

Reply to McQueen -- Bob Magill has asked me to respond to the comments by Cyrus McQueen regarding the article by Li and Glime on common names of Sphagnum. I agree almost totally with the arguments of McQueen. In fact, the only disagreement I have is with his apparent interpretation of my own position on the topic. I do not advocate the creation of additional common names to fill voids or improve upon existing names. In fact, I am publishing these lists in an attempt to avoid that. The names being published here are not the only ones in existence, and I am updating my list constantly through reader contributions and in some cases translations of foreign names. My intention is to place into one list the names currently in use from which those people in English-speaking countries who feel forced to use common names may draw upon names. These people will include authors of books when publishers absolutely insist on common names, nature center workers where the participating public insist on them, and to a lesser degree when teaching children. It is my experience that children are easier to teach using scientific names than are adults. While I find it more difficult to remember common names, I also find it difficult for adults who are not biologists to remember scientific names, at least when they are beginning. Most young adults today are unable to read phonetically, and therefore, they find the scientific names intractable until they have a teacher to help them. I find that once they have learned to recognize a few plants, bryophytes included, and name them with common names, they are more willing to expend the effort to learn the scientific names.

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Three Mosses New to Mississippi

William D. Reese¹

The three species listed below, collected in Claiborne County along or near the Natchez Trace Parkway, are new to Mississippi. Voucher specimens are in LAF.

Barbula fallax Hedw.--Along road from MS Rte. 552 to Windsor Battlefield (ca. 5 mi. N from 552); ca. 30 mi. NE of Natchez; on vertical loess bank of roadcut, *Reese 17477pp.* (with *Weissia jamaicensis*).

Eucladium verticillatum (Brid.) B.S.G.--Owens Creek Waterfall along Natchez Trace Parkway at mile 52; clear stream in mixed forest; abundant on seeping rock under the waterfall, *Reese 17478*.

Weissia jamaicensis (Mitt.) Grout--Same locality cited for *Barbula fallax*, above, *Reese 17477pp.* (with *Barbula fallax*).

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