

Weissia parajaponica (Pottiaceae): a new record for Indian Bryoflora and insights into its disjunct distribution in relation to climate change

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Weissia parajaponica Y. Inoue & H. Tsubota, a member of the family Pottiaceae, initially sighted in Japan, is also reported from the Eastern Ghats, India, expanding its known range. First described by Inoue and Tsubota in 2017 from the Ogasawara and Ryukyu Islands, Japan, it was discovered in Rajiv Gandhi Reserve Forest, Andhra Pradesh, highlighting its ecological adaptability and providing insights into its disjunct distribution and key diagnostic traits.

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