocotyledonous angiosperms (monocots) and ferns were described primarily using venation characteristics. Based on the features observed when making these descriptions, the fossils from each locality were divided into morphotypes (Ellis et al., 2009; Peppe et al., 2008).

Each morphotype is represented by a description of the leaf architecture followed by images of the morphotypes with a figure caption listing the specimen labels, exemplars, and classification when possible. All scale bars are 5 cm long and each box is 1 cm in length. Dicots are listed first, followed by monocots, ferns, and ending with fruits, seeds, and reproductive material. Monocot, fern, and fruit descriptions are contained within the figure captions. All fossils from this study are housed at Baylor University Department of Geosciences in the Terrestrial Paleoclimatology Research Lab.

Table A.1. Average leaf mass per area values for JW1802 with standard error (95% confidence interval).

Morphotype	Average	SE+	SE-
BT-02	80.00	103.51	45.12
BT-10	56.75	73.47	32.02
BT-15	103.05	133.35	58.13
BT-17	61.28	79.32	34.57
BT-36	132.26	171.30	74.63
BT-37	151.30	196.10	85.40
BT-40	68.13	88.17	38.43

Table A.2. Average leaf mass per area values for JW1801 with standard error (95% confidence interval).

Morphotype	Average	SE+	SE-
BT-01	107.54	33.68	25.65
BT-02	124.71	61.94	41.38
BT-03	78.11	50.64	30.72
BT-04	141.37	183.17	79.79
BT-05	137.77	113.43	62.21
BT-06	135.65	111.67	61.25
BT-08	83.83	108.46	47.28
BT-09	57.41	26.11	17.95
BT-11	93.00	76.41	41.95
BT-12	137.78	178.48	77.75
BT-13	117.71	76.41	46.33
BT-14	51.65	19.69	14.25
BT-16	88.40	72.62	39.87
BT-19	86.53	111.95	48.81
BT-26	81.51	105.46	45.98
BT-31	44.60	57.82	25.18
BT-33	62.91	51.72	28.38
BT-38	73.81	60.65	33.29
BT-44	71.14	92.05	40.13

Table A.3. Average leaf mass per area values for JW1803 with standard error (95% confidence interval).

Morphotype	Average	SE+	SE-
BT-01	80.41	52.13	31.63
BT-02	106.81	87.79	48.19
BT-22	47.79	26.64	17.10
BT-24	75.18	41.72	26.83
BT-25	112.40	92.41	50.71
BT-28	69.62	34.50	23.07
BT-34	110.97	42.14	30.54
BT-35	88.78	49.26	31.68
BT-44	63.48	26.86	18.87

Table A.4. List of all morphotypes with type, classification, margin characteristics, and leaf size category. For margin, entire is expressed by ‘1’ and toothed is expressed by ‘0’.

The estimated leaf area was recorded in mm<sup>2</sup> and the natural log of the estimated leaf area was used to categorize each leaf into the following leaf sizes: leptophyll, nanophyll, microphyll, notophyll, mesophyll, and megaphyll; which are defined as greater than 2.12 mm<sup>2</sup>, 4.32 mm<sup>2</sup>, 6.51 mm<sup>2</sup>, 8.01 mm<sup>2</sup>, 9.11 mm<sup>2</sup>, and 11.42 mm<sup>2</sup>, respectively (Webb, 1959).

Morphotype	Type	Classification	Margin	Leaf Size Category
BT-01	Dicot	Theaceae: cf. <i>Ternstroemites</i> sp.	0	Microphyll
BT-02	Dicot	Juglandaceae; <i>Oreoroa claibornensis</i>	1	Mircophyll
BT-03	Dicot		1	Microphyll
BT-04	Dicot		N/O	Notophyll
BT-05	Dicot		1	Microphyll
BT-06	Dicot	Cf. Lauraceae	1	Microphyll
BT-07	Dicot		1	Mesophyll
BT-08	Dicot		1	Mesophyll
BT-09	Dicot		0	Mesophyll
BT-10	Dicot		0	Microphyll
BT-11	Dicot		0	Micro/Notophyll
BT-12	Dicot	Juglandaceae: cf. <i>Oreoroa</i> sp.	1	Notophyll
BT-13	Dicot		1	Microphyll
BT-14	Dicot	Cf. Fagaceae	0	Mesophyll
BT-15	Dicot		1	Notophyll
BT-16	Dicot		1	Notophyll
BT-17	Dicot		0	Notophyll
BT-18	Seed		N/A	N/A
BT-19	Dicot		1	Mesophyll
BT-20	Monocot	Palmaceae	N/A	N/A
BT-21	Monocot	Araceae: cf. <i>Orontium</i> sp. ?	N/A	N/A
BT-22	Dicot	Juglandaceae; <i>Oreoroa</i> sp.	0	Notophyll
BT-23	Monocot	Arecaceae; cf. <i>Sabalites</i>	N/A	N/A
BT-24	Dicot		0	Notophyll
BT-25	Dicot		1	Mesophyll
BT-26	Dicot		0	Mesophyll
BT-27	Fern		N/A	N/A
BT-28	Dicot		0	Mesophyll
BT-29	Dicot		1	?
BT-30	Monocot		N/A	N/A
BT-31	Dicot		N/O	Megaphyll
BT-32	Fern		N/A	N/A
BT-33	Dicot		0	Notophyll
BT-34	Dicot	Lauraceae; cf. <i>Cinnamomum</i> sp.	1	Notophyll
BT-35	Dicot		0	Notophyll
BT-36	Dicot		0	Notophyll
BT-37	Dicot		N/O	Notophyll
BT-38	Dicot		0	Nanophyll
BT-39	Fern	<i>Eostangeria pseudopteris</i>	N/A	N/A
BT-40	Dicot		0	Notophyll
BT-41	Seed		N/A	N/A
BT-43	Repro.	Juglandaceae; cf. <i>Platycarya</i> sp.	N/A	N/A
BT-44	Dicot		0	Mesophyll



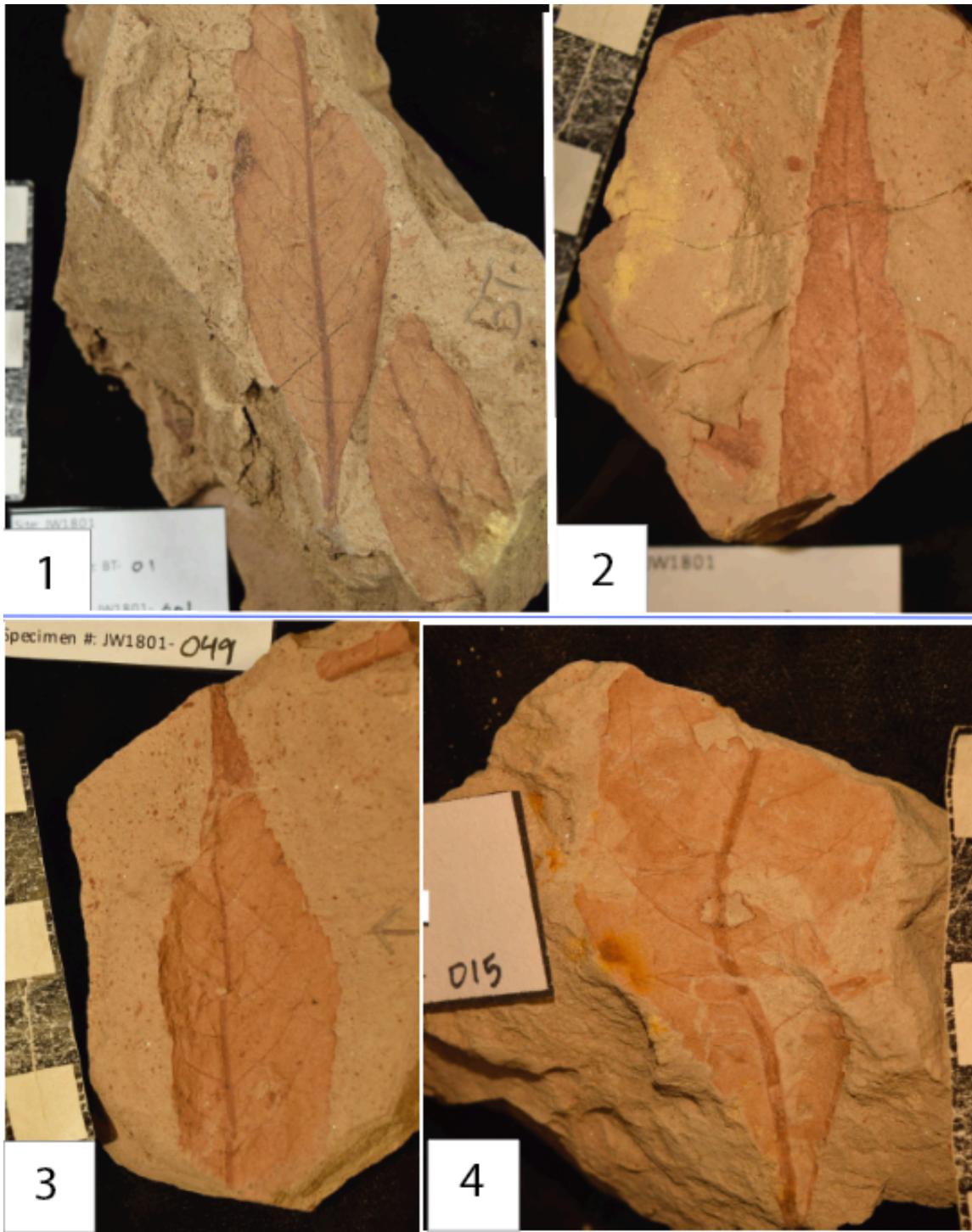


Figure A.1. Morphotype BT-01. Located in locality JW1801 and JW1803. 1. Specimen number JW1801-001, exemplar, 2. JW1801-027, 3. JW1801-049, 4. JW1803-015.

Table A.6. Morphotype BT-02 leaf architecture description. Family Juglandaceae or Sapindaceae. Present in Localities JW1801, JW1802, and JW1803.

Section I. Leaf Characters	Description		Section II. Venation	Description
Leaf attachment	petiolate		1° Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement	not visible		naked basal veins	absent
leaf organization	not visible		number of basal veins	1
leaflet organization	not visible		agrophic veins	absent
Leaflet attachment	not visible		2° Major 2° vein framework	simple brochidodromous
Petiole features	absent		Interior secondaries	present
			minor secondary course	semicraspedodromous
<b>Features of the blade:</b>			Perimarginal veins	intramarginal secondary
Position of lamina attachment	marginal		major secondary spacing	gradually increasing proximally
Laminar size	noto-meso		Variation of secondary angle	uniform
laminar L:W ratio	> 6:1		Major secondary attachment	decurent
laminar shape	linear		Inter-2° proximal course	parallel to major secondaries
medial symmetry	symmetrical		intersecondary length	>50% of subjacent secondary
base symmetry	symmetrical		distal course	parallel to subjacent major secondary
base symmetry lobation	symmetrical unlobed		vein frequency	~ 1 per intercostal area
margin type	entire		3° Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	convex opposite percurrent
special margin features	undulate (sparse)		Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	not applicable
Apex angle	acute		Angle of percurrent tertiaries	acute
apex shape	straight		vein angle variability	absent
apex shape	straight		Epimedial tertiaries	not visible
base angle	acute		proximal course	not visible
base shape	straight		distal course	not visible
base shape	straight		Exterior tertiary course	not visible
base shape	straight		4° Quaternary vein fabric	irregular reticulate
Terminal apex features	absent		5° Quinternary vein fabric	not visible
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>			<b>Text Description:</b>	
Tooth spacing	not applicable			

**Diagnostic Features:**  
Lanceolate, entire, variation in length, >3:1 length to width ratio

Leaf attachment petiolate; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment marginal. Petiole features absent. Laminar size noto-meso; laminar L:W ratio > 6:1; laminar shape linear with medial symmetrical and base symmetrical to symmetrical. Margin unlobed and entire with undulate (sparse) edges. Apex angle acute; apex shape straight to straight; base angle acute; base shape straight to straight. Terminal apex absent. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins absent; 1basal veins; agrophic veins absent. Major secondaries simple brochidodromous, spacing gradually increasing proximally, uniform; attachment decurent. Interior secondaries present; minor secondary course semicraspedodromous; intramarginal secondary present, proximal course parallel to major secondaries; Intersecondaries >50% of subjacent secondary; distal course parallel to subjacent major secondary; occur at ~ 1 per intercostal area; Intercostal tertiary veins convex opposite percurrent, to not applicable; acuteto midvein; vein angle absent. Epimedial tertiaries not visible; proximal course not visible; distal course not visible. Exterior tertiary course not visible. Quaternary vein fabric irregular reticulate. Quinternary vein fabric not visible. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing not applicable, with not applicable orders of teeth; teeth / cm ; sinus shape not applicable. Tooth shapes ; ; and . Principal vein not applicable; terminates not applicable; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex not applicable.

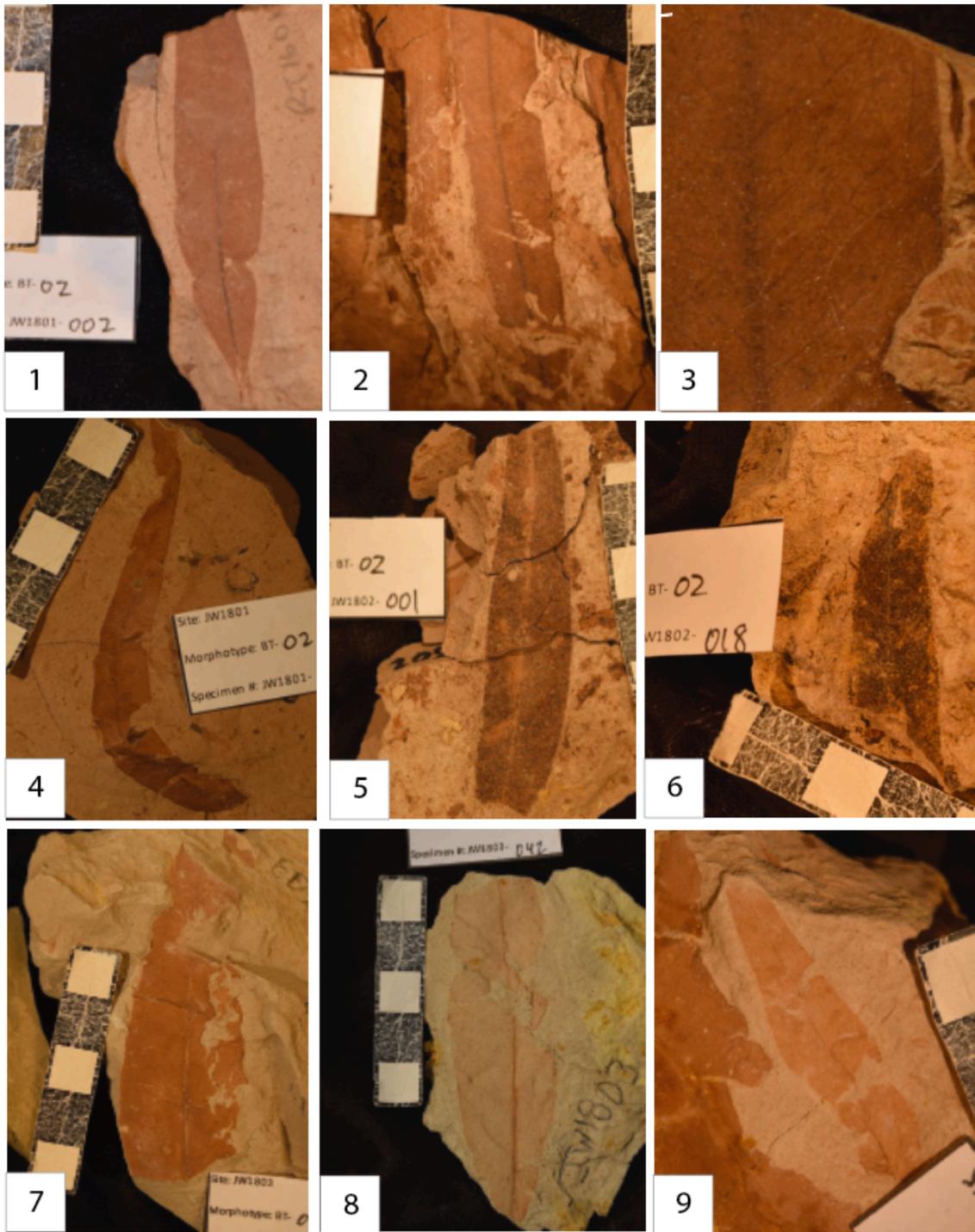


Figure A.2. Morphotype BT-02. Located in localities JW1801, JW1802, and JW1803. 1. Specimen number JW1801-002, exemplar, 2. JW1801-075, 3. JW1801-075 enlarged to show venation, 4. JW1801-084, 5. JW1802-001, exemplar, 6. JW1802-18, 7. JW1803-040, 8. JW1803-042, 9. JW1803-045.

Table A.7. Morphotype BT-03 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1801.

Section I. Leaf Characters	Description	Section II. Venation	Description
Leaf attachment	petiolate	1° Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement	not visible	naked basal veins	absent
leaf organization	not visible	number of basal veins	1 (3?)
leaflet organization	not visible	agrophic veins	absent
Leaflet attachment	not visible	2° Major 2° vein framework	festooned brochidodromous
Petiole features	not visible	Interior secondaries	absent
<b>Features of the blade:</b>		minor secondary course	not visible
		Perimarginal veins	intramarginal secondary
Position of lamina attachment	marginal	major secondary spacing	irregular
Laminar size	noto-meso	Variation of secondary angle	abruptly increasing proximally
laminar L:W ratio	> 2:1	Inter-2° Major secondary attachment proximal course	decurrent
laminar shape	oblong-ovate		absent
medial symmetry	not visible	intersecondary length	not applicable
base symmetry	symmetrical	distal course	not applicable
base symmetry		vein frequency	not applicable
lobation	unlobed	3° Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	percurrent
margin type	entire	Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	straight opposite percurrent perpendicular
special margin features	not visible	Angle of percurrent tertiaries	perpendicular
Apex angle	not visible	vein angle variability	consistent
apex shape	not visible	Epimedial tertiaries	opposite percurrent
apex shape	not visible	proximal course	perpendicular to midvein
base angle	obtuse	distal course	parallel to intercostal tertiary
base shape	rounded	Exterior tertiary course	looped
base shape	not visible	4° Quaternary vein fabric	alternate percurrent
Terminal apex features	not visible	5° Quinternary vein fabric	regular reticulate
		Areolation	not visible
Surface texture	not visible	FEV branching	not visible
Surficial glands	not visible	FEV termination	not visible
		Marginal Ultimate venation	incomplete loops
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>		<b>Text Description:</b>	
Tooth spacing	not applicable	<p>Leaf attachment petiolate; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment marginal. Petiole features not visible. Laminar size noto-meso; laminar L:W ratio &gt; 2:1; laminar shape oblong-ovate with medial not visible and base symmetrical to . Margin unlobed and entire with not visible edges. Apex angle not visible; apex shape not visible to not visible; base angle obtuse; base shape rounded to not visible. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins absent; 1 (3?) basal veins; agrophic veins absent. Major secondaries festooned brochidodromous, spacing irregular, abruptly increasing proximally; attachment decurrent. Interior secondaries absent; minor secondary course not visible; intramarginal secondary present, proximal course absent; Intersecondaries not applicable; distal course not applicable; occur at not applicable; Intercostal tertiary veins percurrent, to straight opposite percurrent; perpendicular to midvein; vein angle consistent. Epimedial tertiaries opposite percurrent; proximal course perpendicular to midvein; distal course parallel to intercostal tertiary. Exterior tertiary course looped. Quaternary vein fabric alternate percurrent. Quinternary vein fabric regular reticulate. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation incomplete loops. Tooth spacing not applicable, with not applicable orders of teeth; teeth / cm ; sinus shape not applicable. Tooth shapes ; ; and . Principal vein not applicable; terminates not applicable; accessory vein not apparent</p>	
number of orders of teeth	not applicable		
teeth / cm			
sinus shape	not applicable		
tooth shapes			
Principal vein	not applicable		
principal vein termination	not applicable		
course of accessory vein	not applicable		
features of the tooth apex	not applicable		

**Diagnostic Features:**  
 Secondaries festooned  
 brochidodromous, entire

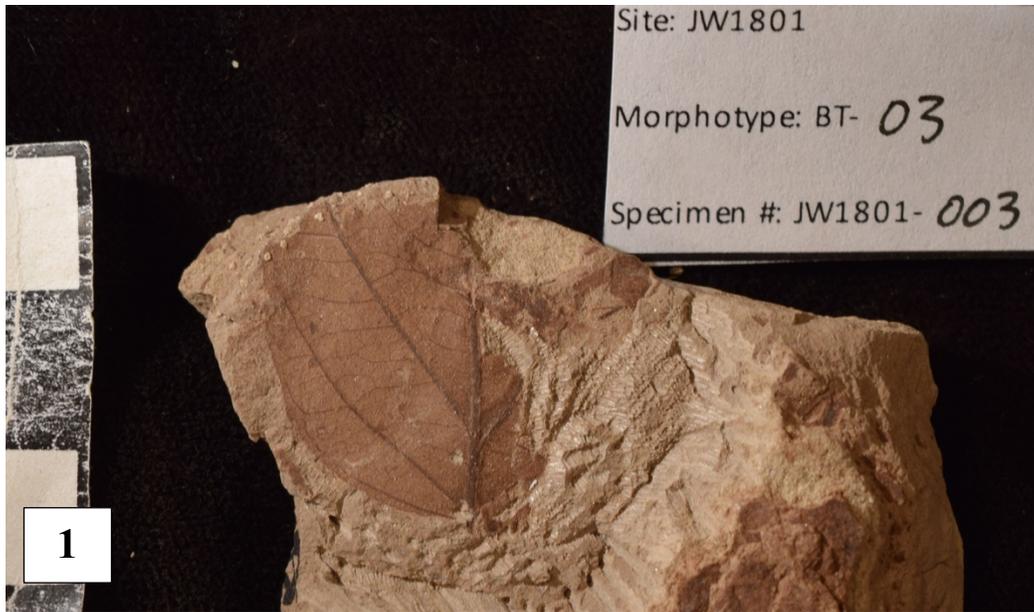


Figure A.3. Morphotype BT-03. Located in locality JW1801. 1. Specimen number JW1801-003, exemplar, 2. JW1801-0102a.



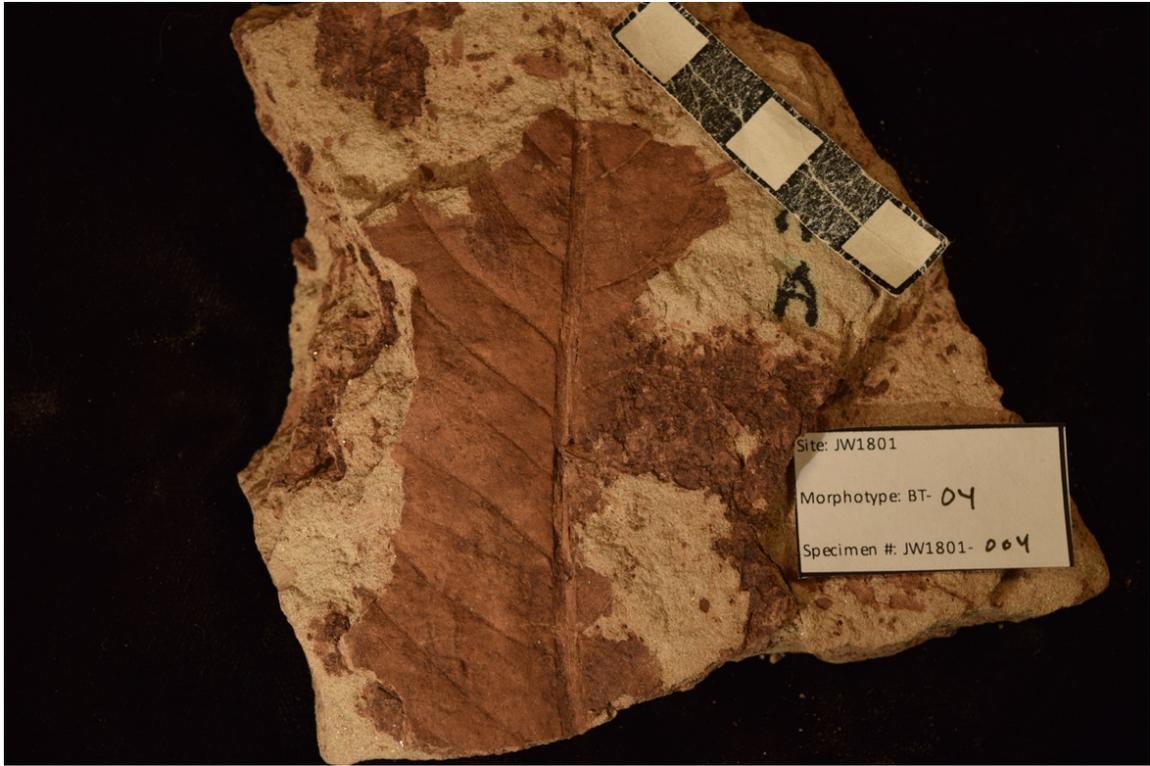


Figure A.4. Morphotype BT-04. Located in locality JW1801. Specimen number JW1801-004



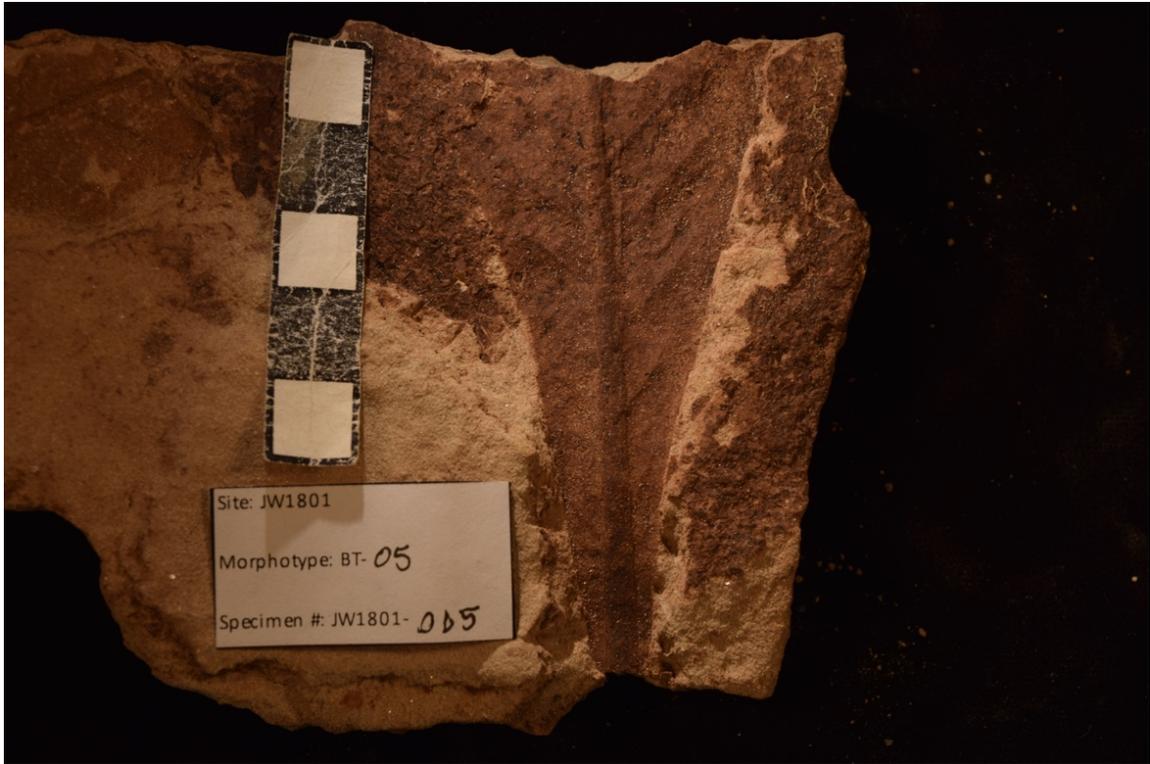


Figure A.5. Morphotype BT-05. Present in locality JW1801. Specimen number JW1801-005.

Table A.10. Morphotype BT-06 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1801.

Section I. Leaf Characters		Description	Section II. Venation		Description
Leaf attachment		petiolate	1°	Primary vein framework	palinactinodromous
leaf arrangement		not visible		naked basal veins	not visible
leaf organization		not visible		number of basal veins	3
leaflet organization		not visible		agrophic veins	present
Leaflet attachment		not visible	2°	Major 2° vein framework	semicraspedodromous
Petiole features		not visible		Interior secondaries	absent
<b>Features of the blade:</b>				minor secondary course	not visible
Position of lamina attachment	marginal			Perimarginal veins	not visible
Laminar size	mesophyll			major secondary spacing	regular
laminar L:W ratio	1:1 to 2:1			Variation of secondary angle	uniform
laminar shape	ovate?		Inter-2°	Major secondary attachment	deflected
medial symmetry	not visible			proximal course	not visible
base symmetry	not visible			intersecondary length	not applicable
base symmetry	not visible			distal course	not applicable
lobation	possibly lobed		3°	vein frequency	not applicable
margin type	not visible			Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	straight opposite percurrent
special margin features	not visible			Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	mixed percurrent
Apex angle	not visible			Angle of percurrent tertiaries	acute
apex shape	not visible			vein angle variability	consistent
apex shape	not visible			Epimedial tertiaries	mixed percurrent
base angle	obtuse			proximal course	not visible
base shape	concave			distal course	not visible
base shape	not visible		4°	Exterior tertiary course	not visible
Terminal apex features	not visible		5°	Quaternary vein fabric	not visible
				Quinternary vein fabric	not visible
Surface texture	not visible			Areolation	not visible
Surficial glands	not visible			FEV branching	not visible
				FEV termination	not visible
				Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>			<b>Text Description:</b>		
Tooth spacing		not applicable	Leaf attachment petiolate; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment marginal. Petiole features not visible. Laminar size mesophyll; laminar L:W ratio 1:1 to 2:1; laminar shape ovate? with medial not visible and base not visible to not visible. Margin possibly lobed and not visible with not visible edges. Apex angle not visible; apex shape not visible to not visible; base angle obtuse; base shape concave to not visible. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation palinactinodromous; naked basal veins not visible; 3basal veins; agrophic veins present. Major secondaries semicraspedodromous, spacing regular, uniform; attachment deflected. Interior secondaries absent; minor secondary course not visible; not visiblepresent, proximal course not visible; Intersecondaries not applicable; distal course not applicable; occur at not applicable; Intercostal tertiary veins straight opposite percurrent, to mixed percurrent; acuteto midvein; vein angle consistent. Epimedial tertiaries mixed percurrent; proximal course not visible; distal course not visible. Exterior tertiary course not visible. Quaternary vein fabric not visible. Quinternary vein fabric not visible. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visibletermination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing not applicable, with not applicable orders of teeth; teeth / cm ; sinus shape not applicable. Tooth shapes ; ; and . Principal vein not applicable; terminates not applicable; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex not applicable.		
number of orders of teeth		not applicable			
teeth / cm		not applicable			
sinus shape		not applicable			
tooth shapes		not applicable			
tooth shapes		not applicable			
tooth shapes		not applicable			
tooth shapes		not applicable			
Principal vein		not applicable			
principal vein termination		not applicable			
course of accessory vein		not applicable			
features of the tooth apex		not applicable			
<b>Diagnostic Features:</b>					
3 primary veins, agrophic veins, strongly decurrent secondaries					

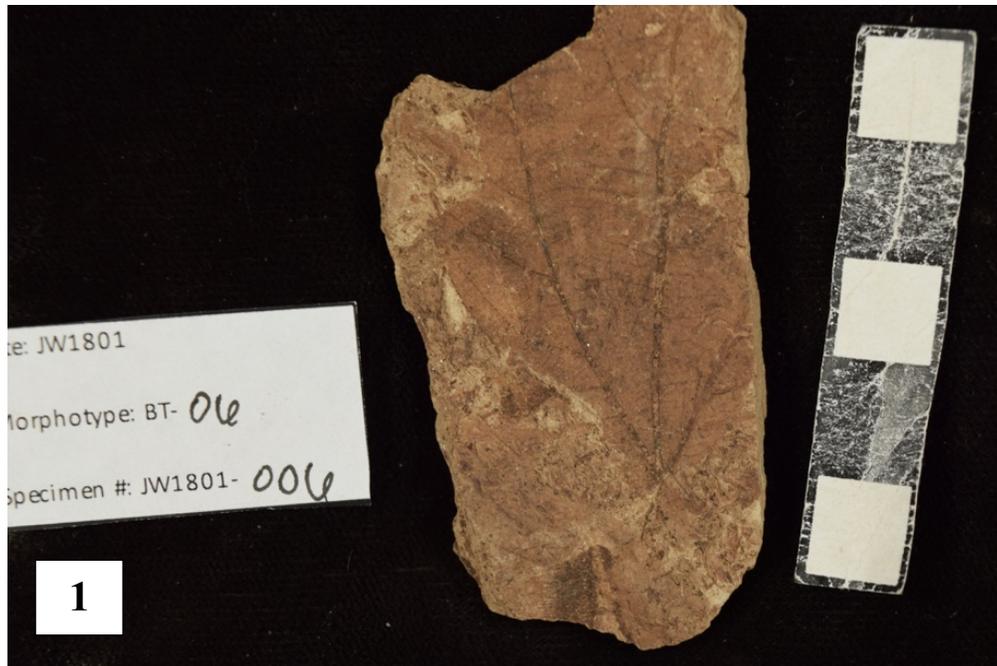


Figure A.6. Morphotype BT-06. Present in locality JW1801. Specimen number: 1. JW1801-006, 2. JW1801-100.

Table A.11. Morphotype BT-07 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1801.

Section I. Leaf Characters	Description	Section II. Venation	Description
Leaf attachment	not visible	1° Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement	not visible	naked basal veins	not visible
leaf organization	not visible	number of basal veins	1
leaflet organization	not visible	agrophic veins	not visible
Leaflet attachment	not visible	2° Major 2° vein framework	*looping near margin
Petiole features	not visible	Interior secondaries	absent
		minor secondary course	not applicable
<b>Features of the blade:</b>		Perimarginal veins	not visible
Position of lamina attachment	not visible	major secondary spacing	regular
Laminar size	noto/meso	Variation of secondary angle	uniform
laminar L:W ratio	~ 2:1	Major secondary attachment	decurrent
laminar shape	ovate?	Inter-2° proximal course	not visible
medial symmetry	symmetrical	intersecondary length	not applicable
base symmetry	not visible	distal course	not applicable
base symmetry	not visible	vein frequency	not applicable
lobation	unlobed	3° Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	straight opposite percurrent
margin type	not visible	Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	
special margin features	not visible	Angle of percurrent tertiaries	perpendicular
Apex angle	not visible	vein angle variability	consistent
apex shape	not visible	Epimedial tertiaries	opposite percurrent
apex shape	not visible	proximal course	perpendicular to midvein
base angle	obtuse?	distal course	parallel to intercostal tertiary
base shape	not visible	Exterior tertiary course	not visible
base shape	not visible	4° Quaternary vein fabric	mixed percurrent
Terminal apex features	not visible	5° Quinternary vein fabric	not visible
		Areolation	not visible
Surface texture	not visible	FEV branching	not visible
Surficial glands	not visible	FEV termination	not visible
		Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>		<b>TextDescription:</b>	
Tooth spacing	not applicable		Leaf attachment not visible; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment not visible. Petiole features not visible. Laminar size noto/meso; laminar L:W ratio ~ 2:1; laminar shape ovate? with medial symmetrical and base not visible to not visible. Margin unlobed and not visible with not visible edges. Apex angle not visible; apex shape not visible to not visible; base angle obtuse?; base shape not visible to not visible. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins not visible; 1 basal veins; agrophic veins not visible. Major secondaries *looping near margin, spacing regular, uniform; attachment decurrent. Interior secondaries absent; minor secondary course not applicable; not visible present, proximal course not visible; Intersecondaries not applicable; distal course not applicable; occur at not applicable; Intercostal tertiary veins straight opposite percurrent, to ; perpendicular to midvein; vein angle consistent. Epimedial tertiaries opposite percurrent; proximal course perpendicular to midvein; distal course parallel to intercostal tertiary. Exterior tertiary course not visible. Quaternary vein fabric mixed percurrent. Quinternary vein fabric not visible. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing not applicable, with not applicable orders of teeth; teeth / cm ; sinus shape not applicable. Tooth shapes ; ; and . Principal vein not applicable; terminates not applicable; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex not applicable.
number of orders of teeth	not applicable		
teeth / cm			
sinus shape	not applicable		
tooth shapes			
Principal vein	not applicable		
principal vein termination	not applicable		
course of accessory vein	not applicable		
features of the tooth apex	not applicable		

**Diagnostic Features:**  
Strongly decurrent secondaries, well developed venation

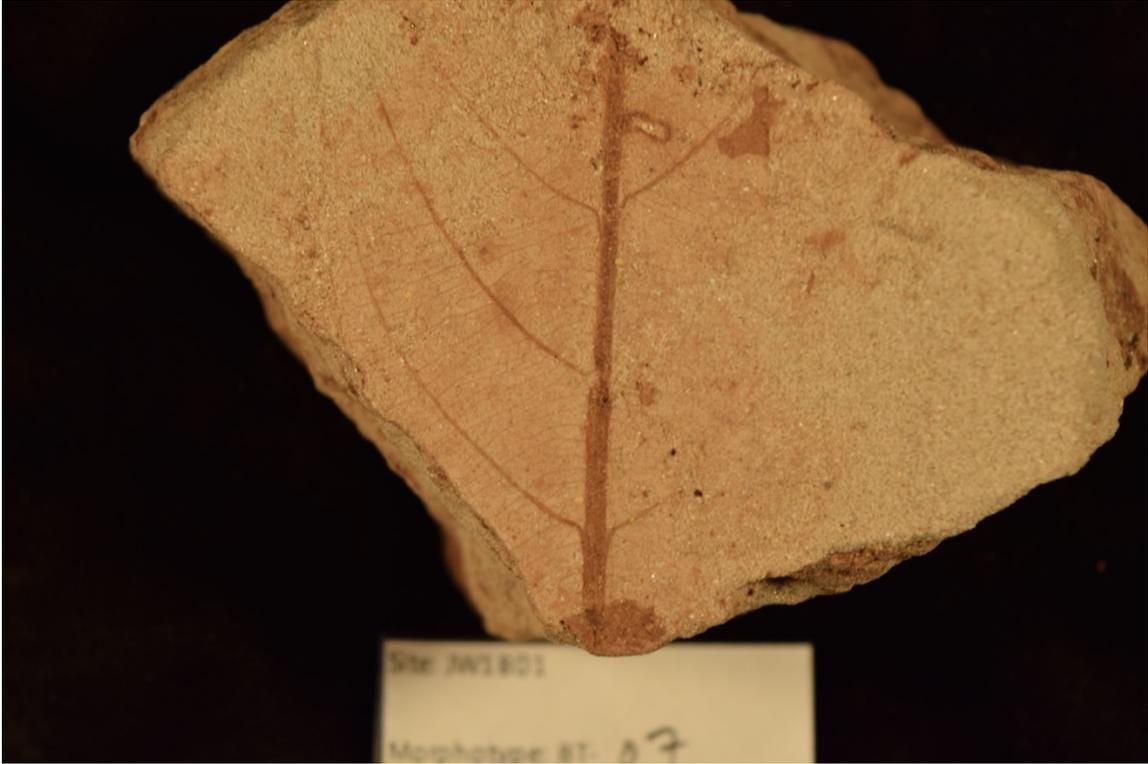


Figure A.7. Morphotype BT-07. Present in locality JW1801. Specimen number JW1801-007.



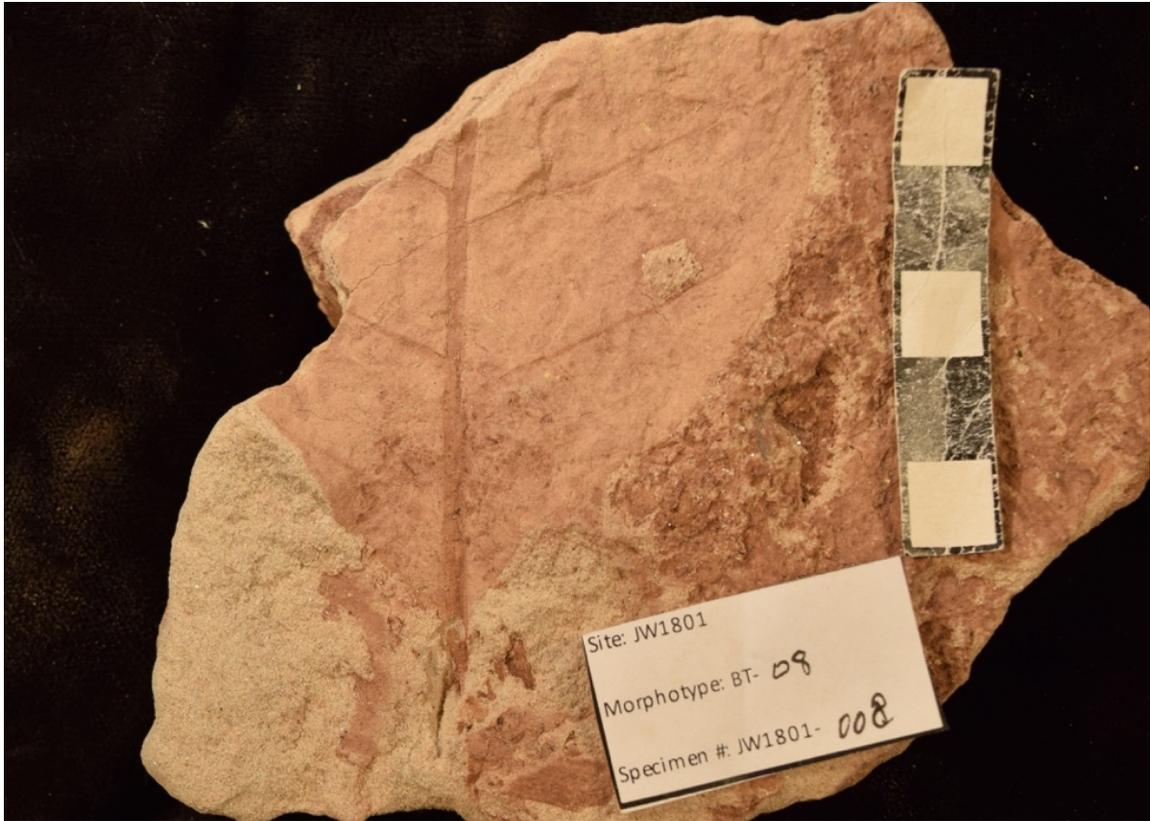


Figure A.8. Morphotype BT-08. Present in locality JW1801. Specimen number JW1801-008.



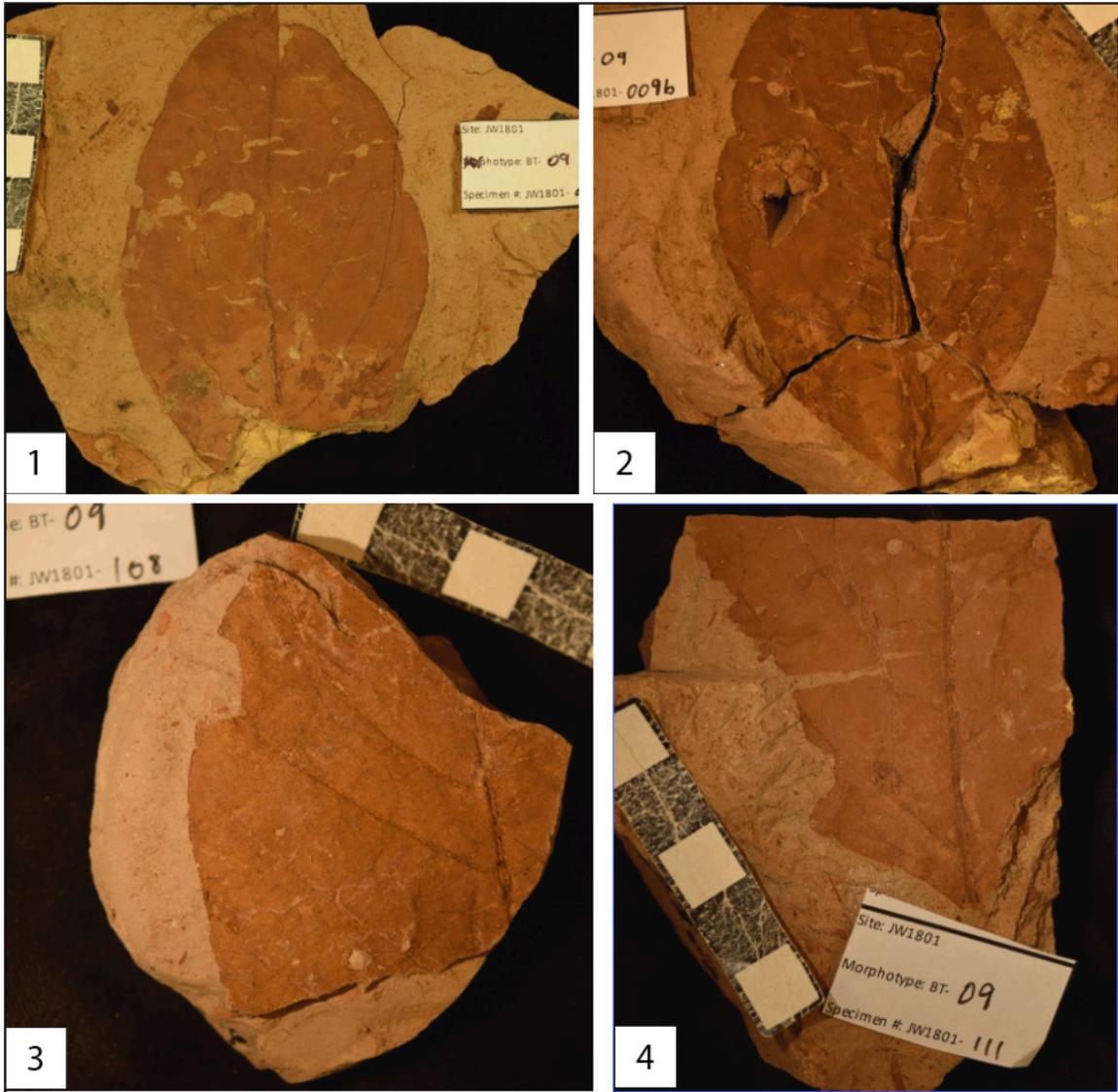


Figure A.9. Morphotype BT-09. Present in locality JW1801; 1. Specimen number JW1801-009a, 2. JW1801-009b, 3. JW1801-108, 4. JW1801-111.

Table A.14. Morphotype BT-10 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1802.

Section I. Leaf Characters	Description	Section II. Venation	Description
Leaf attachment	not visible	1° Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement	not visible	naked basal veins	not visible
leaf organization	not visible	number of basal veins	1
leaflet organization	not visible	agrophic veins	not visible
Leaflet attachment	not visible	2° Major 2° vein framework	craspedodromous
Petiole features	petiolar	Interior secondaries	absent
		minor secondary course	not visible
		Perimarginal veins	not applicable
		major secondary spacing	gradually increasing proximally
<b>Features of the blade:</b>		<b>Inter-2°</b>	
Position of lamina attachment	marginal	Variation of secondary angle	uniform
Laminar size	notophyll	Major secondary attachment	excurrent
laminar L:W ratio	2:1	proximal course	absent
laminar shape	unknown	intersecondary length	not applicable
medial symmetry	not visible	distal course	not applicable
base symmetry	asymmetrical	vein frequency	not applicable
base symmetry	basal width asymmetrical		
lobation	unlobed	3° Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	opposite percurrent
margin type	crenate	Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	opposite percurrent
special margin features		Angle of percurrent tertiaries	obtuse
Apex angle	obtuse	vein angle variability	decreasing proximally
apex shape	rounded	Epimedial tertiaries	opposite percurrent
apex shape	rounded	proximal course	Perp to midvein
base angle	maybe acute	distal course	parallel to intercostal tertiary
base shape	not visible	Exterior tertiary course	term at the margin
base shape	not visible	4° Quaternary vein fabric	not visible
Terminal apex features	retuse	5° Quinternary vein fabric	not visible
		Areolation	not visible
Surface texture	not visible	FEV branching	not visible
Surficial glands	not visible	FEV termination	not visible
		Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>		<b>Text Description:</b>	
Tooth spacing	irregular	Leaf attachment not visible; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment marginal. Petiole features petiolar. Laminar size notophyll; laminar L:W ratio 2:1; laminar shape unknown with medial not visible and base asymmetrical to basal width asymmetrical. Margin unlobed and crenate with edges. Apex angle obtuse; apex shape rounded to rounded; base angle maybe acute; base shape not visible to not visible. Terminal apex retuse. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins not visible; 1 basal veins; agrophic veins not visible. Major secondaries craspedodromous, spacing gradually increasing proximally, uniform; attachment excurrent. Interior secondaries absent; minor secondary course not visible; not applicable present, proximal course absent; Intersecondaries not applicable; distal course not applicable; occur at not applicable; Intercostal tertiary veins opposite percurrent, to opposite percurrent; obtuse to midvein; vein angle decreasing proximally. Epimedial tertiaries opposite percurrent; proximal course perpendicular to midvein; distal course parallel to intercostal tertiary. Exterior tertiary course terminating at the margin. Quaternary vein fabric not visible. Quinternary vein fabric not visible. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing irregular, with one orders of teeth; teeth / cm 43467; sinus shape rounded. Tooth shapes CC/FL; FL/FL; ; and . Principal vein present; terminates present; accessory vein not visible; tooth apex not applicable.	
number of orders of teeth	one		
teeth / cm	2-Jan		
sinus shape	rounded		
tooth shapes	CC/FL		
tooth shapes	FL/FL		
tooth shapes			
tooth shapes			
Principal vein	present		
principal vein termination	on distal flank of tooth		
course of accessory vein	not visible		
features of the tooth apex	not applicable		

**Diagnostic Features:**  
Major secondaries craspedodromous, terminal apex retuse, crenate margin

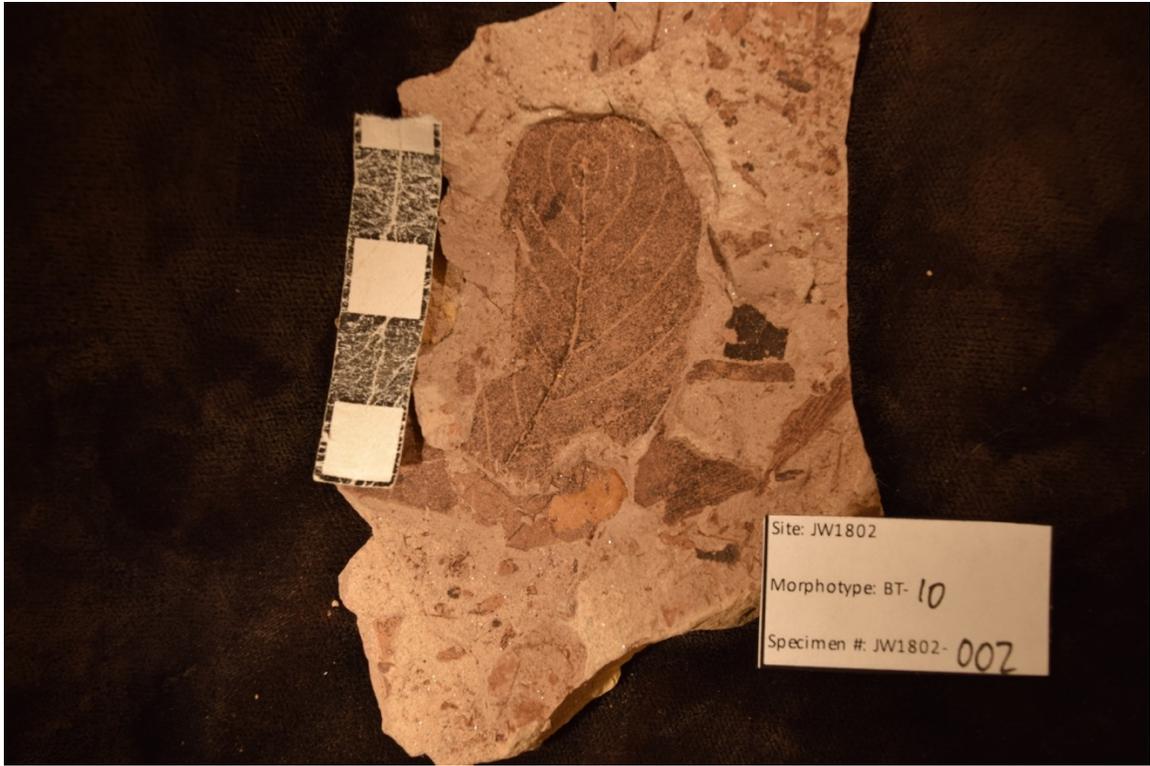


Figure A.10. Morphotype BT-10. Present in locality JW1802. Specimen number JW1802-002.





Figure A.11. Morphotype BT-11. Present in locality JW1801. 1. Specimen number JW1801-010, 2. JW1801-105.

Table A.16. Morphotype BT-12 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1801.

Section I. Leaf Characters		Description	Section II. Venation		Description
Leaf attachment	not visible		1°	Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement	not visible			naked basal veins	not applicable
leaf organization	not visible			number of basal veins	1
leaflet organization	not visible			agrophic veins	absent
Leaflet attachment	not visible		2°	Major 2° vein framework	eucamptodromous
Petiole features	not visible			Interior secondaries	present
				minor secondary course	not applicable
				Perimarginal veins	not visible
				major secondary spacing	irregular
				Variation of secondary angle	uniform
				Major secondary attachment	decurent
				proximal course	parallel to major secondaries
			Inter-2°	intersecondary length	<50% of subjacent secondary
				distal course	reticulating
				vein frequency	~ 1 per intercostal area
			3°	Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	irregular reticulate
				Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	irregular reticulate
				Angle of percurrent tertiaries	not applicable
				vein angle variability	inconsistent
				Epimedial tertiaries	reticulate
				proximal course	acute to midvein
				distal course	parallel to intercostal tertiary
				Exterior tertiary course	looped
			4°	Quaternary vein fabric	irregular reticulate
			5°	Quinternary vein fabric	irregular reticulate
				Areolation	moderate development
				FEV branching	mostly one branched
				FEV termination	simple
				Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
<b>Features of the blade:</b>			<b>Text Description:</b>		
Position of lamina attachment	not visible		<p>Leaf attachment not visible; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment not visible. Petiole features not visible. Lamina size unknown; lamina L:W ratio &gt;3:1; lamina shape unknown with medial symmetrical and base not visible to not visible. Margin unlobed and entire with not visible edges. Apex angle not visible; apex shape not visible to not visible; base angle not visible; base shape not visible to not visible. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins not applicable; 1 basal veins; agrophic veins absent. Major secondaries eucamptodromous, spacing irregular, uniform; attachment decurent. Interior secondaries present; minor secondary course not applicable; not visible present, proximal course parallel to major secondaries; Intersecondaries &lt;50% of subjacent secondary; distal course reticulating; occur at ~ 1 per intercostal area; Intercostal tertiary veins irregular reticulate, to irregular reticulate; not applicable to midvein; vein angle inconsistent. Epimedial tertiaries reticulate; proximal course acute to midvein; distal course parallel to intercostal tertiary. Exterior tertiary course looped. Quaternary vein fabric irregular reticulate. Quinternary vein fabric irregular reticulate. Areolation moderate development; Freely ending veinlets mostly one branched, with simple termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing not applicable, with not applicable orders of teeth; teeth / cm ; sinus shape not applicable. Tooth shapes ; ; and . Principal vein not applicable; terminates not applicable; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex not applicable.</p>		
Lamina size	unknown				
lamina L:W ratio	>3:1				
lamina shape	unknown				
medial symmetry	symmetrical				
base symmetry	not visible				
base symmetry	not visible				
lobation	unlobed				
margin type	entire				
special margin features	not visible				
Apex angle	not visible				
apex shape	not visible				
apex shape	not visible				
base angle	not visible				
base shape	not visible				
base shape	not visible				
Terminal apex features	not visible				
Surface texture	not visible				
Surficial glands	not visible				
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>					
Tooth spacing	not applicable				
number of orders of teeth	not applicable				
teeth / cm					
sinus shape	not applicable				
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
Principal vein	not applicable				
principal vein termination	not applicable				
course of accessory vein	not applicable				
features of the tooth apex	not applicable				
<b>Diagnostic Features:</b>					
Major secondaries eucamptodromous, irregular spacing, many intersecondaries, entire margin					

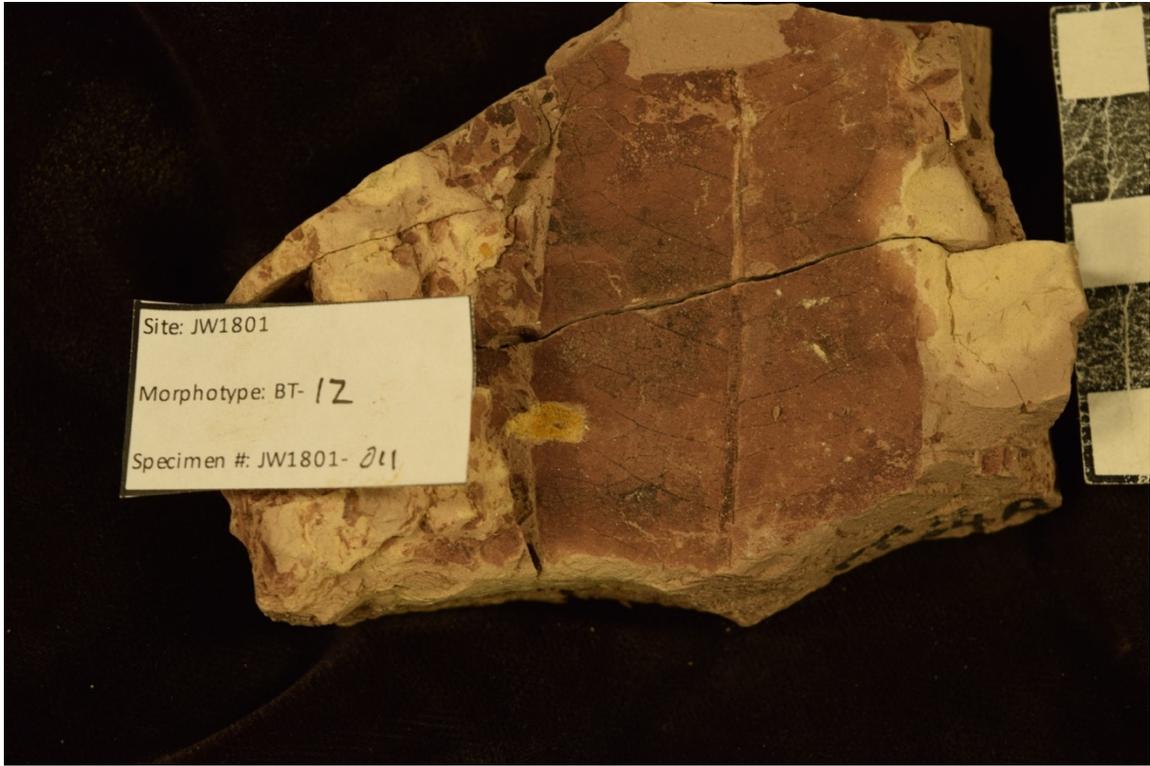


Figure A.12. Morphotype BT-12. Present in locality JW1801. Specimen number JW1801-011, exemplar.

Table A.17. Morphotype BT-13 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1801.

Section I. Leaf Characters	Description	Section II. Venation	Description
Leaf attachment	petiolate	1°	Primary vein framework
leaf arrangement	not visible		naked basal veins
leaf organization	not visible		number of basal veins
leaflet organization	not visible		agrophic veins
Leaflet attachment	not visible	2°	Major 2° vein framework
Petiole features	petiolar		Interior secondaries
			minor secondary course
			Perimarginal veins
			major secondary spacing
			Variation of secondary angle
			Major secondary attachment
			proximal course
			intersecondary length
			distal course
			vein frequency
			3° Intercostal tertiary vein fabric
			Intercostal tertiary vein fabric
			Angle of percurrent tertiaries
			vein angle variability
			Epimedial tertiaries
			proximal course
			distal course
			Exterior tertiary course
			4° Quaternary vein fabric
			5° Quaternary vein fabric
			Areolation
			FEV branching
			FEV termination
			Marginal Ultimate venation
			Text Description:
			Leaf attachment petiolate; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment marginal. Petiole features petiolar. Laminar size mesophyll; laminar L:W ratio 2:1; laminar shape elliptic with medial symmetrical and base symmetrical to symmetrical. Margin unlobed and entire with not visible edges. Apex angle not visible; apex shape not visible to not visible; base angle acute; base shape concave to not visible. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins not visible; 1 basal veins; agrophic veins absent. Major secondaries eucamptodromous, spacing not visible, not visible; attachment not visible. Interior secondaries not visible; minor secondary course not visible; not visible present, proximal course not visible; Intersecondaries not applicable; distal course not applicable; occur at not applicable; Intercostal tertiary veins not applicable, to not applicable; not applicable to midvein; vein angle not applicable. Epimedial tertiaries not visible; proximal course not visible; distal course not visible. Exterior tertiary course not visible. Quaternary vein fabric not visible. Quaternary vein fabric not visible. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing not applicable, with not applicable orders of teeth; teeth / cm ; sinus shape not applicable. Tooth shapes ; ; and . Principal vein not applicable; terminates not applicable; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex not applicable.
<b>Features of the blade:</b>			
Position of lamina attachment	marginal		
Laminar size	mesophyll		
laminar L:W ratio	2:1	Inter-2°	
laminar shape	elliptic		
medial symmetry	symmetrical		
base symmetry	symmetrical		
base symmetry	symmetrical		
lobation	unlobed		
margin type	entire		
special margin features	not visible		
Apex angle	not visible		
apex shape	not visible		
apex shape	not visible		
base angle	acute		
base shape	concave		
base shape	not visible		
Terminal apex features	not visible		
Surface texture	not visible		
Surficial glands	not visible		
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>			
Tooth spacing	not applicable		
number of orders of teeth	not applicable		
teeth / cm			
sinus shape	not applicable		
tooth shapes			
Principal vein	not applicable		
principal vein termination	not applicable		
course of accessory vein	not applicable		
features of the tooth apex	not applicable		
<b>Diagnostic Features:</b>			
Entire margin, major secondaries eucamptodromous			

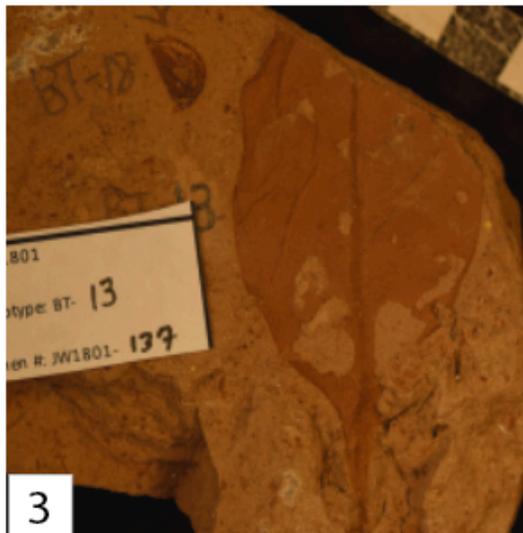
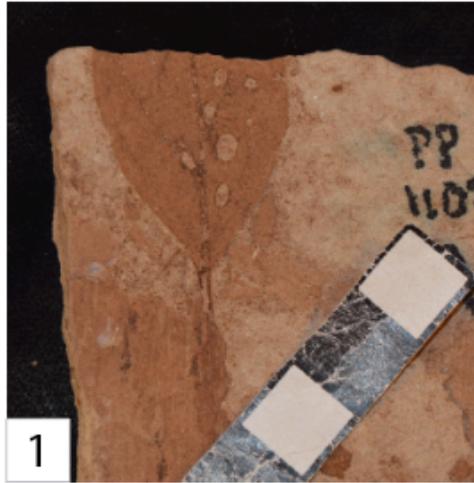


Figure A.13. Morphotype BT-13. Present in locality JW1801. 1. Specimen number JW1801-012, exemplar, 2. Specimen number JW1801-087, 3. Specimen number JW1801-137

Table A.18. Morphotype BT-14 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1801.

Section I. Leaf Characters		Description	Section II. Venation		Description
Leaf attachment		petiolate	1°	Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement		not visible		naked basal veins	not visible
leaf organization		not visible		number of basal veins	1
leaflet organization		not applicable		agrophic veins	absent
Leaflet attachment		not applicable	2°	Major 2° vein framework	semicraspedodromous
Petiole features		not visible		Interior secondaries	absent
<b>Features of the blade:</b>				minor secondary course	not applicable
Position of lamina attachment	marginal			Perimarginal veins	not applicable
Laminar size	mesophyll			major secondary spacing	regular
laminar L:W ratio	2:1		Inter-2°	Variation of secondary angle	inconsistent
laminar shape	obovate			Major secondary attachment	decurent/deflected
medial symmetry	symmetrical			proximal course	absent
base symmetry	symmetrical			intersecondary length	not applicable
base symmetry	symmetrical			distal course	not applicable
lobation	unlobed		3°	vein frequency	not applicable
				Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	sinuous opposite
margin type	serrate				percurrent
special margin features	not visible			Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	straight opposite percurrent
Apex angle	not visible			Angle of percurrent tertiaries	perpendicular
apex shape	not visible			vein angle variability	consistent
apex shape	not visible			Epimedial tertiaries	opposite percurrent
base angle	acute			proximal course	perpendicular to midvein
				distal course	parallel to intercostal
base shape	straight				tertiary
base shape	straight		4°	Exterior tertiary course	terminating at the margin
Terminal apex features	not visible		5°	Quaternary vein fabric	mixed percurrent
				Quinternary vein fabric	regular reticulate
Surface texture	not visible			Areolation	moderate development
Surficial glands	not visible			FEV branching	absent
				FEV termination	absent
				Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>			<b>Text Description:</b>		
Tooth spacing	regular		Leaf attachment petiolate; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not applicable; leaflet organization not applicable. Blade attachment marginal. Petiole features not visible. Laminar size mesophyll; laminar L:W ratio 2:1; laminar shape obovate with medial symmetrical and base symmetrical to symmetrical. Margin unlobed and serrate with not visible edges. Apex angle not visible; apex shape not visible to not visible; base angle acute; base shape straight to straight. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins not visible; 1basal veins; agrophic veins absent. Major secondaries semicraspedodromous, spacing regular, inconsistent; attachment decurent/deflected. Interior secondaries absent; minor secondary course not applicable; not applicablepresent, proximal course absent; Intersecondaries not applicable; distal course not applicable; occur at not applicable; Intercostal tertiary veins sinuous opposite percurrent, to straight opposite percurrent; perpendicular to midvein; vein angle consistent. Epimedial tertiaries opposite percurrent; proximal course perpendicular to midvein; distal course parallel to intercostal tertiary. Exterior tertiary course terminating at the margin. Quaternary vein fabric mixed percurrent. Quinternary vein fabric regular reticulate. Areolation moderate development; Freely ending veinlets absent, with absenttermination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing regular, with one orders of teeth; teeth / cm 2 teeth/1 cm; sinus shape rounded. Tooth shapes ST/CC; ; and . Principal vein present; terminates present; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex mucronate .		
number of orders of teeth	one				
teeth / cm	2 teeth/1 cm				
sinus shape	rounded				
tooth shapes	ST/CC				
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
Principal vein	present				
principal vein termination	on distal flank of tooth				
course of accessory vein	not applicable				
features of the tooth apex	mucronate				
<b>Diagnostic Features:</b>					
Major secondaries semicraspedodromous, serrated margins					

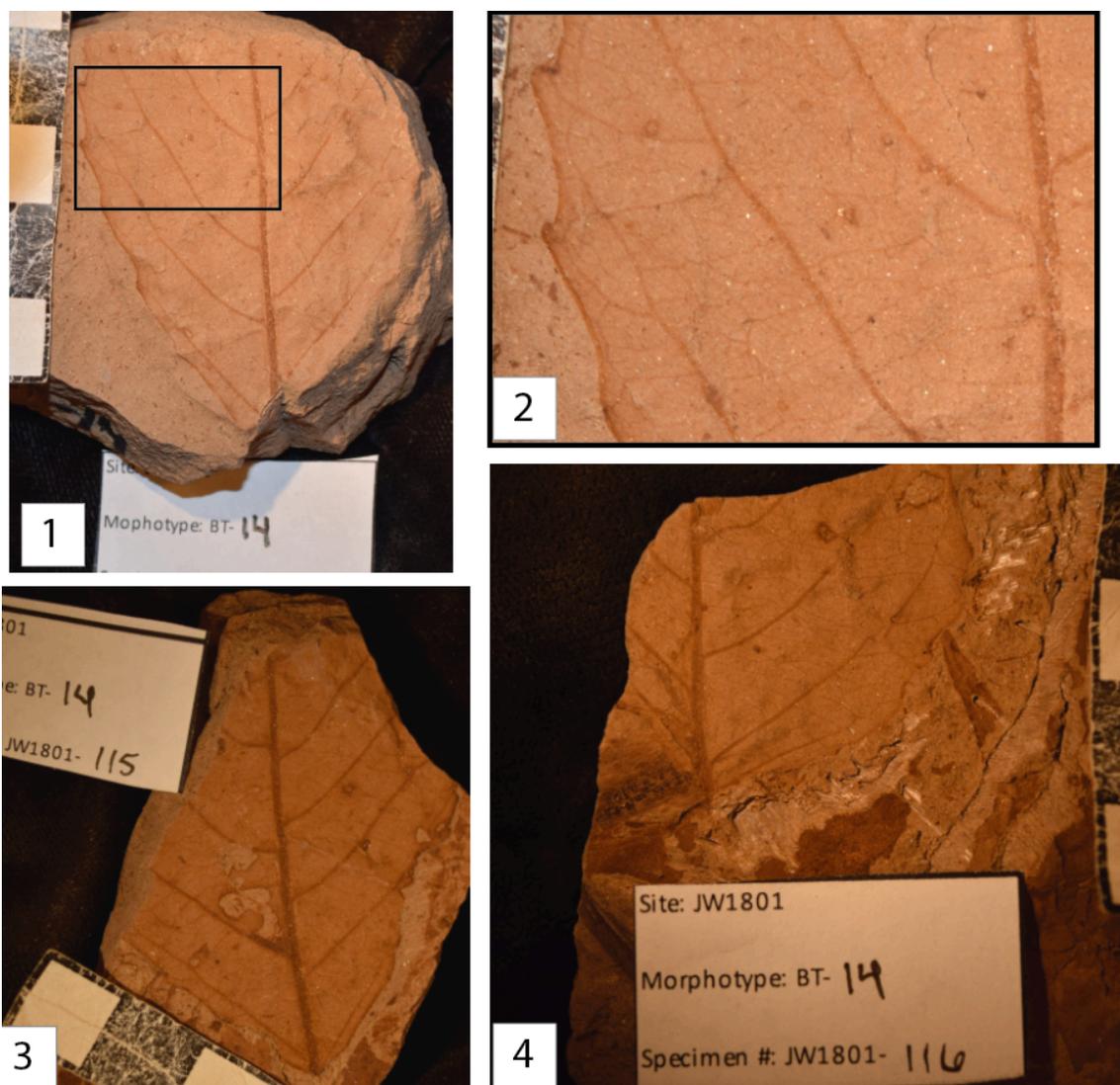


Figure A.14. Morphotype BT-14. Present in locality JW1801. 1. Specimen number JW1801-013, exemplar, 2. Specimen number JW1801-013, enlarged section to show venation, 3. Specimen number JW1801-115, 4. Specimen number JW1801-116.

Table A.19. Morphotype BT-15 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1802.

Section I. Leaf Characters	Description	Section II. Venation	Description
Leaf attachment	petiolate	1° Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement	not visible	naked basal veins	absent
leaf organization	simple*	number of basal veins	1
leaf organization	*possibly compound	agrophic veins	absent
Leaflet attachment	petiolulate	2° Major 2° vein framework	festooned
Petiole features	absent	Interior secondaries	semicraspedodromous
<b>Features of the blade:</b>		minor secondary course	present
Position of lamina attachment	not visible	Perimarginal veins	not applicable
Laminar size	noto to meso	major secondary spacing	irregular
laminar L:W ratio	>3:1	Variation of secondary angle	inconsistent
laminar shape	oblong	Inter-2° Major secondary attachment	decurrent
medial symmetry	symmetrical	proximal course	perpendicular to midvein
base symmetry	symmetrical	intersecondary length	>50% of subjacent secondary
base symmetry	symmetrical	distal course	perpendicular to subjacent major secondary
lobation	unlobed	vein frequency	>1 per intercostal area
margin type	entire	3° Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	irregular reticulate
special margin features	not applicable	Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	irregular reticulate
Apex angle	acute	Angle of percurrent tertiaries	not applicable
apex shape	straight to	vein angle variability	inconsistent
apex shape	acuminate	Epimedial tertiaries	mixed percurrent
base angle	acute	proximal course	perpendicular to midvein
base shape	straight	distal course	basiflexed
base shape	straight	4° Exterior tertiary course	terminating at the margin
Terminal apex features	absent	5° Quaternary vein fabric	irregular reticulate
Surface texture	not applicable	Areolation	good development
Surficial glands	not visible	FEV branching	mostly two or more branched
		FEV termination	simple
		Marginal Ultimate venation	looped
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>		<b>Text Description:</b>	
Tooth spacing	not applicable	Leaf attachment petiolate; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization simple*. Leaflet attachment petiolulate; leaf organization *possibly compound.	
number of orders of teeth	not applicable	Blade attachment not visible. Petiole features absent. Laminar size noto to meso;	
teeth / cm		laminar L:W ratio >3:1; laminar shape oblong with medial symmetrical and base symmetrical to symmetrical. Margin unlobed and entire with not applicable edges.	
sinus shape	not applicable	Apex angle acute; apex shape straight to to acuminate; base angle acute;	
tooth shapes		base shape straight to straight. Terminal apex absent. Surface texture not applicable.	
tooth shapes		Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins absent;	
tooth shapes		1basal veins; agrophic veins absent. Major secondaries festooned	
tooth shapes		semicraspedodromous, spacing irregular, inconsistent; attachment decurrent.	
Principal vein	not applicable	Interior secondaries present; minor secondary course not applicable; not applicablepresent, proximal course perpendicular to midvein; Intersecondaries	
principal vein termination	not applicable	>50% of subjacent secondary; distal course perpendicular to subjacent major secondary;	
course of accessory vein	not applicable	occur at >1 per intercostal area; Intercostal tertiary veins irregular reticulate, to	
features of the tooth apex	not applicable	irregular reticulate; not applicableto midvein; vein angle inconsistent. Epimedial tertiaries mixed percurrent; proximal course perpendicular to midvein; distal course basiflexed . Exterior tertiary course terminating at the margin. Quaternary vein fabric irregular reticulate. Quinternary vein fabric irregular reticulate. Areolation good development; Freely ending veinlets mostly two or more branched, with simpletermination. Marginal Ultimate venation looped. Tooth spacing not applicable, with not applicable orders of teeth; teeth / cm ; sinus shape not applicable. Tooth shapes ; ; and . Principal vein not applicable; terminates not applicable; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex not applicable.	

**Diagnostic Features:**  
Entire margin, major secondaries semicraspedodromous, intersecondaries

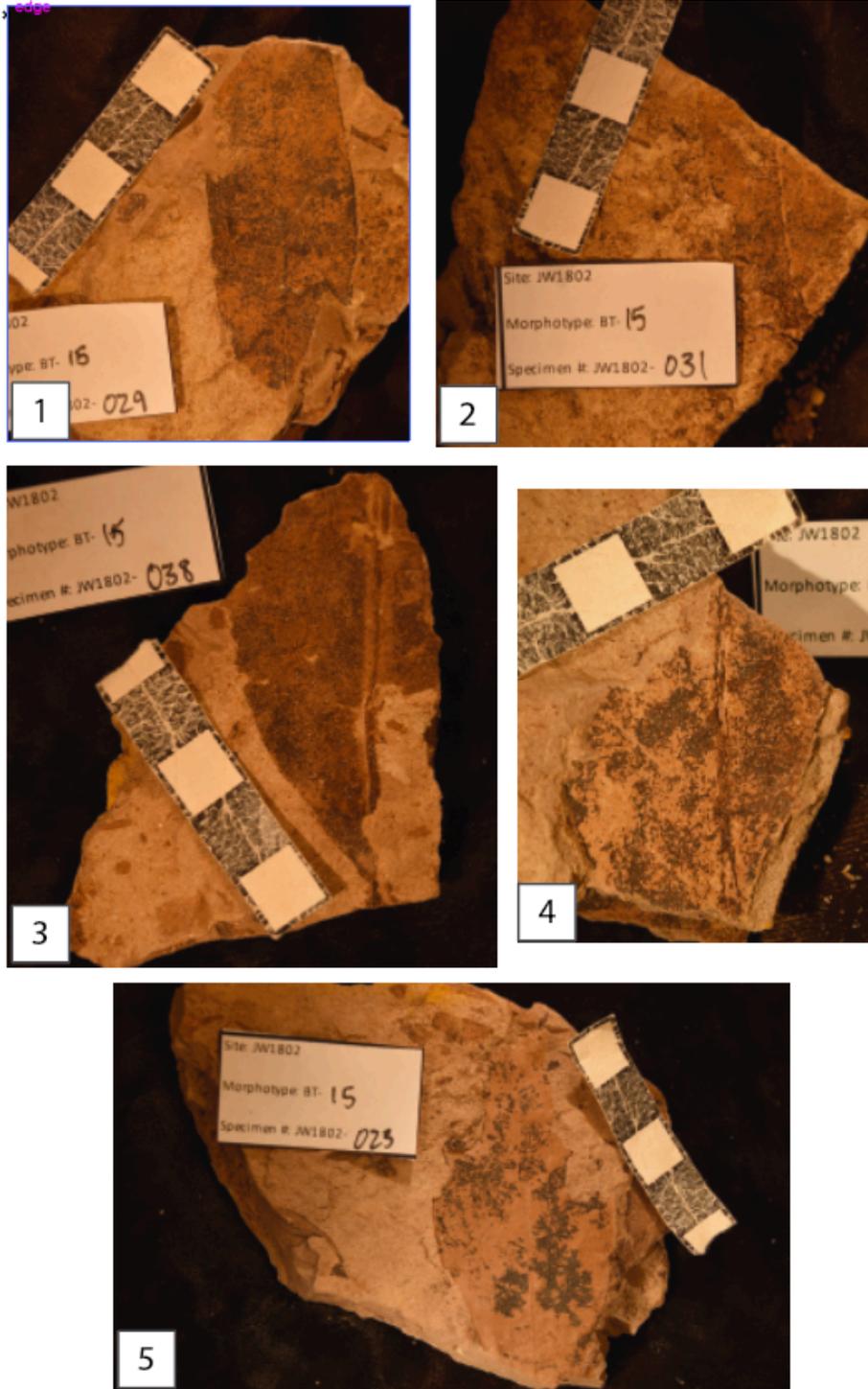


Figure A.15. Morphotype BT-15. Present in locality JW1802. 1. Specimen number JW1802-029, exemplar, 2. JW1802-031, 3. JW1802-038, 4. JW1802-033, 5. JW1802-023.

Table A.20. Morphotype BT-16 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1801.

Section I. Leaf Characters		Description	Section II. Venation		Description
Leaf attachment		petiolate	1°	Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement		not visible		naked basal veins	absent
leaf organization		not visible		number of basal veins	1
leaflet organization		not visible		agrophic veins	absent
Leaflet attachment		not visible	2°	Major 2° vein framework	simple brochidodromous
Petiole features		alate		Interior secondaries	present
<b>Features of the blade:</b>				minor secondary course	not visible
Position of lamina attachment	marginal			Perimarginal veins	not visible, possible
Laminar size	noto-meso			major secondary spacing	regular
laminar L:W ratio	>4:1			Variation of secondary angle	uniform
laminar shape	elliptic		Inter-2°	Major secondary attachment	excurent
				proximal course	parallel to major secondaries
medial symmetry	symmetrical			intersecondary length	>50% of subjacent secondary
base symmetry	symmetrical			distal course	parallel to subjacent major secondary
base symmetry	symmetrical			vein frequency	~ 1 per intercostal area
lobation	unlobed		3°	Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	straight opposite percurrent
margin type	entire			Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	convex opposite percurrent
special margin features	not applicable			Angle of percurrent tertiaries	acute
Apex angle	acute			vein angle variability	consistent
apex shape	straight			Epimedial tertiaries	not visible
apex shape	straight			proximal course	not visible
base angle	acute			distal course	not visible
base shape	straight			Exterior tertiary course	not visible
base shape	straight		4°	Quaternary vein fabric	opposite percurrent
Terminal apex features	absent		5°	Quinternary vein fabric	not visible
				Areolation	not visible
Surface texture	not visible			FEV branching	not visible
Surficial glands	not visible			FEV termination	not visible
				Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>			<b>Text Description:</b>		
Tooth spacing	not applicable		Leaf attachment petiolate; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment marginal. Petiole features alate. Laminar size noto-meso; laminar L:W ratio >4:1; laminar shape elliptic with medial symmetrical and base symmetrical to symmetrical. Margin unlobed and entire with not applicable edges. Apex angle acute; apex shape straight to straight; base angle acute; base shape straight to straight. Terminal apex absent. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins absent; 1 basal veins; agrophic veins absent. Major secondaries simple brochidodromous, spacing regular, uniform; attachment excurent. Interior secondaries present; minor secondary course not visible; not visible, possible present, proximal course parallel to major secondaries; Intersecondaries >50% of subjacent secondary; distal course parallel to subjacent major secondary; occur at ~ 1 per intercostal area; Intercostal tertiary veins straight opposite percurrent, to convex opposite percurrent; acuteto midvein; vein angle consistent. Epimedial tertiaries not visible; proximal course not visible; distal course not visible. Exterior tertiary course not visible. Quaternary vein fabric opposite percurrent. Quinternary vein fabric not visible. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing not applicable, with not applicable orders of teeth; teeth / cm ; sinus shape not applicable. Tooth shapes ; ; and . Principal vein not applicable; terminates not applicable; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex not applicable.		
number of orders of teeth	not applicable				
teeth / cm	not applicable				
sinus shape	not applicable				
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
Principal vein	not applicable				
principal vein termination	not applicable				
course of accessory vein	not applicable				
features of the tooth apex	not applicable				

**Diagnostic Features:**  
Entire margin, major secondaries simple brochidodromous, intersecondaries

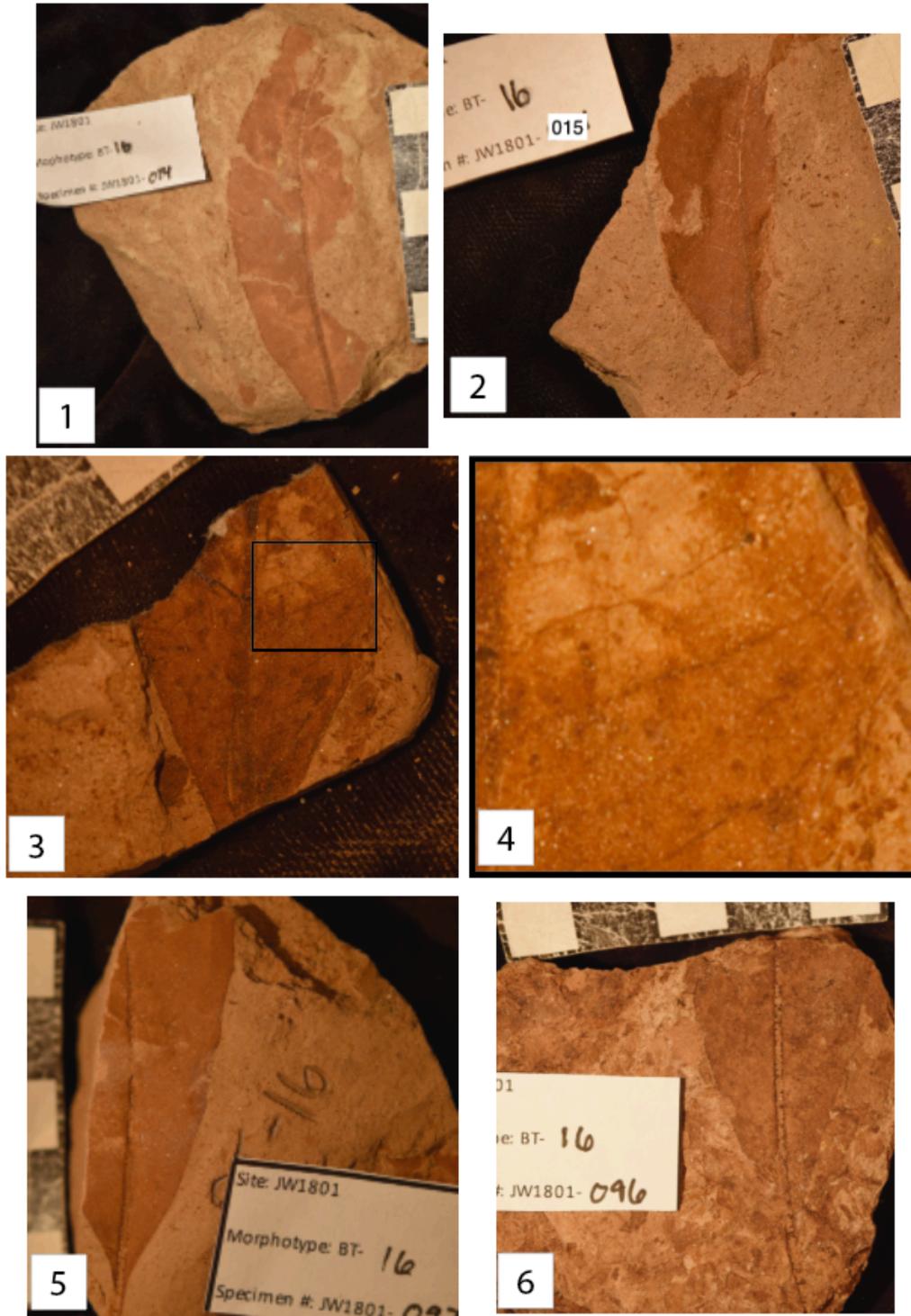


Figure A.16. Morphotype BT-16. Present in locality JW1801. Specimen number: 1. JW1801-014, exemplar, 2. JW1801-015, 3. JW1801- 094, 4. JW1801-094, enlarged to show venation, 5. JW1801-092, 6. JW1801-096.

Table A.21. Morphotype BT-17 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1802.

Section I. Leaf Characters		Description	Section II. Venation		Description
Leaf attachment		petiolate	1°	Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement		not visible		naked basal veins	not visible
leaf organization		not visible		number of basal veins	1
leaflet organization		not visible		agrophic veins	not visible
Leaflet attachment		petiolulate	2°	Major 2° vein framework	craspedodromous
Petiole features		absent		Interior secondaries	not visible
<b>Features of the blade:</b>				minor secondary course	not visible
Position of lamina attachment	marginal			Perimarginal veins	not applicable
Laminar size	mesophyll			major secondary spacing	regular
laminar L:W ratio	3:1			Variation of secondary angle	uniform
laminar shape	obovate		Inter-2°	Major secondary attachment	deflected
medial symmetry	symmetrical			proximal course	not visible
base symmetry	symmetrical			intersecondary length	not applicable
base symmetry	Uncertain?			distal course	not applicable
lobation	unlobed		3°	vein frequency	not applicable
margin type	toothed			Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	opposite percurrent
special margin features	not visible			Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	opposite percurrent
Apex angle	not visible			Angle of percurrent tertiaries	obtuse
apex shape	not visible			vein angle variability	consistent
apex shape	not visible			Epimedial tertiaries	not visible
base angle	acute			proximal course	perpendicular to midvein
				distal course	parallel to intercostal tertiary
base shape	straight			Exterior tertiary course	not visible
base shape	straight		4°	Quaternary vein fabric	not visible
Terminal apex features	not visible		5°	Quinternary vein fabric	not visible
				Areolation	not visible
Surface texture	not visible			FEV branching	not visible
Surficial glands	not visible			FEV termination	not visible
				Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>			<b>Text Description:</b>		
Tooth spacing	irregular		Leaf attachment petiolate; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment petiolulate; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment marginal. Petiole features absent. Laminar size mesophyll; laminar L:W ratio 3:1; laminar shape obovate with medial symmetrical and base symmetrical to ? Guess, uncertain. Margin unlobed and toothed with not visible edges. Apex angle not visible; apex shape not visible to not visible; base angle acute; base shape straight to straight. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins not visible; basal veins; agrophic veins not visible. Major secondaries craspedodromous, spacing regular, uniform; attachment deflected. Interior secondaries not visible; minor secondary course not visible; not applicable present, proximal course not visible; Intersecondaries not applicable; distal course not applicable; occur at not applicable; Intercostal tertiary veins not visible, to not applicable; not applicable to midvein; vein angle not applicable. Epimedial tertiaries not visible; proximal course not visible; distal course not visible. Exterior tertiary course not visible. Quaternary vein fabric not visible. Quinternary vein fabric not visible. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing irregular, with 1 orders of teeth; teeth / cm 1 per 2 cm; sinus shape rounded. Tooth shapes not visible; ; ; and . Principal vein present; terminates present; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex not applicable.		
number of orders of teeth	1				
teeth / cm	1 per 2 cm				
sinus shape	rounded				
tooth shapes	not visible				
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
Principal vein	present				
principal vein termination	on distal flank of tooth				
course of accessory vein	not applicable				
features of the tooth apex	not applicable				
<b>Diagnostic Features:</b>					
Toothed margin, possibly lobed, major secondaries craspedodromous, intersecondaries					

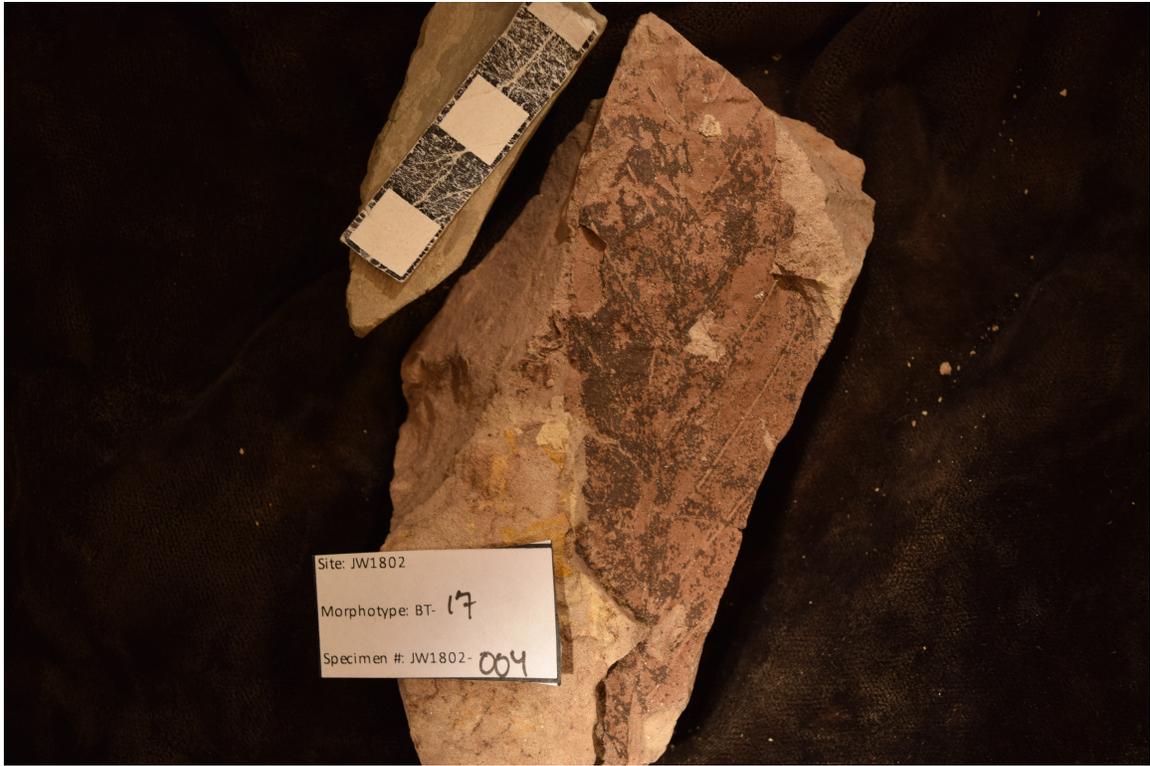


Figure A.17. Morphotype BT-17. Present in locality JW1802. Specimen number JW1802-004, exemplar.



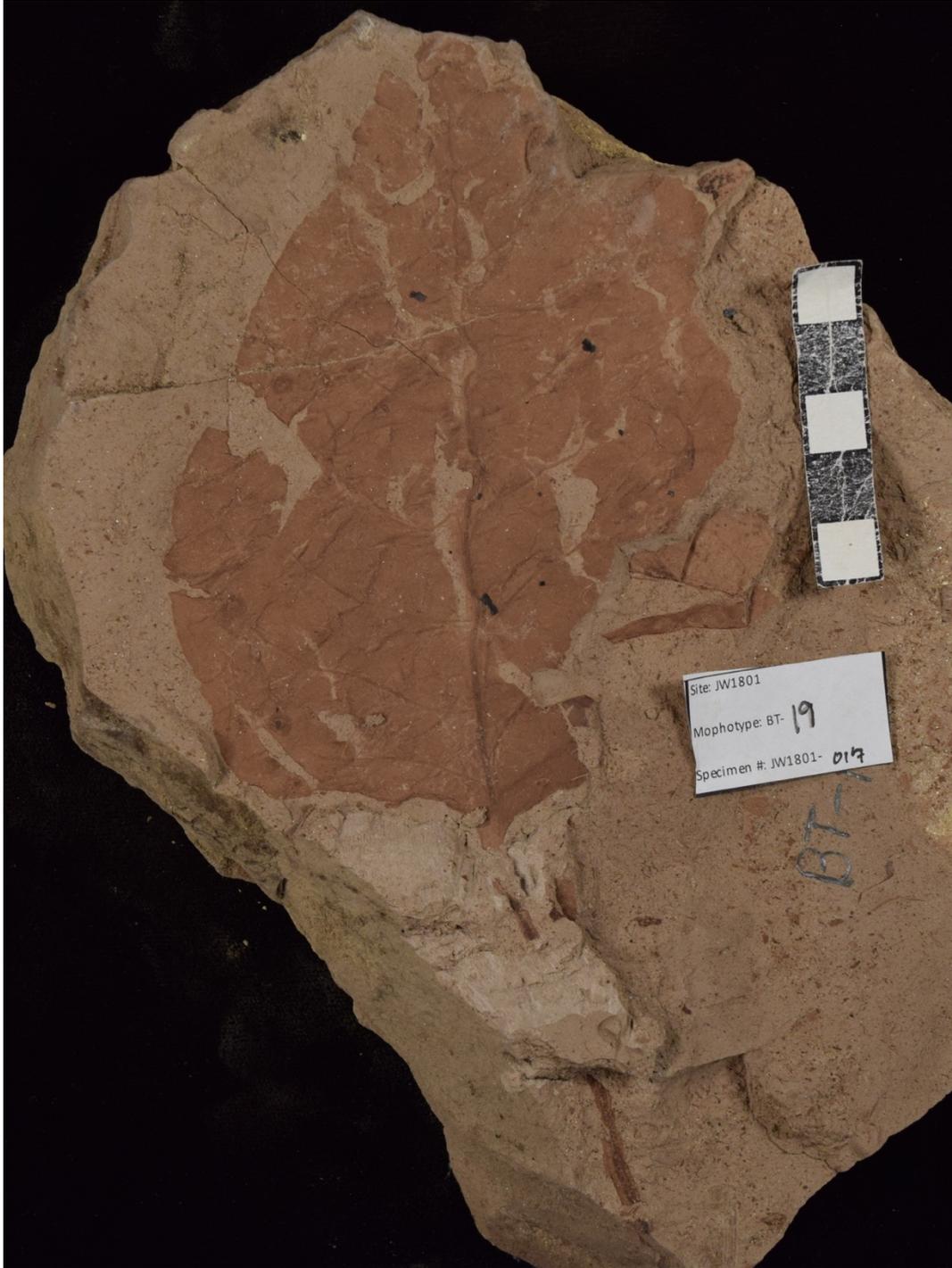


Figure A.18. Morphotype BT-19. Present in locality JW1801. Specimen number JW1801-017, exemplar.



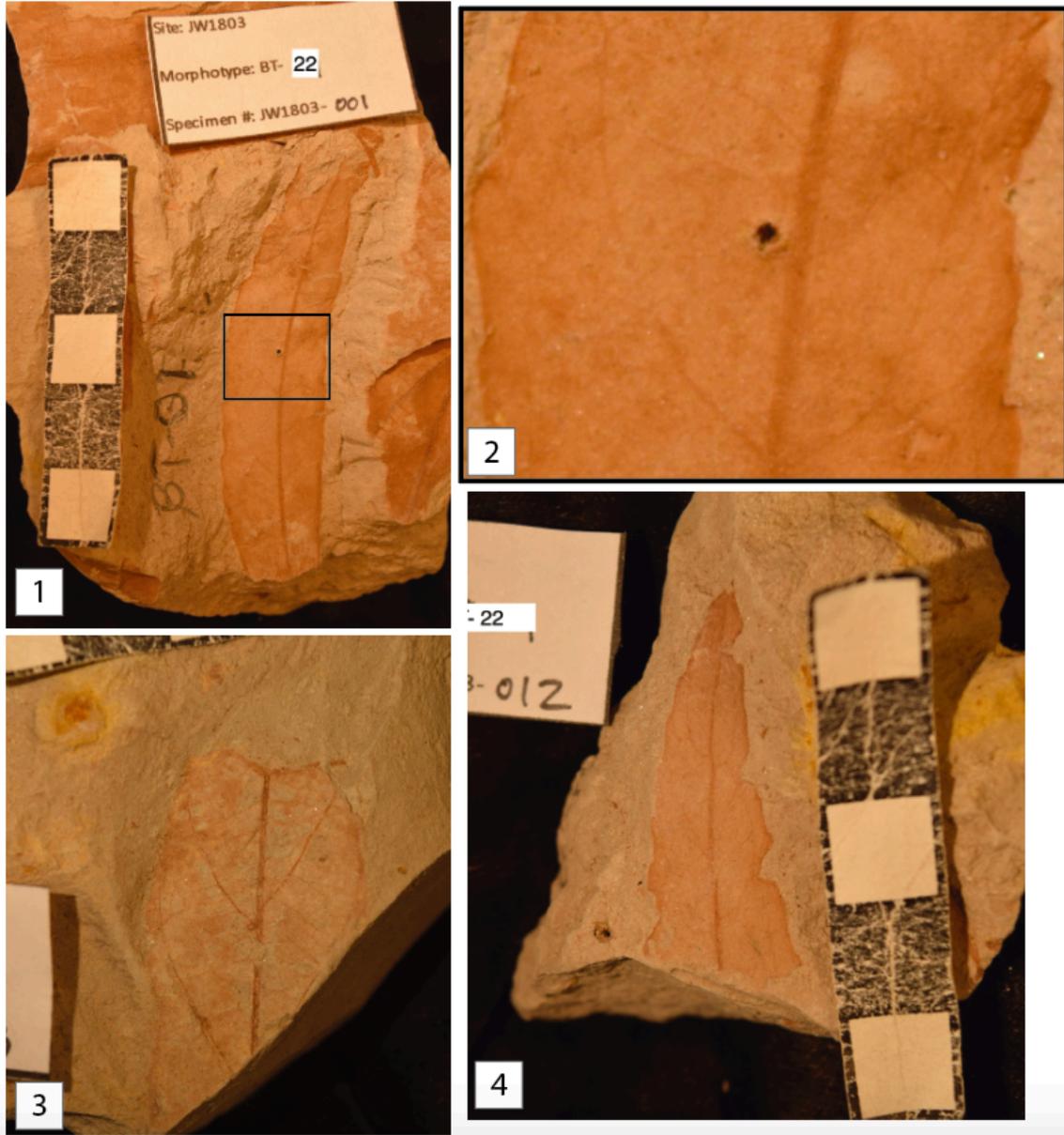


Figure A.19. Morphotype BT-22. Present in locality JW1803. Specimen numbers: 1. JW1803-001, exemplar, 2. JW1803-001, enlarged to show venation, 3. JW1803-013, 4. JW1803-012.



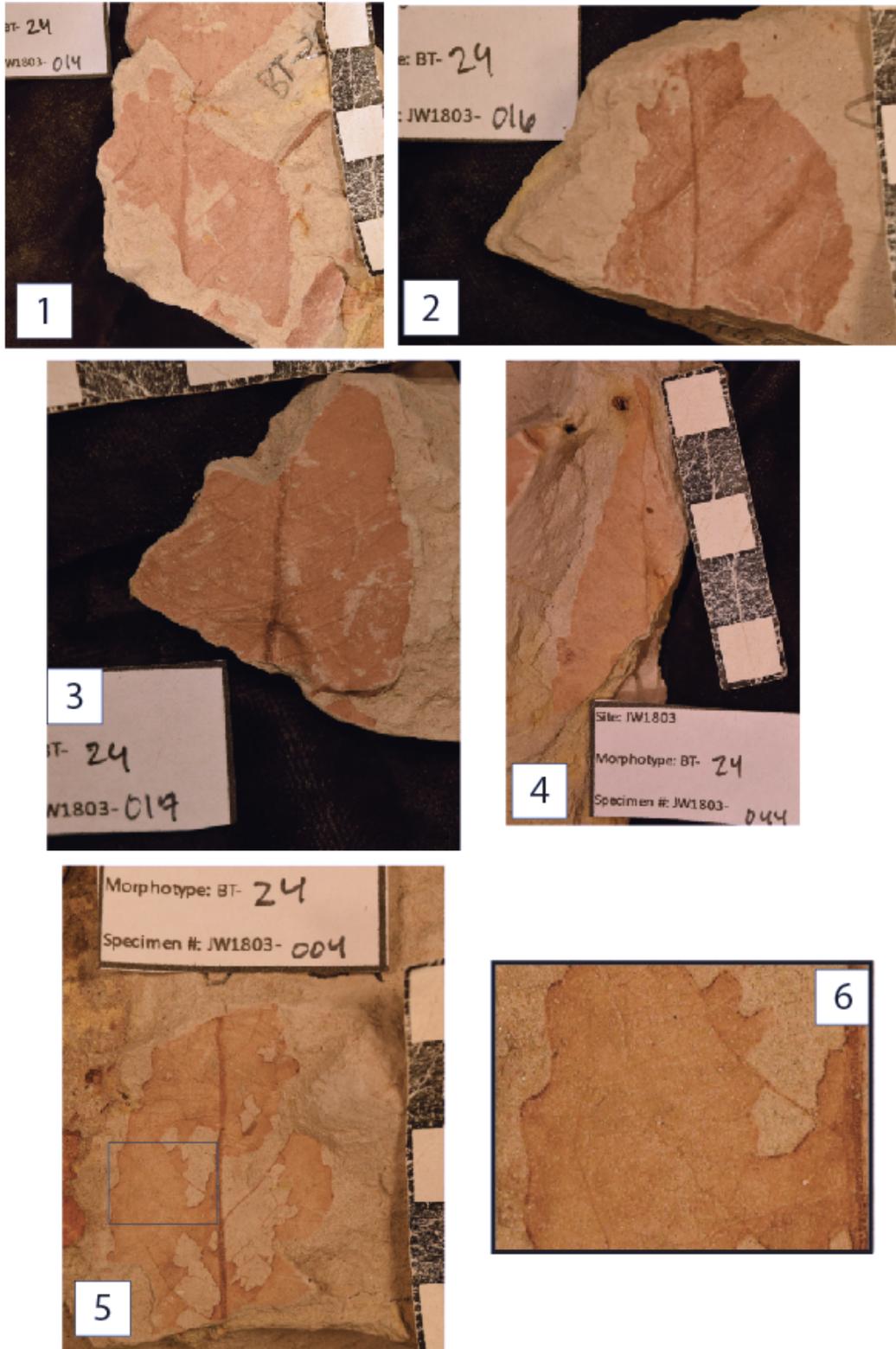


Figure A.20. Morphotype BT-24. Present in locality JW1803. Specimen number: 1. JW1803-014, 2. JW1803-016, 3. JW1803-017, 4. JW1803-044, 5. JW1803-004, exemplar, 6. JW1803-004, enlarged to show venation and serration.

Table A.25. Morphotype BT-25 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1803.

Section I. Leaf Characters		Description	Section II. Venation		Description
Leaf attachment		not visible	1°	Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement		not visible		naked basal veins	not visible
leaf organization		not visible		number of basal veins	1
leaflet organization		not visible		agrophic veins	not visible
Leaflet attachment		not visible	2°	Major 2° vein framework	simple brochidodromous
Petiole features		not visible		Interior secondaries	present
				minor secondary course	not visible
				Perimarginal veins	fimbrial vein
				major secondary spacing	irregular
				Variation of secondary angle	uniform
			Inter-2°	Major secondary attachment	decurrent
				proximal course	parallel to major secondaries
				intersecondary length	>50% of subjacent secondary
				distal course	parallel to subjacent major secondary
				vein frequency	>1 per intercostal area
			3°	Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	mixed percurrent
				Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	alternate percurrent
				Angle of percurrent tertiaries	obtuse
				vein angle variability	increasing exmedially
				Epimedial tertiaries	mixed percurrent
				proximal course	parallel to subjacent secondary
				distal course	parallel to intercostal tertiary
				Exterior tertiary course	looped
			4°	Quaternary vein fabric	alternate percurrent
			5°	Quinternary vein fabric	reticulate
				Areolation	not visible
				FEV branching	not visible
				FEV termination	not visible
				Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
<b>Features of the blade:</b>			<b>Text Description:</b>		
Position of lamina attachment	marginal		<p>Leaf attachment not visible; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment marginal. Petiole features not visible. Laminar size macrophyll; laminar L:W ratio 2:1; laminar shape ovate with medial symmetrical and base not visible to not visible. Margin unlobed and entire with not applicable edges. Apex angle not visible; apex shape not visible to not visible; base angle not visible; base shape not visible to not visible. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins not visible; 1 basal veins; agrophic veins not visible. Major secondaries simple brochidodromous, spacing irregular, uniform; attachment decurrent. Interior secondaries present; minor secondary course not visible; fimbrial vein present, proximal course parallel to major secondaries; Intersecondaries &gt;50% of subjacent secondary; distal course parallel to subjacent major secondary; occur at &gt;1 per intercostal area; Intercostal tertiary veins mixed percurrent, to alternate percurrent; obtuse to midvein; vein angle increasing exmedially. Epimedial tertiaries mixed percurrent; proximal course parallel to subjacent secondary; distal course parallel to intercostal tertiary. Exterior tertiary course looped. Quaternary vein fabric alternate percurrent. Quinternary vein fabric reticulate. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing not applicable, with not applicable orders of teeth; teeth / cm ; sinus shape not applicable. Tooth shapes ; ; and . Principal vein not applicable; terminates not applicable; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex not applicable.</p>		
Laminar size	macrophyll				
laminar L:W ratio	2:1				
laminar shape	ovate				
medial symmetry	symmetrical				
base symmetry	not visible				
base symmetry	not visible				
lobation	unlobed				
margin type	entire				
special margin features	not applicable				
Apex angle	not visible				
apex shape	not visible				
apex shape	not visible				
base angle	not visible				
base shape	not visible				
base shape	not visible				
Terminal apex features	not visible				
Surface texture	not visible				
Surficial glands	not visible				
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>					
Tooth spacing	not applicable				
number of orders of teeth	not applicable				
teeth / cm					
sinus shape	not applicable				
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
Principal vein	not applicable				
principal vein termination	not applicable				
course of accessory vein	not applicable				
features of the tooth apex	not applicable				
<b>Diagnostic Features:</b>					
Ovate laminar shape, entire margin, major secondaries simple brochidodromous, intersecondaries					

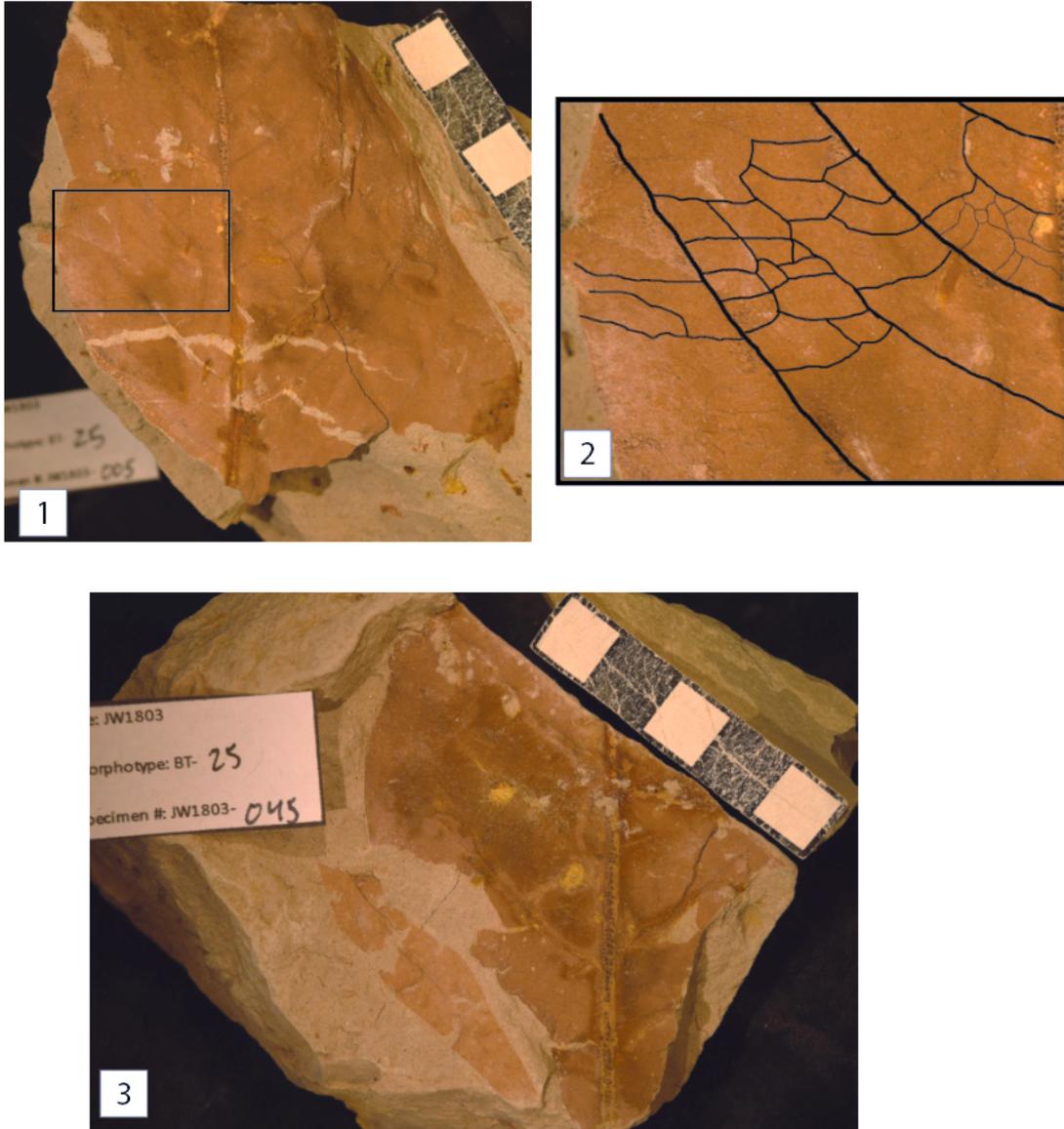


Figure A.21. Morphotype BT-25. Present in locality JW1803. Specimen number: 1. JW1803-005, exemplar, 2. JW1803-005, enlarged section to show venation, 3. JW1803-045.



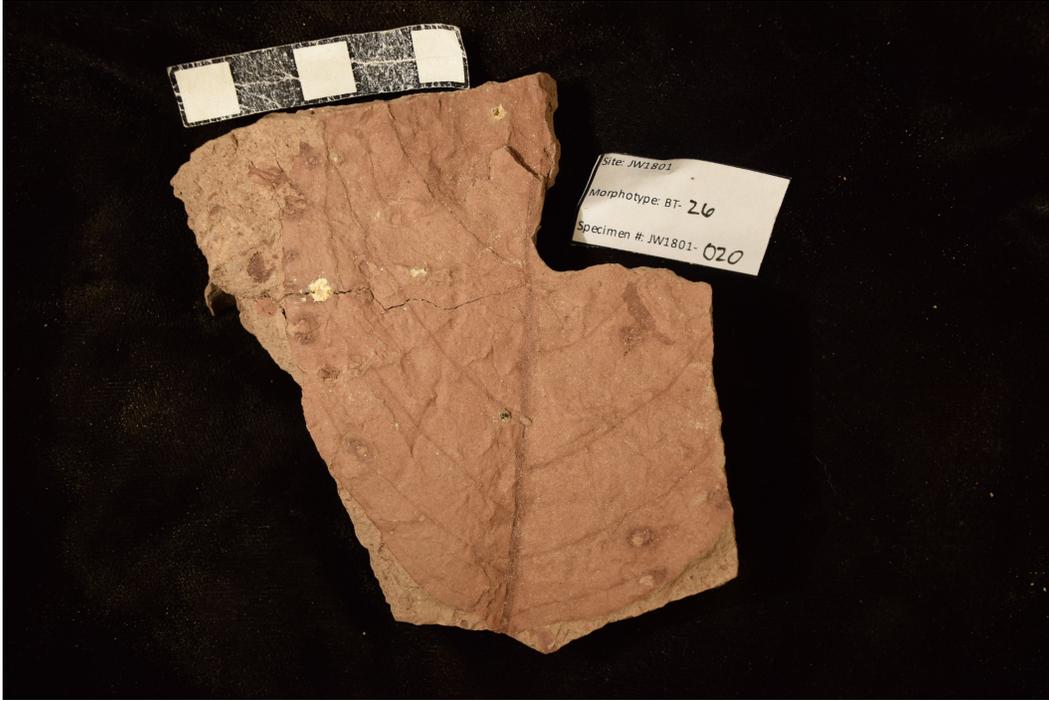


Figure A.22. Morphotype BT-26. Present in locality JW1801. Specimen number JW1801-020, exemplar.

Table A.27. Morphotype BT-28 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1802 and JW1803.

Section I. Leaf Characters		Description	Section II. Venation		Description
Leaf attachment		petiolate	1°	Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement		not visible		naked basal veins	absent
leaf organization		not visible		number of basal veins	1
leaflet organization		not visible		agrophic veins	simple
Leaflet attachment		not visible	2°	Major 2° vein framework	craspedodromous
Petiole features		not visible		Interior secondaries	absent
				minor secondary course	craspedodromous
				Perimarginal veins	not applicable
				major secondary spacing	regular
				Variation of secondary angle	uniform
				Major secondary attachment	decurrent
			Inter-2°	proximal course	absent
				intersecondary length	not applicable
				distal course	not applicable
				vein frequency	not applicable
			3°	Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	sinuous opposite
					percurrent
				Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	sinuous opposite
					percurrent
				Angle of percurrent tertiaries	acute
				vein angle variability	consistent
				Epimedial tertiaries	mixed percurrent
				proximal course	acute to midvein
				distal course	parallel to intercostal
					tertiary
				Exterior tertiary course	terminating at the
					margin
			4°	Quaternary vein fabric	opposite percurrent
			5°	Quinternary vein fabric	regular reticulate
				Areolation	not visible
				FEV branching	not visible
				FEV termination	not visible
				Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
<b>Features of the blade:</b>					
Position of lamina attachment	marginal				
Laminar size	mesophyll/macro?				
laminar L:W ratio	1.5:1??				
laminar shape	unknown				
medial symmetry	not visible				
base symmetry	not visible				
base symmetry	not visible				
lobation	Possibly, or deep waves				
margin type	serrate				
special margin features	not visible				
Apex angle	acute				
apex shape	acuminate				
apex shape	not visible				
base angle	not visible				
base shape	not visible				
base shape	not visible				
Terminal apex features	not visible				
Surface texture	not visible				
Surficial glands	not visible				
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>			<b>Text Description:</b>		
Tooth spacing	regular		Leaf attachment petiolate; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment marginal. Petiole features not visible. Laminar size mesophyll/macro?; laminar L:W ratio 1.5:1??; laminar shape unknown with medial not visible and base not visible to not visible. Margin Possibly, or deep waves and serrate with not visible edges. Apex angle acute; apex shape acuminate to not visible; base angle not visible; base shape not visible to not visible. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins absent; 1 basal veins; agrophic veins simple. Major secondaries craspedodromous, spacing regular, uniform; attachment decurrent. Interior secondaries absent; minor secondary course craspedodromous; not applicable present, proximal course absent; Intersecondaries not applicable; distal course not applicable; occur at not applicable; Intercostal tertiary veins sinuous opposite percurrent, to sinuous opposite percurrent; acuteto midvein; vein angle consistent. Epimedial tertiaries mixed percurrent; proximal course acute to midvein; distal course parallel to intercostal tertiary. Exterior tertiary course terminating at the margin. Quaternary vein fabric opposite percurrent. Quinternary vein fabric regular reticulate. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing regular, with one orders of teeth; teeth / cm 43102; sinus shape rounded. Tooth shapes ST/FL; CV/FL; ; and . Principal vein present; terminates present; accessory vein not applicable		
number of orders of teeth	one				
teeth / cm	2-Jan				
sinus shape	rounded				
tooth shapes	ST/FL				
tooth shapes	CV/FL				
tooth shapes					
Principal vein	present				
principal vein termination	on distal flank of tooth				
course of accessory vein	not applicable				
features of the tooth apex	not applicable				
<b>Diagnostic Features:</b>					
Macrophyll, possibly toothed margin, major secondaries craspedodromous, intersecondaries craspedodromous					

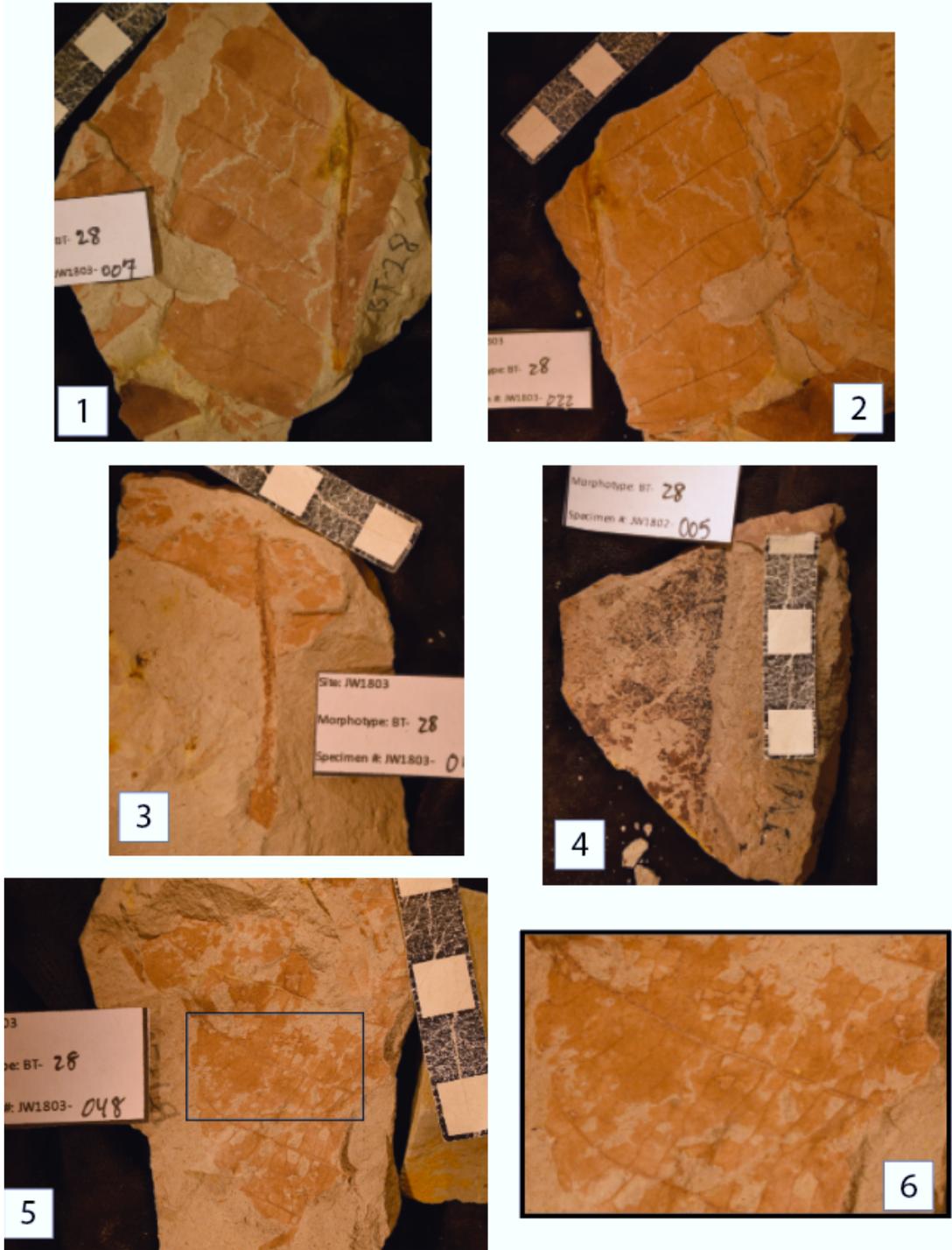


Figure A.23. Morphotype BT-28. Present in localities JW1802 and JW1803. Specimen number: 1. JW1803-007, exemplar, 2. JW1803-022, 3. JW1803-049, 4. JW1802-005, exemplar, 5. JW1803-048, 6. JW1803-048, enlarged to show serration and margin.

Table A.28. Morphotype BT-29 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1801 and JW1803.

Section I. Leaf Characters		Description	Section II. Venation		Description
Leaf attachment		petiolate	1°	Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement		not visible		naked basal veins	absent
leaf organization		not visible		number of basal veins	1
leaflet organization		not visible		agrophic veins	absent???
Leaflet attachment		not visible	2°	Major 2° vein framework	not visible
Petiole features		not visible		Interior secondaries	not visible
				minor secondary course	not visible
				Perimarginal veins	not visible
				major secondary spacing	not visible
				Variation of secondary angle	not visible
			Inter-2°	Major secondary attachment	decurrent
				proximal course	not visible
				intersecondary length	not applicable
				distal course	not applicable
				vein frequency	not applicable
			3°	Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	not applicable
				Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	not applicable
				Angle of percurrent tertiaries	not applicable
				vein angle variability	not applicable
				Epimedial tertiaries	not visible
				proximal course	not visible
				distal course	not visible
				Exterior tertiary course	not visible
			4°	Quaternary vein fabric	not visible
			5°	Quinternary vein fabric	not visible
				Areolation	not visible
				FEV branching	not visible
				FEV termination	not visible
				Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
<b>Features of the blade:</b>			<b>Text Description:</b>		
Position of lamina attachment	marginal		Leaf attachment petiolate; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment marginal. Petiole features not visible. Lamina size mesophyll; lamina L:W ratio ?; lamina shape Elliptic-ovate with medial symmetrical and base symmetrical to symmetrical. Margin unlobed and entire with not visible edges. Apex angle not visible; apex shape not visible to not visible; base angle not visible; base shape not visible to not visible. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins absent; 1 basal veins; agrophic veins absent???. Major secondaries not visible, spacing not visible, not visible; attachment decurrent. Interior secondaries not visible; minor secondary course not visible; not visible present, proximal course not visible; Intersecondaries not applicable; distal course not applicable; occur at not applicable; Intercostal tertiary veins not applicable, to not applicable; not applicable to midvein; vein angle not applicable. Epimedial tertiaries not visible; proximal course not visible; distal course not visible. Exterior tertiary course not visible. Quaternary vein fabric not visible. Quinternary vein fabric not visible. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing not applicable, with not applicable orders of teeth; teeth / cm ; sinus shape not applicable. Tooth shapes ; ; and . Principal vein not applicable; terminates not applicable; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex not applicable.		
Lamina size	mesophyll				
lamina L:W ratio	?				
lamina shape	Elliptic-ovate				
medial symmetry	symmetrical				
base symmetry	symmetrical				
base symmetry	symmetrical				
lobation	unlobed				
margin type	entire				
special margin features	not visible				
Apex angle	not visible				
apex shape	not visible				
apex shape	not visible				
base angle	not visible				
base shape	not visible				
base shape	not visible				
Terminal apex features	not visible				
Surface texture	not visible				
Surficial glands	not visible				
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>					
Tooth spacing	not applicable				
number of orders of teeth	not applicable				
teeth / cm					
sinus shape	not applicable				
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
Principal vein	not applicable				
principal vein termination	not applicable				
course of accessory vein	not applicable				
features of the tooth apex	not applicable				
<b>Diagnostic Features:</b>					
Mesophyll, entire margin, thick midvein					

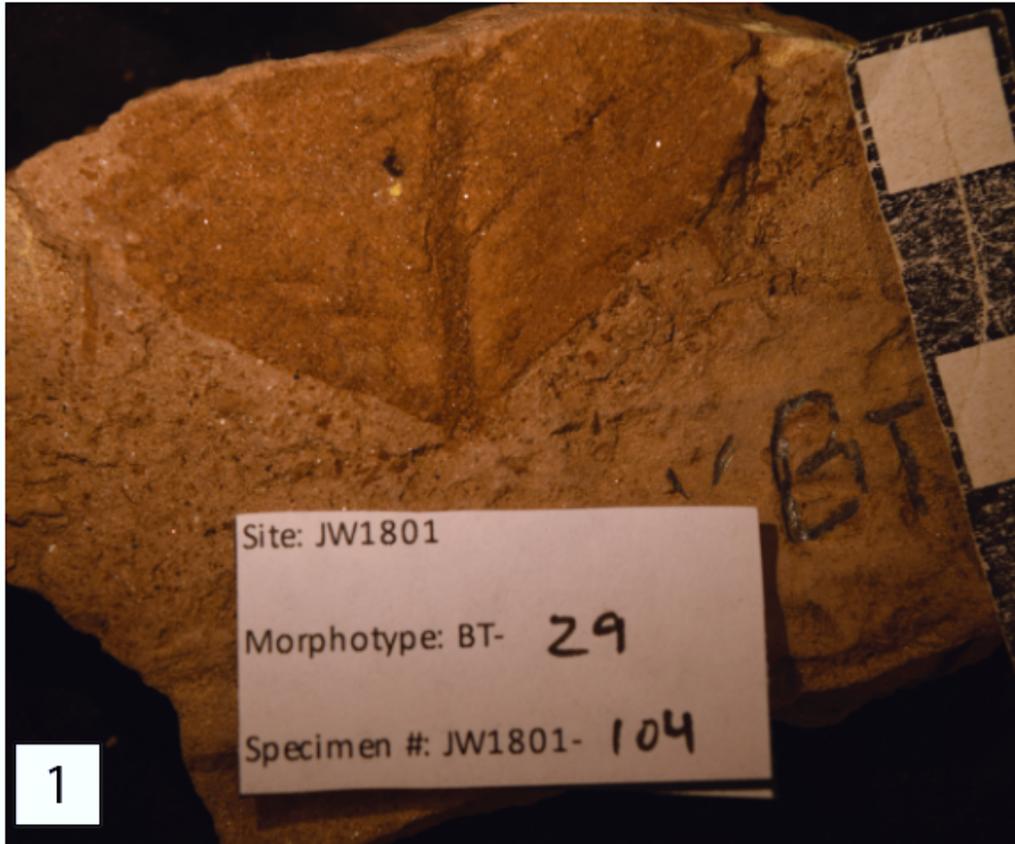


Figure A.24. Morphotype BT-29. Present in localities JW1801 and JW1803. Specimen number: 1. JW1801-104, 2. JW1803-008.

Table A.29. Morphotype BT-31 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1801.

Section I. Leaf Characters		Description	Section II. Venation		Description			
Leaf attachment		not visible	1°	Primary vein framework	pinnate			
leaf arrangement		not visible		naked basal veins	absent			
leaf organization		not visible		number of basal veins	1			
leaflet organization		not visible		agrophic veins	absent			
Leaflet attachment		not visible	2°	Major 2° vein framework	craspedodromous			
Petiole features		not visible		Interior secondaries	absent			
				minor secondary course	not visible			
				Perimarginal veins	not visible			
				major secondary spacing	regular			
				Variation of secondary angle	smoothly increasing proximally			
				Major secondary attachment	excurrent			
				proximal course	absent			
			Inter-2°	intersecondary length	not applicable			
				distal course	not applicable			
				vein frequency	not applicable			
			3°	Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	mixed percurrent			
				Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	mixed percurrent			
				Angle of percurrent tertiaries	obtuse			
				vein angle variability	consistent			
				Epimedial tertiaries	opposite percurrent			
				proximal course	acute to midvein			
				distal course	parallel to intercostal tertiary			
				Exterior tertiary course	not visible			
			4°	Quaternary vein fabric	mixed percurrent			
			5°	Quinternary vein fabric	not visible			
				Areolation	not visible			
				FEV branching	not visible			
				FEV termination	not visible			
				Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible			
<b>Features of the blade:</b>			<b>Text Description:</b>					
Position of lamina attachment	marginal		<p>Leaf attachment not visible; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment marginal. Petiole features not visible. Lamina size mesophyll; lamina L:W ratio not visible; lamina shape unknown with medial symmetrical and base not visible to not visible. Margin unlobed and not visible with not visible edges. Apex angle not visible; apex shape not visible to not visible; base angle not visible; base shape not visible to not visible. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins absent; 1 basal veins; agrophic veins absent. Major secondaries craspedodromous, spacing regular, smoothly increasing proximally; attachment excurrent. Interior secondaries absent; minor secondary course not visible; not visible present, proximal course absent; Intersecondaries not applicable; distal course not applicable; occur at not applicable; Intercostal tertiary veins mixed percurrent, to mixed percurrent; obtuse to midvein; vein angle consistent. Epimedial tertiaries opposite percurrent; proximal course acute to midvein; distal course parallel to intercostal tertiary. Exterior tertiary course not visible. Quaternary vein fabric mixed percurrent. Quinternary vein fabric not visible. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing not applicable, with not applicable orders of teeth; teeth / cm ; sinus shape not applicable. Tooth shapes ; ; and . Principal vein not applicable; terminates not applicable; accessory vein not applicable;</p>					
Lamina size	mesophyll							
lamina L:W ratio	not visible							
lamina shape								
medial symmetry	symmetrical							
base symmetry	not visible							
base symmetry	not visible							
lobation	unlobed							
margin type	not visible							
special margin features	not visible							
Apex angle	not visible							
apex shape	not visible							
apex shape	not visible							
base angle	not visible							
base shape	not visible							
base shape	not visible							
Terminal apex features	not visible							
Surface texture	not visible							
Surficial glands	not visible							
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>								
Tooth spacing		not applicable						
number of orders of teeth		not applicable						
teeth / cm								
sinus shape		not applicable						
tooth shapes								
tooth shapes								
tooth shapes								
tooth shapes								
Principal vein		not applicable						
principal vein termination		not applicable						
course of accessory vein		not applicable						
features of the tooth apex		not applicable						

**Diagnostic Features:**  
Major secondaries craspedodromous, Intercostal tertiary veins mixed percurrent

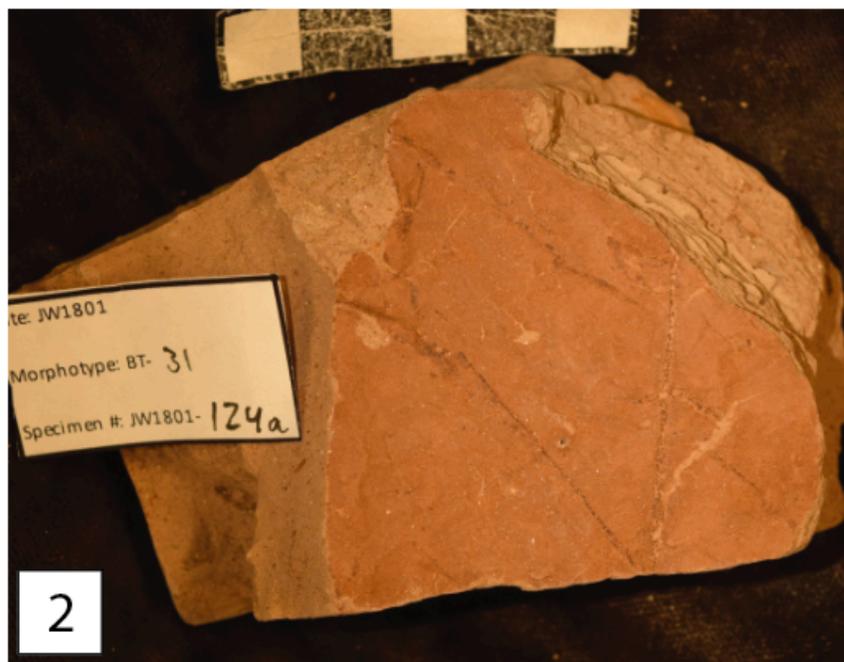


Figure A.25. Morphotype BT-31. Present in locality JW1801. Specimen number: JW1801-021, exemplar, 2. JW1801-124a.



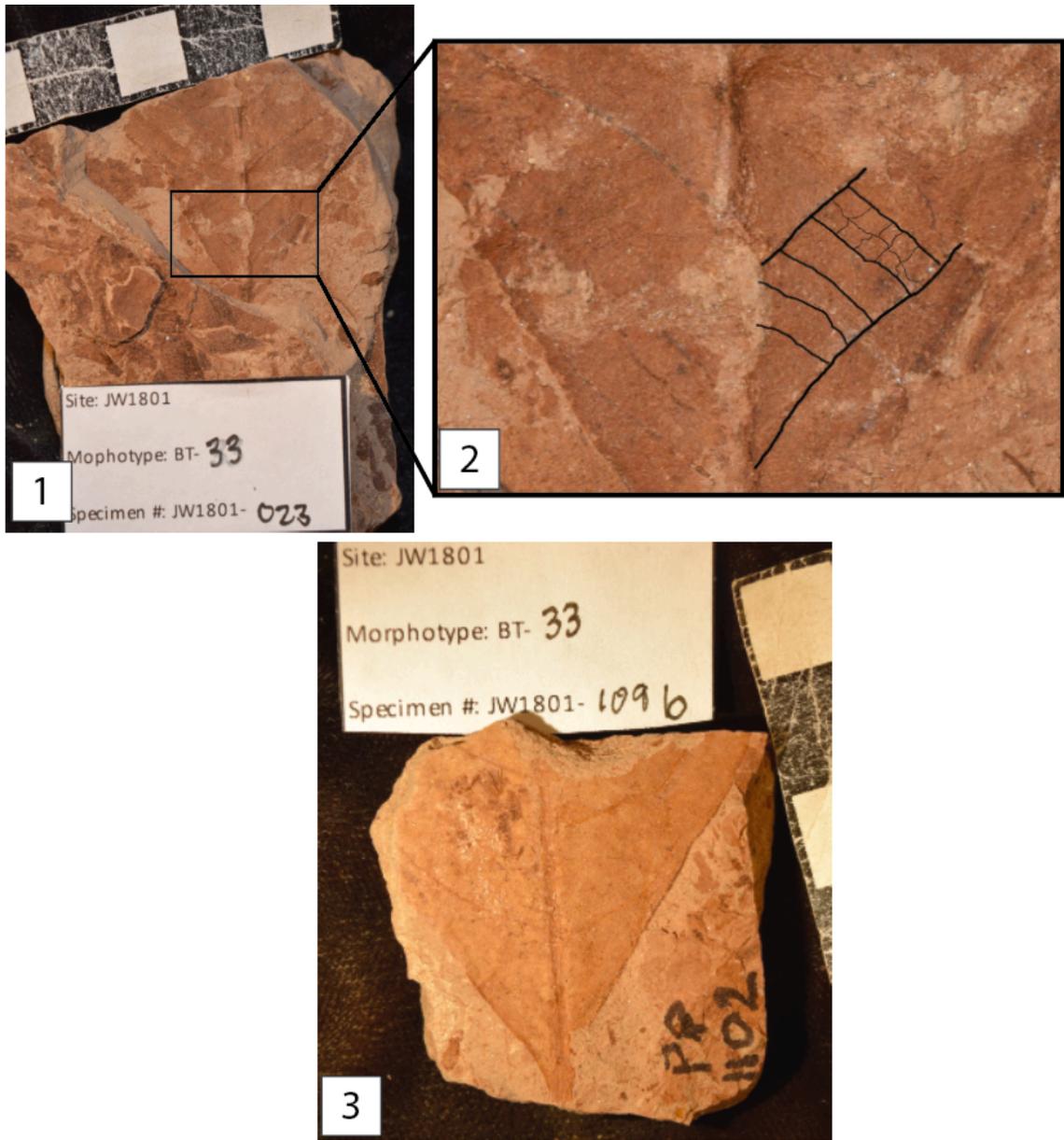


Figure A.26. Morphotype BT-33. Present in locality JW1801. Specimen number: JW1801-023, exemplar, 2. JW1801-023, enlarged to show venation, 3. JW1801-109b.

Table A.31. Morphotype BT-34 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1802 and JW1803.

Section I. Leaf Characters		Description	Section II. Venation		Description
Leaf attachment		petiolate	1°	Primary vein framework	suprabasal acrodromous
leaf arrangement		not visible		naked basal veins	absent
leaf organization		not visible		number of basal veins	3
leaflet organization		not visible		agrophic veins	present
Leaflet attachment		not applicable	2°	Major 2° vein framework	simple brochidodromous
Petiole features		absent		Interior secondaries	present
				minor secondary course	simple brochidodromous
				Perimarginal veins	intramarginal secondary
<b>Features of the blade:</b>				major secondary spacing	irregular
Position of lamina attachment	marginal			Variation of secondary angle	uniform
Laminar size	Noto/mesophyll		Inter-2°	Major secondary attachment	decurrent
laminar L:W ratio	~ 2:1			proximal course	parallel to major secondaries
laminar shape	ovate			intersecondary length	<50% of subjacent secondary
medial symmetry	symmetrical			distal course	parallel to subjacent major secondary
base symmetry	symmetrical			vein frequency	~ 1 per intercostal area
base symmetry	symmetrical		3°	Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	convex opposite percurrent
lobation	unlobed			Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	mixed percurrent
margin type	entire			Angle of percurrent tertiaries	acute
special margin features	not visible			vein angle variability	consistent
Apex angle	acute			Epimedial tertiaries	mixed percurrent
apex shape	straight			proximal course	acute to midvein
apex shape	straight			distal course	acroflexed
base angle	obtuse			Exterior tertiary course	looped
base shape	concave		4°	Quaternary vein fabric	irregular reticulate
base shape	concave		5°	Quinternary vein fabric	reticulate
Terminal apex features	not visible			Areolation	not visible
Surface texture	not visible			FEV branching	not visible
Surficial glands	not visible			FEV termination	not visible
				Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
				<b>Text Description:</b>	
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>				Leaf attachment petiolate; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not applicable; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment marginal. Petiole features absent. Laminar size Noto/mesophyll; laminar L:W ratio ~ 2:1; laminar shape ovate with medial symmetrical and base symmetrical to symmetrical. Margin unlobed and entire with not visible edges. Apex angle acute; apex shape straight to straight; base angle obtuse; base shape concave to concave. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation suprabasal acrodromous; naked basal veins absent; 3basal veins; agrophic veins present. Major secondaries simple brochidodromous, spacing irregular, uniform; attachment decurrent. Interior secondaries present; minor secondary course simple brochidodromous; intramarginal secondary present, proximal course parallel to major secondaries; Intersecondaries <50% of subjacent secondary; distal course parallel to subjacent major secondary; occur at ~ 1 per intercostal area; Intercostal tertiary veins convex opposite percurrent, to mixed percurrent; acute to midvein; vein angle consistent. Epimedial tertiaries mixed percurrent; proximal course acute to midvein; distal course acroflexed. Exterior tertiary course looped. Quaternary vein fabric irregular reticulate. Quinternary vein fabric reticulate. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing not applicable, with not applicable orders of teeth; teeth / cm ; sinus shape not applicable. Tooth shapes ; ; and . Principal vein not applicable; terminates not applicable; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex not applicable.	
Tooth spacing	not applicable				
number of orders of teeth	not applicable				
teeth / cm					
sinus shape	not applicable				
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
Principal vein	not applicable				
principal vein termination	not applicable				
course of accessory vein	not applicable				
features of the tooth apex	not applicable				
<b>Diagnostic Features:</b>					
Ovate, entire margin, 3 basal veins, agrophic veins, intersecondaries					

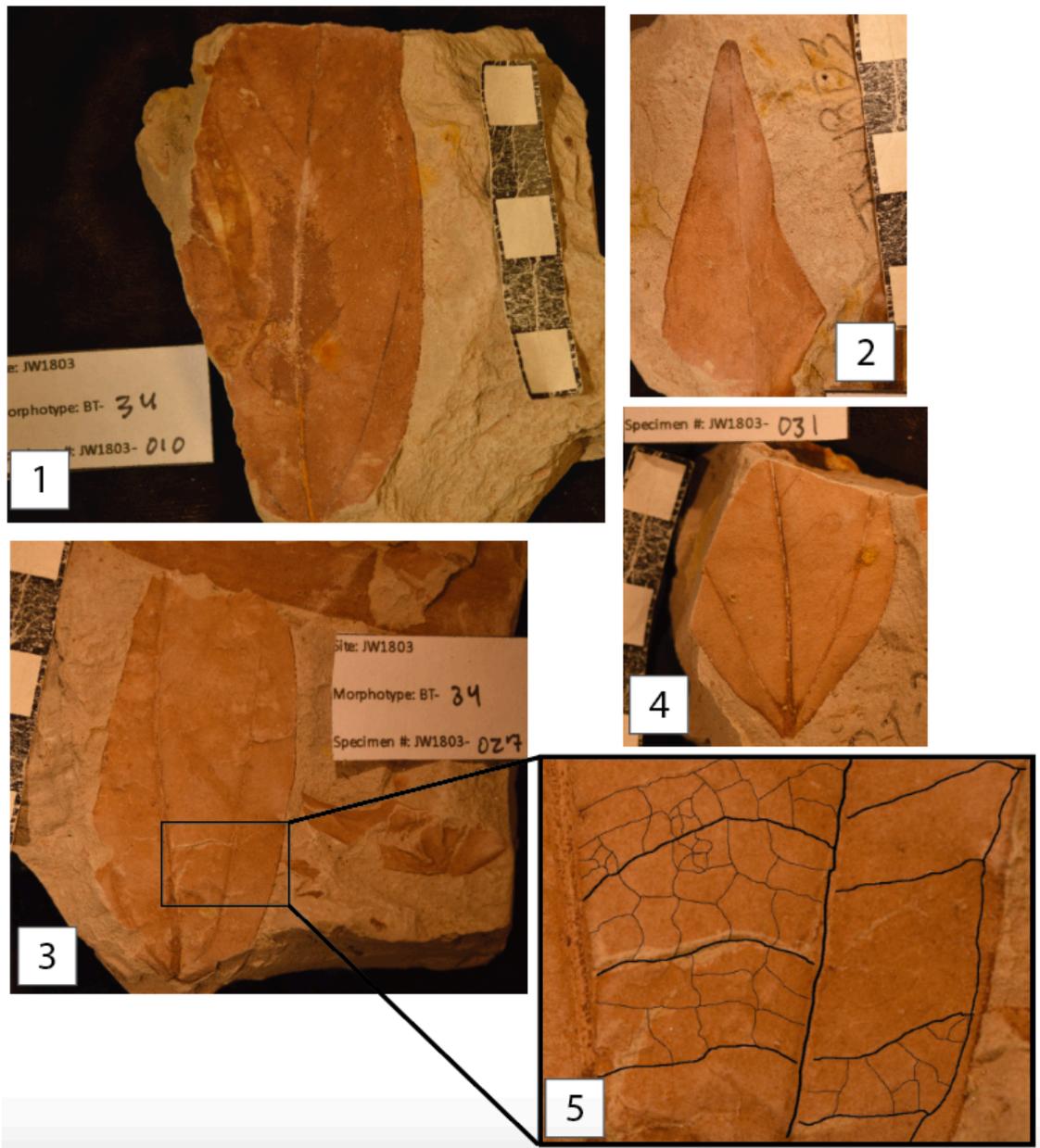


Figure A.27. Morphotype BT-34. Present in localities JW1802 and JW1803. Specimen numbers: 1. JW1803-010, exemplar, 2. JW1803-030, 3. JW1803-027, 4. JW1803-031, 5. JW1803-027, enlarged to show venation.

Table A.32. Morphotype BT-35 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1803.

Section I. Leaf Characters		Description	Section II. Venation		Description
Leaf attachment	petiolate		1°	Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement	not visible			naked basal veins	absent
leaf organization	not visible			number of basal veins	1
leaflet organization	not visible			agrophic veins	absent
Leaflet attachment	not visible		2°	Major 2° vein framework	semicraspedodromous
Petiole features	not visible			Interior secondaries	present
				minor secondary course	not applicable
				Perimarginal veins	not applicable
				major secondary spacing	regular
				Variation of secondary angle	uniform
			Inter-2°	Major secondary attachment	decurent
				proximal course	parallel to major secondaries
				intersecondary length	<50% of subjacent secondary
				distal course	parallel to subjacent major secondary
				vein frequency	~ 1 per intercostal area
			3°	Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	mixed percurrent
				Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	hard to see
				Angle of percurrent tertiaries	obtuse
				vein angle variability	not visible
				Epimedial tertiaries	not visible
				proximal course	not visible
				distal course	not visible
				Exterior tertiary course	not visible
			4°	Quaternary vein fabric	not visible
			5°	Quinternary vein fabric	not visible
				Areolation	not visible
				FEV branching	not visible
				FEV termination	not visible
				Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
<b>Features of the blade:</b>			<b>Text Description:</b>		
Position of lamina attachment	not visible		<p>Leaf attachment petiolate; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment not visible. Petiole features not visible. Laminar size unknown; laminar L:W ratio &gt; 2:1; laminar shape ovate with medial not visible and base not visible to not visible. Margin unlobed and serrate with not visible edges. Apex angle not visible; apex shape not visible to not visible; base angle not visible; base shape not visible to not visible. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins absent; Ibasal veins; agrophic veins absent. Major secondaries semicraspedodromous, spacing regular, uniform; attachment decurent. Interior secondaries present; minor secondary course not applicable; not applicable present, proximal course parallel to major secondaries; Intersecondaries &lt;50% of subjacent secondary; distal course parallel to subjacent major secondary; occur at ~ 1 per intercostal area; Intercostal tertiary veins mixed percurrent, to hard to see ; obtuse to midvein; vein angle not visible. Epimedial tertiaries not visible; proximal course not visible; distal course not visible. Exterior tertiary course not visible. Quaternary vein fabric not visible. Quinternary vein fabric not visible. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing regular, with one orders of teeth; teeth / cm 5; sinus shape rounded. Tooth shapes FL:CC; CC:CV; ; and . Principal vein not visible; terminates not visible; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex cassidate.</p>		
Laminar size	unknown				
laminar L:W ratio	> 2:1				
laminar shape	ovate				
medial symmetry	not visible				
base symmetry	not visible				
base symmetry	not visible				
lobation	unlobed				
margin type	serrate				
special margin features	not visible				
Apex angle	not visible				
apex shape	not visible				
apex shape	not visible				
base angle	not visible				
base shape	not visible				
base shape	not visible				
Terminal apex features	not visible				
Surface texture	not visible				
Surficial glands	not visible				
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>					
Tooth spacing	regular				
number of orders of teeth	one				
teeth / cm	5				
sinus shape	rounded				
tooth shapes	FL:CC				
tooth shapes	CC:CV				
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
Principal vein	not visible				
principal vein termination	on distal flank of tooth				
course of accessory vein	not applicable				
features of the tooth apex	cassidate				
<b>Diagnostic Features:</b>					
Elliptical, Serrate margin, major secondaries semicraspedodromous, intersecondaries,					

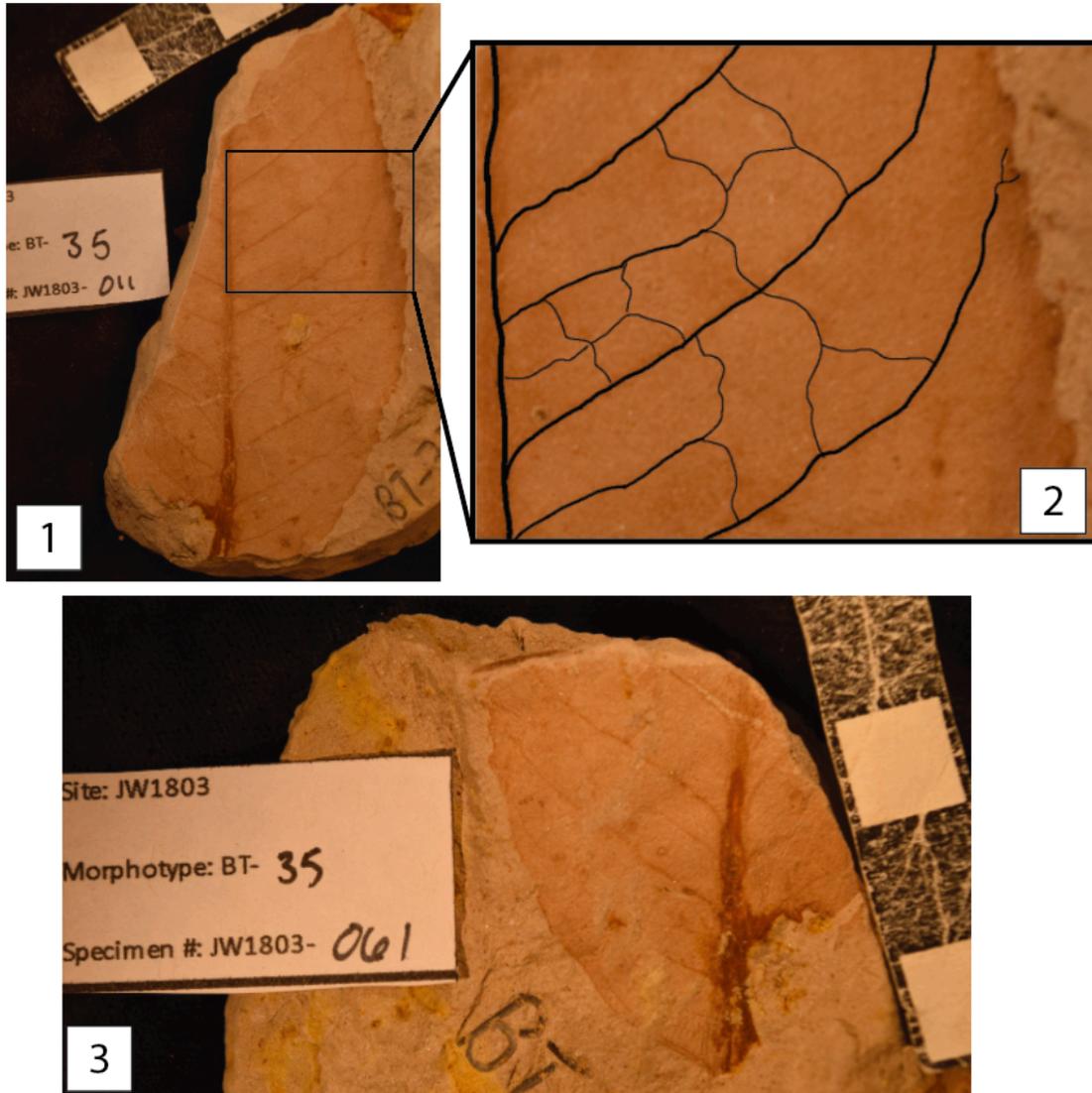


Figure A.28. Morphotype BT-35. Present in locality JW1803. Specimen number: 1. JW1803-011, exemplar, 2. JW1803-011, enlarged box to show leaf venation and serration, 3. JW1803-061.



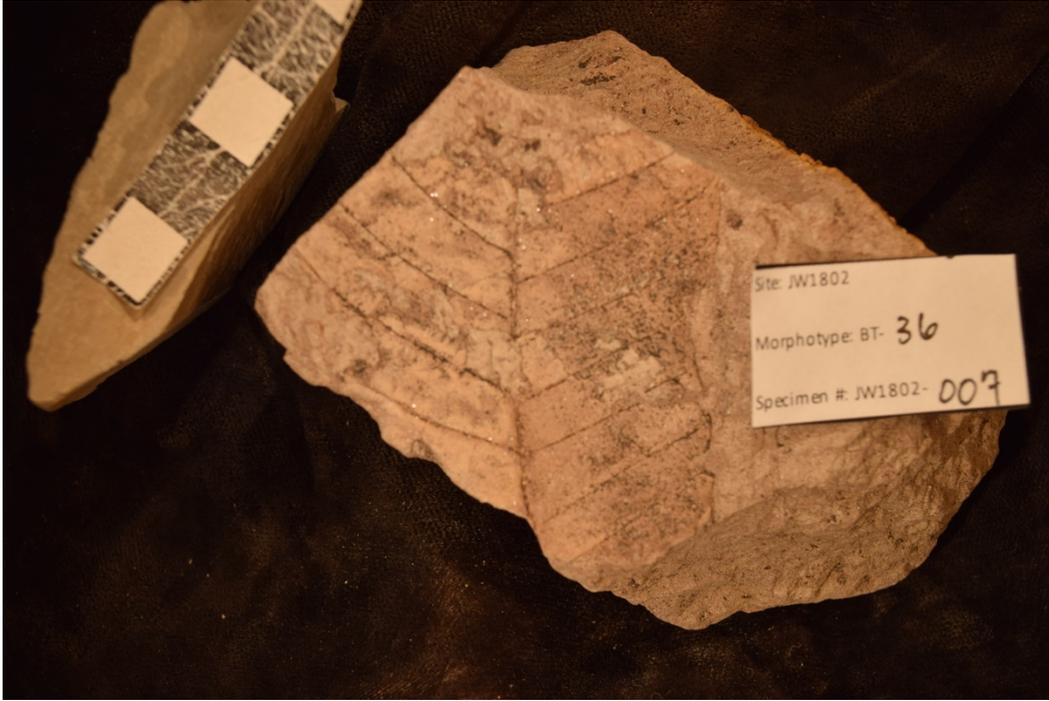


Figure A.29. Morphotype BT-36. Present in locality JW1802. Specimen number JW1802-007, exemplar.

Table A.34. Morphotype BT-37 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1802.

Section I. Leaf Characters		Description	Section II. Venation		Description
Leaf attachment		petiolate	<b>1°</b>	Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement		not visible		naked basal veins	not visible
leaf organization		not visible		number of basal veins	1
leaflet organization		not visible		agrophic veins	not visible
Leaflet attachment		not visible	<b>2°</b>	Major 2° vein framework	semicraspedodromous
Petiole features		not visible		Interior secondaries	absent
<b>Features of the blade:</b>				minor secondary course	not applicable
Position of lamina attachment	marginal			Perimarginal veins	not visible
Laminar size	mesophyll			major secondary spacing	regular
laminar L:W ratio	>3:1			Variation of secondary angle	uniform
laminar shape	unknown		<b>Inter-2°</b>	Major secondary attachment	excurrent
medial symmetry	not visible			proximal course	not visible
base symmetry	not visible			intersecondary length	not applicable
base symmetry	not visible			distal course	not applicable
lobation	not visible			vein frequency	not applicable
margin type	not visible		<b>3°</b>	Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	not applicable
special margin features	not visible			Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	not applicable
Apex angle	not visible			Angle of percurrent tertiaries	not applicable
apex shape	not visible			vein angle variability	not applicable
apex shape	not visible			Epimedial tertiaries	not visible
base angle	acute			proximal course	not visible
base shape	straight			distal course	not visible
base shape	not visible		<b>4°</b>	Exterior tertiary course	not visible
Terminal apex features	not visible		<b>5°</b>	Quaternary vein fabric	not visible
				Quinternary vein fabric	not visible
				Areolation	not visible
Surface texture	not visible			FEV branching	not visible
Surficial glands	not visible			FEV termination	not visible
				Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>			<b>Text Description:</b>		
Tooth spacing		not applicable	<p>Leaf attachment petiolate; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment marginal. Petiole features not visible. Laminar size mesophyll; laminar L:W ratio &gt;3:1; laminar shape unknown with medial not visible and base not visible to not visible. Margin not visible and not visible with not visible edges. Apex angle not visible; apex shape not visible to not visible; base angle acute; base shape straight to not visible. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins not visible; 1basal veins; agrophic veins not visible. Major secondaries semicraspedodromous, spacing regular, uniform; attachment excurrent. Interior secondaries absent; minor secondary course not applicable; not visiblepresent, proximal course not visible; Intersecondaries not applicable; distal course not applicable; occur at not applicable; Intercostal tertiary veins not applicable, to not applicable; not applicableto midvein; vein angle not applicable. Epimedial tertiaries not visible; proximal course not visible; distal course not visible. Exterior tertiary course not visible. Quaternary vein fabric not visible. Quinternary vein fabric not visible. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visibletermination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing not applicable, with not applicable orders of teeth; teeth / cm ; sinus shape not applicable. Tooth shapes ; ; and . Principal vein not applicable; terminates not applicable; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex not applicable.</p>		
number of orders of teeth		not applicable			
teeth / cm					
sinus shape		not applicable			
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
Principal vein		not applicable			
principal vein termination		not applicable			
course of accessory vein		not applicable			
features of the tooth apex		not applicable			

**Diagnostic Features:**  
 Very thick midvein, acute/straight base, major secondaries semicraspedodromous

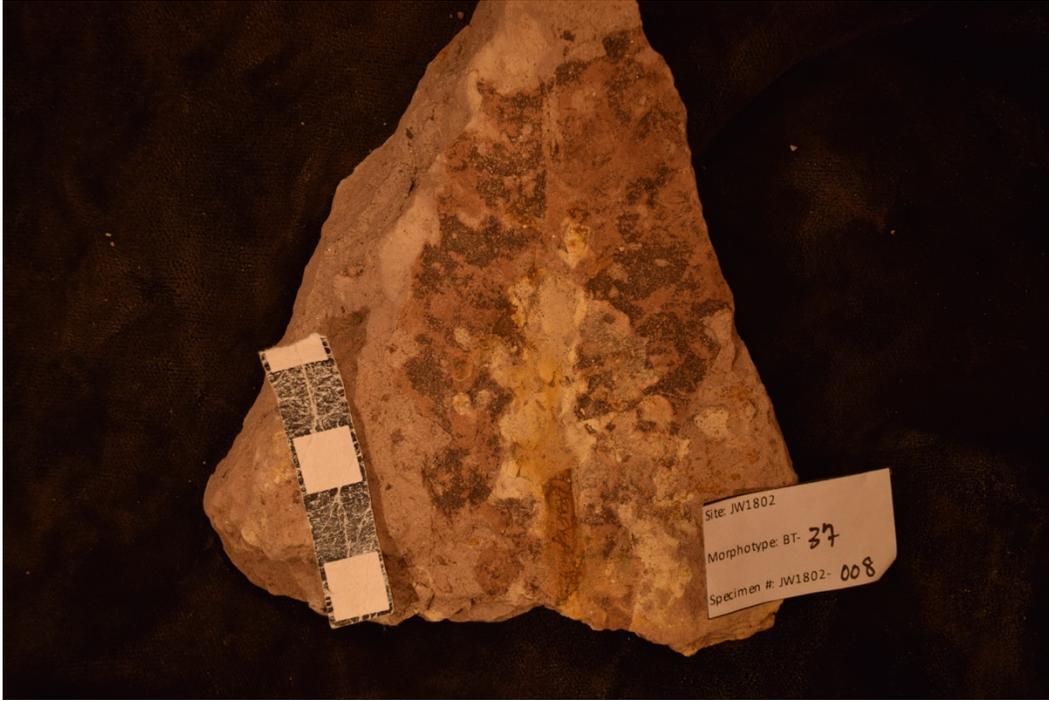


Figure A.30. Morphotype BT-37. Present in locality JW1802. Specimen number JW1802-008, exemplar.



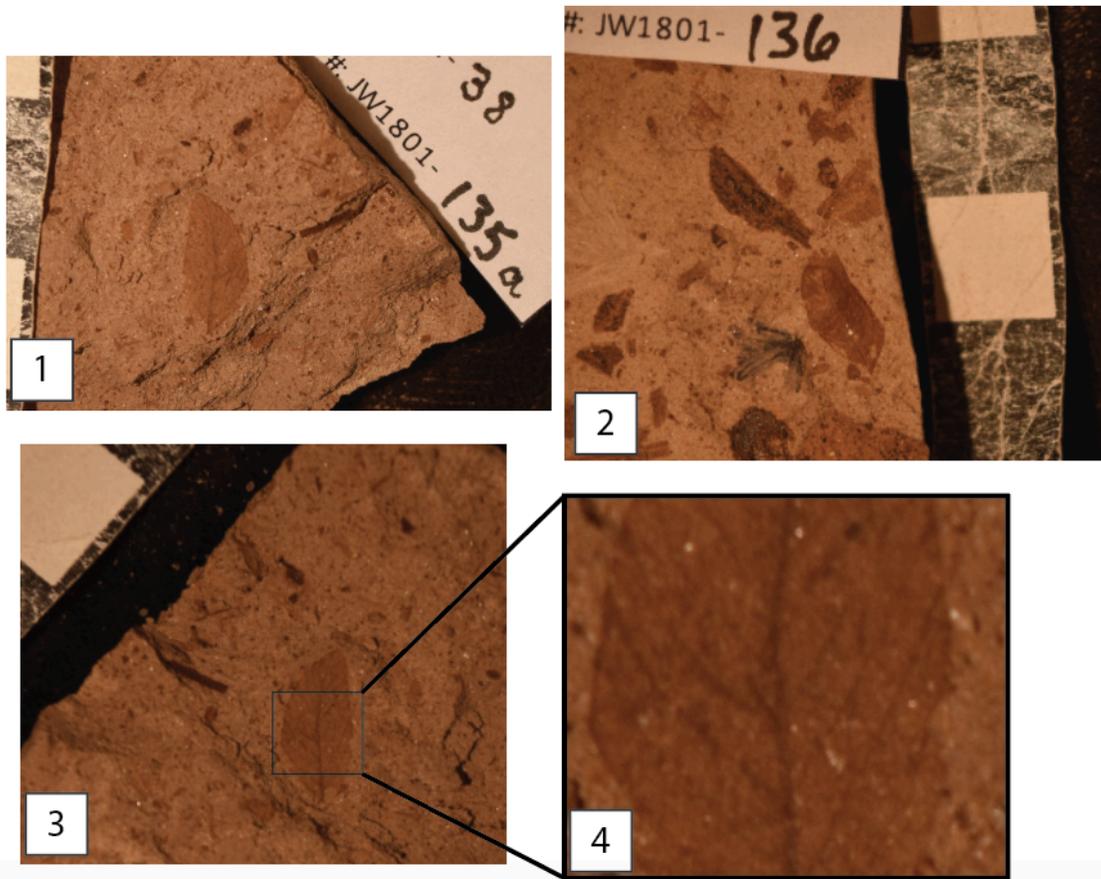


Figure A.31. Morphotype BT-38. Present in locality JW1801. Specimen numbers: 1. JW1801-135a, exemplar, 2. JW1801-136, 3. JW1801-135b, 4. JW1801-135b, enlarged box to show venation and serration.

Table A.36. Morphotype BT-40 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1802.

Section I. Leaf Characters		Description	Section II. Venation		Description
Leaf attachment	not visible		1°	Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement	not visible			naked basal veins	not visible
leaf organization	not visible			number of basal veins	1
leaflet organization	not visible			agrophic veins	present
Leaflet attachment	not visible		2°	Major 2° vein framework	eucamptodromous
Petiole features	not visible			Interior secondaries	not visible
				minor secondary course	simple brochidodromous
				Perimarginal veins	not applicable
<b>Features of the blade:</b>				major secondary spacing	regular
Position of lamina attachment	not visible			Variation of secondary angle	uniform
Laminar size	notophyll			Major secondary attachment	deflected
laminar L:W ratio			Inter-2°	proximal course	not visible
laminar shape	unknown			intersecondary length	not applicable
medial symmetry	not visible			distal course	not applicable
base symmetry	not visible			vein frequency	not applicable
base symmetry	not visible			3° Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	not visible
lobation	unlobed			Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	not applicable
margin type	entire			Angle of percurrent tertiaries	not applicable
special margin features	not visible			vein angle variability	not applicable
Apex angle	not visible			Epimedial tertiaries	not visible
apex shape	not visible			proximal course	not visible
apex shape	not visible			distal course	not visible
base angle	not visible			Exterior tertiary course	not visible
base shape	not visible			4° Quaternary vein fabric	not visible
base shape	not visible			5° Quinternary vein fabric	not visible
Terminal apex features	not visible			Areolation	not visible
Surface texture	not visible			FEV branching	not visible
Surficial glands	not visible			FEV termination	not visible
				Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
				<b>Text Description</b>	
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>					
Tooth spacing	not applicable				Leaf attachment not visible; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment not visible. Petiole features not visible. Laminar size notophyll; laminar L:W ratio ; laminar shape unknown with medial not visible and base not visible to not visible. Margin unlobed and entire with not visible edges. Apex angle not visible; apex shape not visible to not visible; base angle not visible; base shape not visible to not visible. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins not visible; basal veins; agrophic veins present. Major secondaries eucamptodromous, spacing regular, uniform; attachment deflected. Interior secondaries not visible; minor secondary course simple brochidodromous; not applicable present, proximal course not visible; Intersecondaries not applicable; distal course not applicable; occur at not applicable; Intercostal tertiary veins not visible, to not applicable; not applicable to midvein; vein angle not applicable. Epimedial tertiaries not visible; proximal course not visible; distal course not visible. Exterior tertiary course not visible. Quaternary vein fabric not visible. Quinternary vein fabric not visible. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing not applicable, with not applicable orders of teeth; teeth / cm ; sinus shape not applicable. Tooth shapes ; ; and . Principal vein not applicable; terminates not applicable; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex not applicable.
number of orders of teeth	not applicable				
teeth / cm					
sinus shape	not applicable				
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
Principal vein	not applicable				
principal vein termination	not applicable				
course of accessory vein	not applicable				
features of the tooth apex	not applicable				
<b>Diagnostic Features:</b>					
Entire margin, major secondaries eucamptodromous, agrophic veins					



Figure A.32. Morphotype BT-40. Present in locality JW1802. Specimen number JW1802-009, exemplar.

Table A.37. Morphotype BT-44 leaf architecture description. Present in locality JW1801 and JW1803.

Section I. Leaf Characters		Description	Section II. Venation		Description
Leaf attachment		not visible	1°	Primary vein framework	pinnate
leaf arrangement		not visible		naked basal veins	absent
leaf organization		not visible		number of basal veins	1
leaflet organization		not visible		agrophic veins	absent
Leaflet attachment		not visible	2°	Major 2° vein framework	craspedodromous
Petiole features		not visible		Interior secondaries	absent
				minor secondary course	not applicable
				Perimarginal veins	not applicable
				major secondary spacing	regular
				Variation of secondary angle	uniform
				Major secondary attachment	excurrent
			Inter-2°	proximal course	absent
				intersecondary length	not applicable
				distal course	not applicable
				vein frequency	not applicable
			3°	Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	sinuous opposite percurrent
				Intercostal tertiary vein fabric	mixed percurrent
				Angle of percurrent tertiaries	obtuse
				vein angle variability	consistent
				Epimedial tertiaries	opposite percurrent
				proximal course	perpendicular to midvein
				distal course	parallel to intercostal tertiary
				Exterior tertiary course	terminating at the margin
			4°	Quaternary vein fabric	mixed percurrent
			5°	Quinternary vein fabric	not visible
				Areolation	not visible
				FEV branching	not visible
				FEV termination	not visible
				Marginal Ultimate venation	not visible
<b>Features of the blade:</b>			<b>Text Description:</b>		
Position of lamina attachment		not visible	<p>Leaf attachment not visible; leaf arrangement not visible; leaf organization not visible. Leaflet attachment not visible; leaflet organization not visible. Blade attachment not visible. Petiole features not visible. Lamina size notophyll; lamina L:W ratio 2:1; lamina shape ovate with medial symmetrical and base not visible to not visible. Margin unlobed and toothed with not visible edges. Apex angle acute; apex shape acuminate to acuminate; base angle not visible; base shape not visible to not visible. Terminal apex not visible. Surface texture not visible. Surficial glands not visible. Primary venation pinnate; naked basal veins absent; 1 basal veins; agrophic veins absent. Major secondaries craspedodromous, spacing regular, uniform; attachment excurrent. Interior secondaries absent; minor secondary course not applicable; not applicable present, proximal course absent; Intersecondaries not applicable; distal course not applicable; occur at not applicable; Intercostal tertiary veins sinuous opposite percurrent, to mixed percurrent; obtuse to midvein; vein angle consistent. Epimedial tertiaries opposite percurrent; proximal course perpendicular to midvein; distal course parallel to intercostal tertiary. Exterior tertiary course terminating at the margin. Quaternary vein fabric mixed percurrent. Quinternary vein fabric not visible. Areolation not visible; Freely ending veinlets not visible, with not visible termination. Marginal Ultimate venation not visible. Tooth spacing regular, with one orders of teeth; teeth / cm 1/cm; sinus shape rounded. Tooth shapes FL/ST; FL/FL; ; and . Principal vein present; terminates present; accessory vein not applicable; tooth apex cassidate.</p>		
Laminar size		notophyll			
laminar L:W ratio		2:1			
laminar shape		ovate			
medial symmetry		symmetrical			
base symmetry		not visible			
base symmetry		not visible			
lobation		unlobed			
margin type		toothed			
special margin features		not visible			
Apex angle		acute			
apex shape		acuminate			
apex shape		acuminate			
base angle		not visible			
base shape		not visible			
base shape		not visible			
Terminal apex features		not visible			
Surface texture		not visible			
Surficial glands		not visible			
<b>Section III. Teeth</b>					
Tooth spacing		regular			
number of orders of teeth		one			
teeth / cm		1/cm			
sinus shape		rounded			
tooth shapes		FL/ST			
tooth shapes		FL/FL			
tooth shapes					
tooth shapes					
Principal vein		present			
principal vein termination		on proximal flank of tooth			
course of accessory vein		not applicable			
features of the tooth apex		cassidate			
<p><b>Diagnostic Features:</b>            Toothed margin, unlobed, ovate shape, symmetrical, acuminate apex, major secondaries craspedodromous</p>					

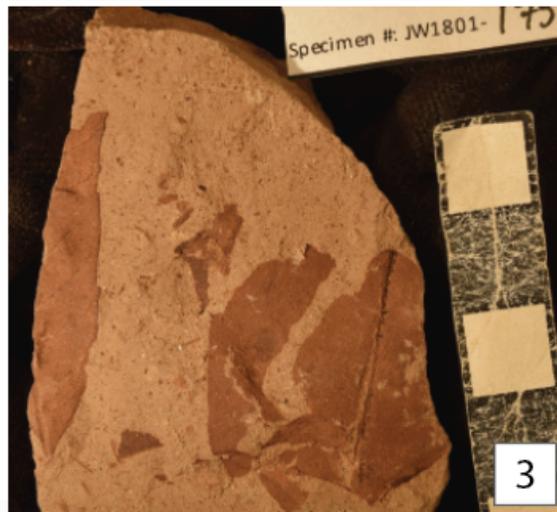


Figure A.33. Morphotype BT-44. Present in localities JW1801 and JW1803. Specimen numbers : 1. JW1803-038, 2. JW1803-036, exemplar, 3. JW1801-175.



Figure A.34. Morphotype BT-20. Present in locality JW1801. Specimen numbers: 1. JW1801-018, exemplar, 2. JW1801-169, 3. JW1801-174, 4. JW1801-024, 5. JW1801-162, 6. JW1801-162 enlarged box to show venation, 7. JW1801-167.

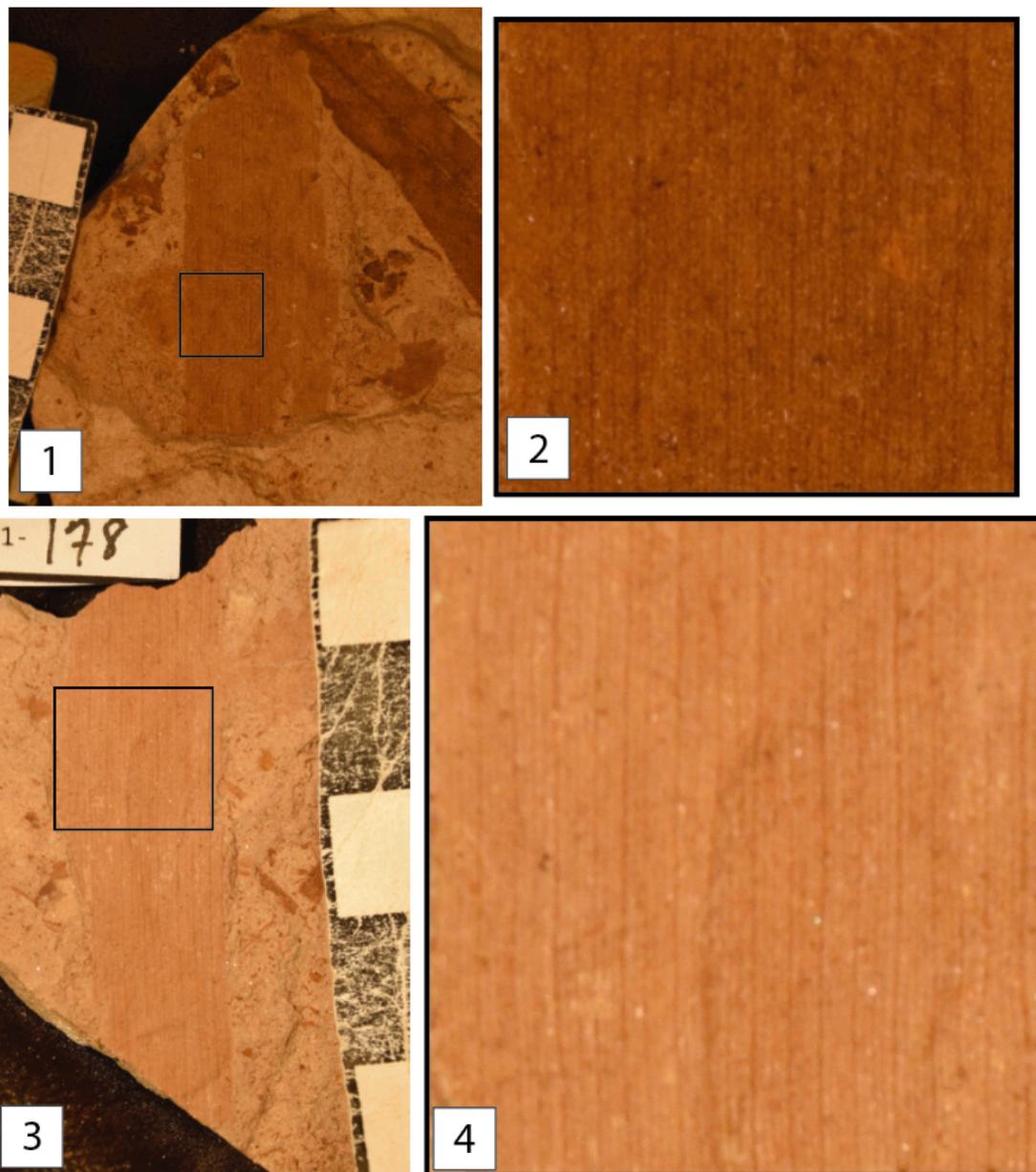


Figure A.35. Morphotype BT-21. Present in locality JW1801 and JW1802. Specimen numbers: 1. JW801-163, 2. JW1801-163 enlarged box to show venation. 3. JW1801-178, 4. JW1801-178 enlarged box to show venation.

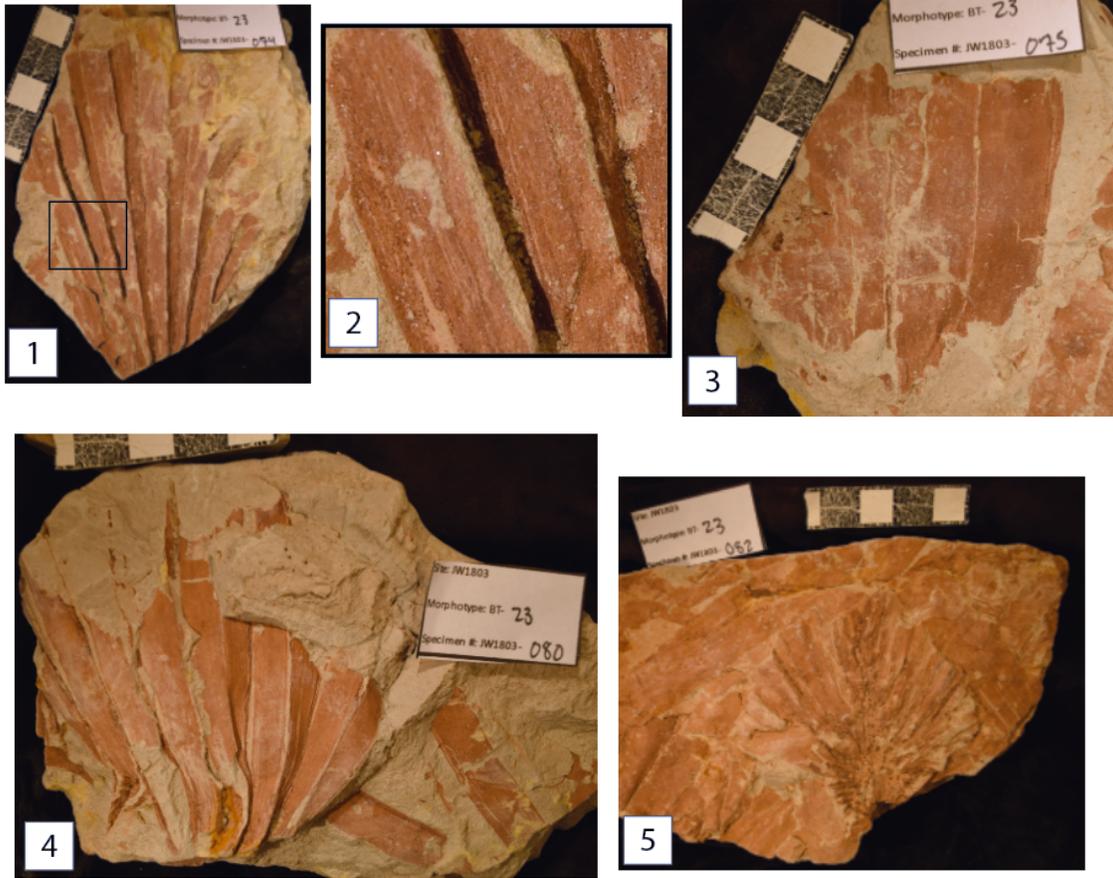


Figure A.36. Morphotype BT-23. Present in locality JW1803. Specimen numbers: 1. JW803-074, 2. JW1803-074 enlarged box to show venation. 3. JW1803-075, 4. JW1803-080, 5. JW1803-082.

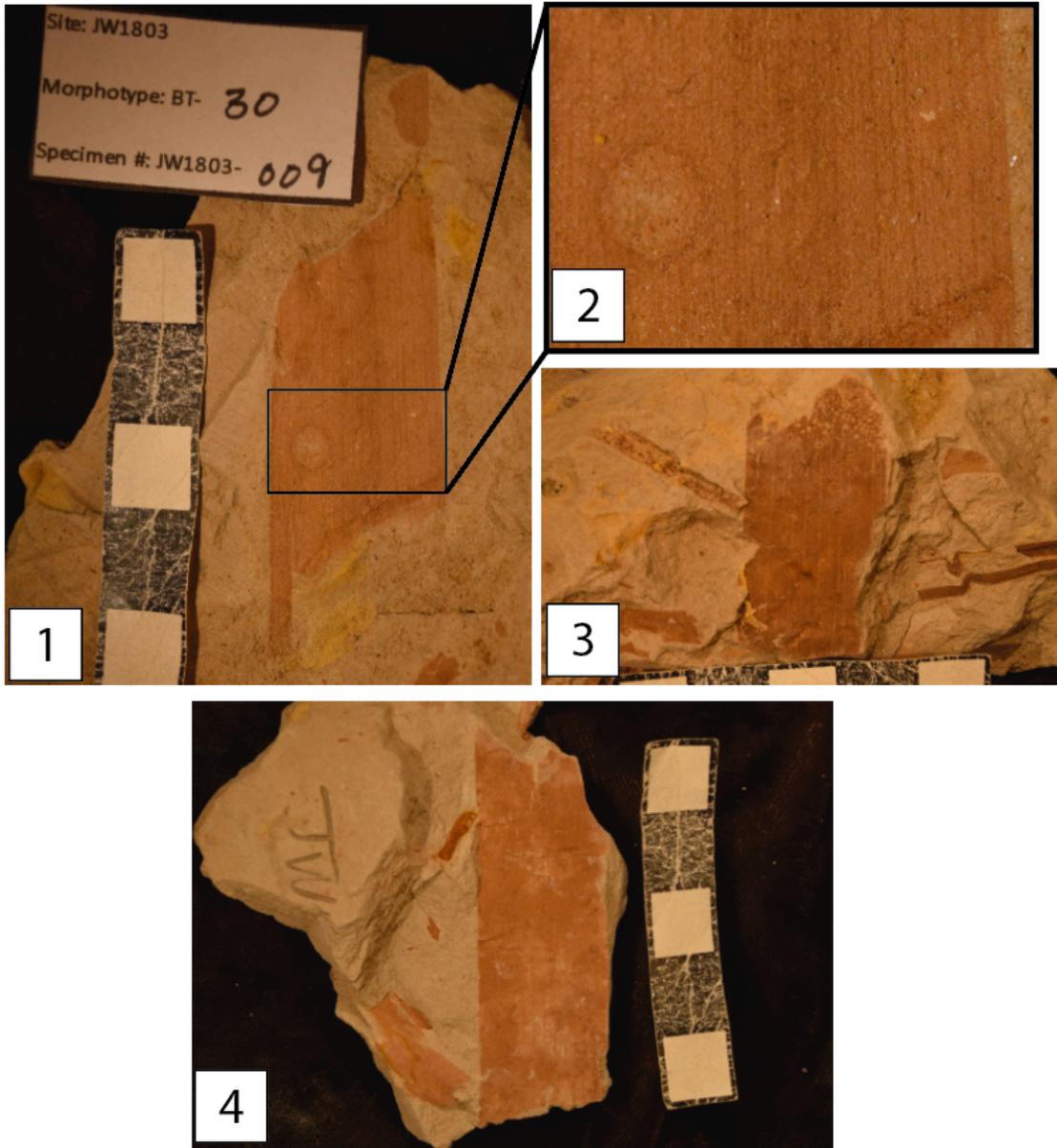


Figure A.37. Morphotype BT-30. Present in locality JW1803. Specimen numbers: 1. JW803-009, exemplar, 2. JW803-009, enlarged box to show venation. 3. JW1803-069, 4. JW1803-067.

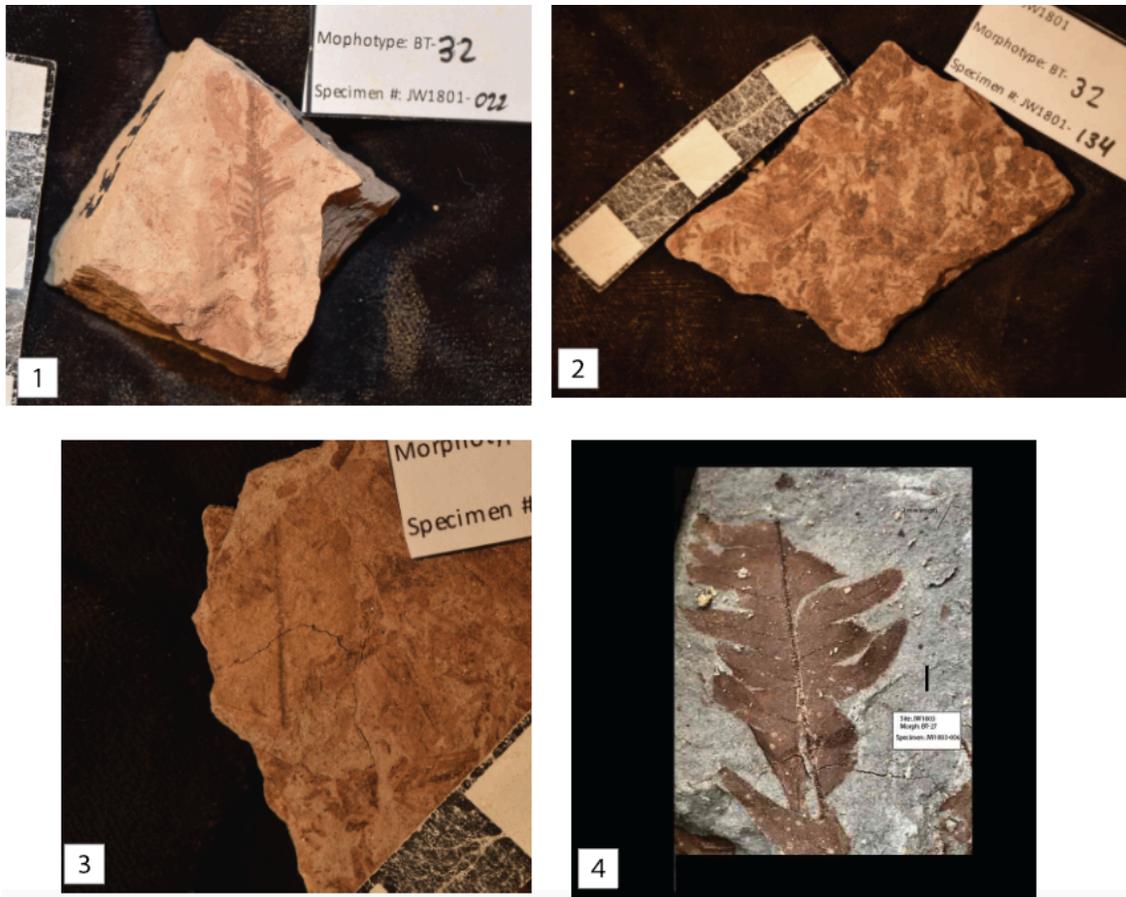


Figure A.38. Fern morphotypes from all localities. 1. Morphotype BT-32, specimen number JW1801-022, exemplar, 2. Morphotype BT-32, JW1801-134, 3. Morphotype BT-39, JW1801-141, 4. Morphotype BT-27, JW1803-006, exemplar, scale bar 1 cm.

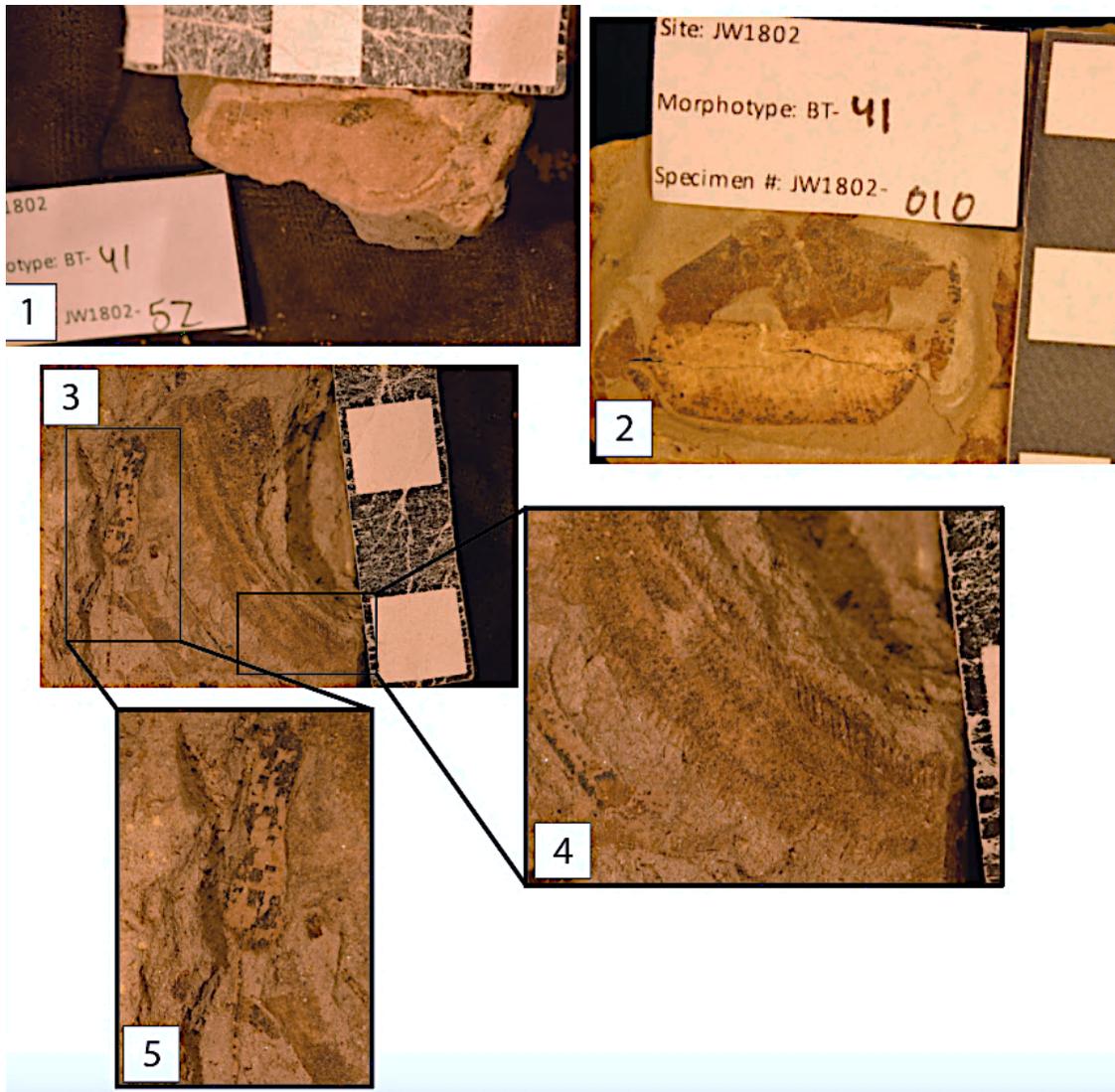


Figure A.39. Reproductive material from locality JW1802. 1. BT-41, JW1802-052, 2. BT-41, JW1802-010, exemplar, 3. BT-42, JW1802-012, exemplar, 4. JW1802-012 enlarged box to show striations on (possible) catkin, 5. BT-41, JW1802-012.

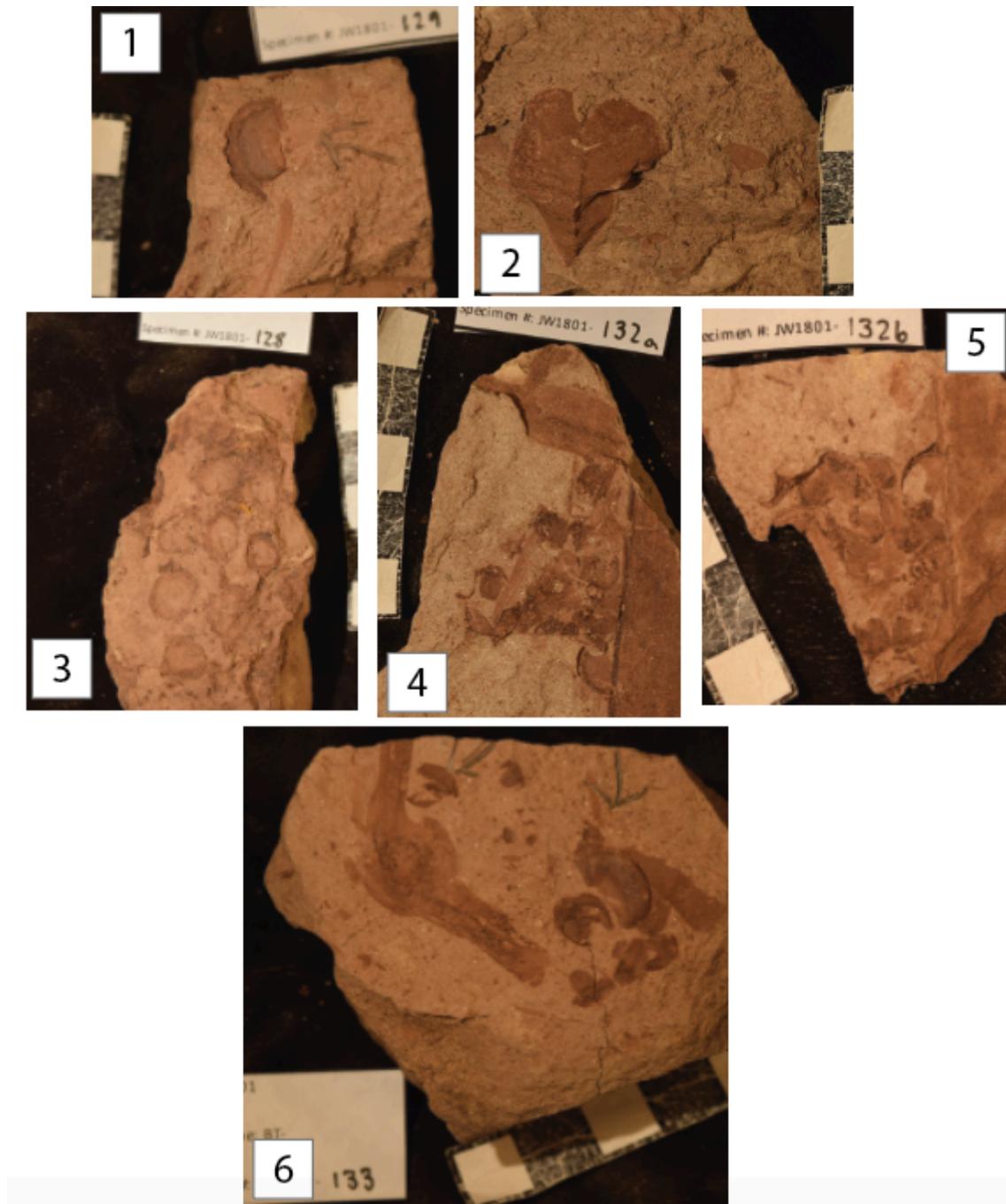


Figure A.40. Reproductive material from locality JW1801. Specimen numbers: 1. JW1801-129, possible palm fruit, 2. JW1801-130, possible palm-type *Nypa* fruit or buckeye seed, 3. JW1801-128, aggregate fruit, possible palm fruit, 4. JW1801-132a, aggregate fruit with indentation in center, 5. JW1801-132b, aggregate fruit with indentation in center, 6. JW1801-133, winged fruit and palm fruit.

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