Three new species of *Marasmius* section *Sicci* from eastern Honshu, Japan

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Three new species belonging to *Marasmius* section *Sicci* (Agaricales) are described and illustrated from eastern Honshu, Japan: *Marasmius nocturnus* sp. nov., forming a dark brown pileus and marginate lamellae, was found on leaf litter in *Pasania—Quercus* forests; *Marasmius occultatus* sp. nov., producing brownish orange or light brown basidiomata and long, cylindrical-fusoid basidiospores, was found on dead fallen twigs of *Aphananthe aspera* and *Quercus myrsinaefolia*; *Marasmius opulentus* sp. nov., having a reddish orange pileus and a pubescent stipe, was found on leaf litter in laurel-leaved forest.

Key Words—Marasmius nocturnus; Marasmius occultatus; Marasmius opulentus; Marasmius section Sicci; new species.

In this report, three new species of *Marasmius* section *Sicci* Singer are described and illustrated on the basis of the materials collected in the lowland forests of eastern Honshu, especially Kanagawa and Tokyo, Japan. In addition, their photographs are presented showing macromorphological features. Color notations in parentheses are taken from Kornerup and Wanscher (1978). Specimens cited are preserved in the Natural History Museum and Institute, Chiba, Japan (CBM) and the Kanagawa Prefectual Museum of Natural History, Japan (KPM).

Species descriptions

Marasmius nocturnus Har. Takahashi, sp. nov. Figs. 1–3 Pileo 9–15 mm lato, primo hemisphaerico, dein plano-convexo vel applanato, subumbonato, velutino, ultime albo-pruinoso, fuliginoso; stipite 30–40 × 0.8–1.5 mm, subaequali, cavo, fuliginoso, glabro; mycelio basali albo vel brunneolo, strigoso; lamellis adnexis, mediocriter subdistantibus, albis, brunneo-marginatis; basidiosporis 9–10.5 × 4–4.5 μm, fusoideis, levibus, hyalinis, inamyloideis; basidiis tetrasporis; cheilocystidiis pileipelli similibus; pleurocystidiis cylindraceis vel subfusoideis, saepe strangulatis et mucronatis; pileipelle hymeniformi ex cellulis ad instar "Marasmius Sect. Sicci", pseudoamyloidea; hyphis fibulatis.

Holotypus: In foliis dejectis *Pasaniae edulis* Makino et *Quercus serratae* Thunb. ex Murray, Mt. Takao, Hachiouji-shi, Tokyo, Japonia, 12 Aug. 1998, H. Takahashi (KPM-NC-0006512).

Etymology: from Latin, nocturnus = nocturnal—referring to the dark brown color of the basidiomata reminiscent of nocturnal darkness.

Pileus 9-15 mm in diam, at first hemispherical, then plano-convex to applanate, often obtusely subumbonate,

often rugose at the center, smooth or slightly sulcate-striate toward the margin, dull, dry, opaque, minutely velutinous, pruinose in age, light yellow (4A5) to reddish yellow (4A6) or light orange (5A5) to orange (5A6) at primordial stages, then brown (7D7–7D8), finally dark brown (7F7–7F8). Flesh thin (up to 1 mm), paler concolorous with the pileus, odor and taste not distinctive. Stipe 30–40×0.8–1.5 mm, cylindrical but somewhat inflated at the base, central, slender, terete, tough, hollow, shiny, glabrous, apex white, dark brown (7F7–7F8) toward the base attached by a white or brownish, strigose mycelium to the substratum. Lamellae adnexed, subdistant (15–19 reach the stipe), up to 1.5 mm broad, white, not intervenose; edges even, concolorous with the pileus.

Spore print pure white. Basidiospores 9-10.5×4-4.5 μ m, fusiform, smooth, colorless, inamyloid, thinwalled. Basidia 18–28 \times 5–8 μ m, clavate, four-spored; basidioles clavate. Cheilocystidia forming a compact sterile edge, similar to the pileipellis elements. Pleurocystidia numerous, 25-45 \times 4-6 μ m, cylindric to subfusoid, often flexuous or strangulated, sometimes with one or two apical mucrones, smooth, colorless, dextrinoid, thin-walled. Hymenophoral trama regular; element hyphae similar to those of the pileitrama. Pileipellis a hymeniform layer of *Siccus*-typed cells 20–28.5×5 $-12 \mu m$, clavate or irregular in outline, sometimes lobed, with pale brown apical setulae $3-8\times0.5-2 \mu m$, with smooth, hyaline to pale brown walls up to 1.5 μ m thick, dextrinoid. Tramal hyphae of pileus 4-10 μ m wide, subparallel or loosely interwoven, subcylindric, often inflated, smooth, colorless or pale brown, dextrinoid, thin-walled. Stipitipellis a cutis of parallel, repent hyphae 2-5 µm wide, cylindric, smooth, brown, dextrinoid, thin-walled; caulocystidia absent. Stipe trama

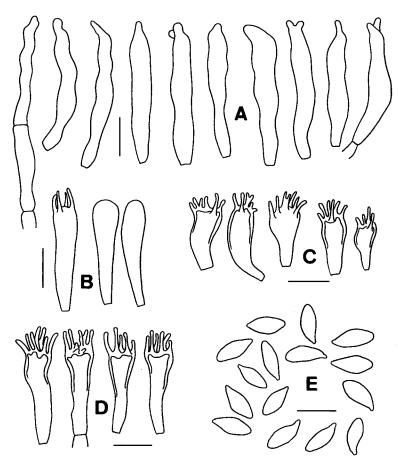


Fig. 1. Marasmius nocturnus.
 A. Pleurocystidia. B. Basidium and basidioles. C. Cheilocystidia. D. Elements of the pileipellis. E. Basidiospores. Scales: 10 μm.
 All figures from the holotype.

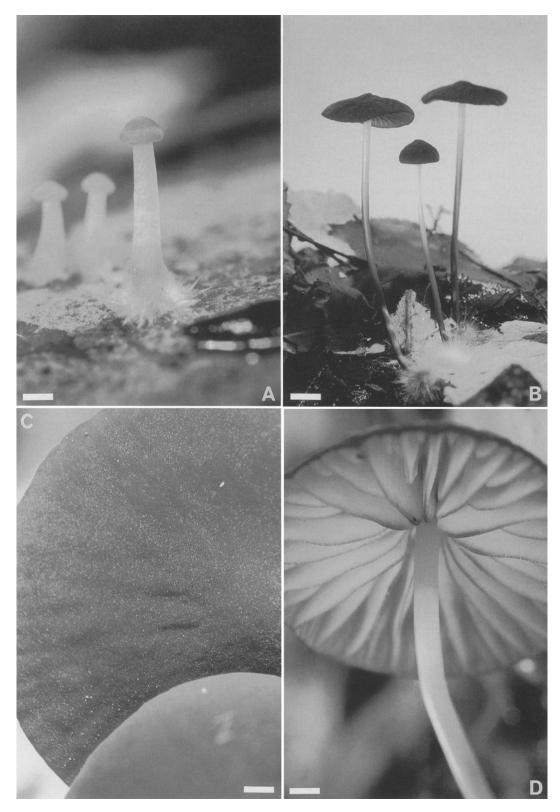


Fig. 3. Marasmius nocturnus.

A. Immature basidiomata. B. Mature basidiomata. C. Surface view. D. Underside view. Scales: A, C, D=1 mm; B=5 mm.

A. B. from CBM-FB-24140; C. D. from CBM-FB-24141.

composed of longitudinally running, cylindric hyphae 3.5 $-8~\mu m$ wide, with smooth, brown walls up to 1 μm thick, dextrinoid. Clamps present in all tissues.

Known distribution: Japan (Tokyo).

Specimens examined: KPM-NC-0006512 (holotype), solitary to scattered, on leaf litter in lowland forests dominated by *Pasania edulis* Makino and *Quercus serrata* Thunb. ex Murray, Mt. Takao, Hachiouji-shi, Tokyo, 12 Aug. 1998; CBM-FB-24139, ibid. 8 Aug. 1998; CBM-FB-24141, ibid. 2 Sept. 1998.

Japanese name: Kurocha-ochibatake.

Notes: This species is characterized by its dark brown, minutely velutinous pileus with somewhat rugose, subumbonate disk, the dark brown marginate lamellae, the glabrous stipe with white to brownish, strigose basal mycelium, the fusiform basidiospores, the subcylindrical pleurocystidia, and the *Siccus*-typed elements in the pileipellis and lamella edges.

The strigose basal mycelium, the cylindrical pleurocystidia, and the Siccus-typed pileipellis elements suggest that Marasmius nocturnus belongs in the section Sicci Singer, subsection Siccini Singer, series Haematocephali Singer (Singer, 1976, 1986), where it appears to be closely related to Marasmius brunneolus (Berk. & Broome) Pegler var. fuliginosus Desjardin & E. Horak from Papua New Guinea (Desjardin & Horak, 1997) and Marasmius grandisetulosus Singer from East Africa (Pegler, 1977; Singer, 1964). Marasmius brunneolus var. fuliginosus differs in having a strongly plicate pileus, non-marginate lamellae, an insititious stipe, and much longer basidiospores (23-26 \times 2.5-4 μ m: Desjardin and Horak, 1997). Marasmius grandisetulosus differs in having a deeply plicate-striate, glabrous, orange brown pileus, much longer basidiospores (15–21.5 μ m: Pegler, 1977), and much larger pleurocystidia (31-75× 6-12 μ m: Pegler, 1977). Aside from series *Hae*matocephali, M.nocturnus has superficial resemblance to two taxa of series Atrorubentes Desjardin & Horak (Desjardin and Horak, 1997) because of a velutinous, dark brown pileus, viz, Marasmius atrocastaneus G. Stev. from New Zealand (Desjardin and Horak, 1997; Stevenson, 1964) and Marasmius umbrinus Pegler from East Africa (Pegler, 1968, 1977). These species differ from M.nocturnus in lacking pleurocystidia and in having

caulocystidia which form pruinosity on the stipe surface. *Marasmius nocturnus* is also similar to neotropical *Marasmius spiculosus* Singer (Pegler, 1983; Singer, 1965), but the latter is distinct in having a pubescent stipe covered with broom-cells, much longer basidiospores (11.5–16 μ m: Pegler, 1983), and setae on both pileus and stipe surface.

Marasmius occultatus Har. Takahashi, sp. nov. Figs. 4, 5 Pileo 12–27 mm lato, primo hemisphaerico, dein plano-convexo vel applanato, vix subumbonato, velutino, ultime albo-pruinoso, brunneo vel alutaceo; stipite 30–50×0.8–1.3 mm, subaequali, cavo, glabro, brunneo vel alutaceo; mycelio basali albo, strigoso; lamellis liberis vel adnexis, mediocriter subdistantibus, albis; basidiosporis 14–16×3–4 μm, cylindraceis vel fusoideis, levibus, hyalinis, inamyloideis; basidiis tetrasporis; cheilocystidiis pileipelli similibus; pleurocystidiis nullis; pileipelle hymeniformi ex cellulis ad instar "Marasmius Sect. Sicci", pseudoamyloidea; hyphis fibulatis.

Holotypus: In ramulis delapsis in silva, Yamato-shi, Kanagawa-ken, Japonia, 5 Jul. 1998, H.Takahashi (KPM-NC-0006513).

Etymology: from Latin, occultatus=hidden.

Pileus 12–27 mm in diam, at first hemispherical, then convex to plane, rarely subumbonate, smooth toward a somewhat striatulate margin, dull, dry, opaque, minutely velutinous, strongly pruinose in age, brownish orange (7C7–7C8) to brown (7D7–7D8) or brownish orange (6C5–6C6) to light brown (6D5–6D6), with a slightly darker disk. Flesh thin (up to 1 mm), paler concolorous with the pileus, odor and taste not distinctive. Stipe 30–50×0.8–1.3 mm, cylindrical, central, slender, terete, tough, hollow, shiny, glabrous, concolorous with the pileus, paler toward the apex; base covered with white, mycelioid bristles. Lamellae subfree to adnexed, subdistant to subclose (17–20 reach the stipe), up to 2.5 mm broad, white, not intervenose; edges even, concolorous.

Spore print pure white. Basidiospores $14-16\times 3-4~\mu m$, narrowly clavate to cylindrical-fusoid, smooth, colorless, inamyloid, thin-walled. Basidia $23-32\times 6-8~\mu m$, clavate, four-spored; basidioles fusiform to subfusiform-clavate. Edges of lamellae fertile. Cheilocystidia infrequent, similar to the pileipellis elements but

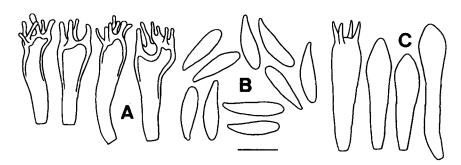


Fig. 4. Marasmius occultatus.

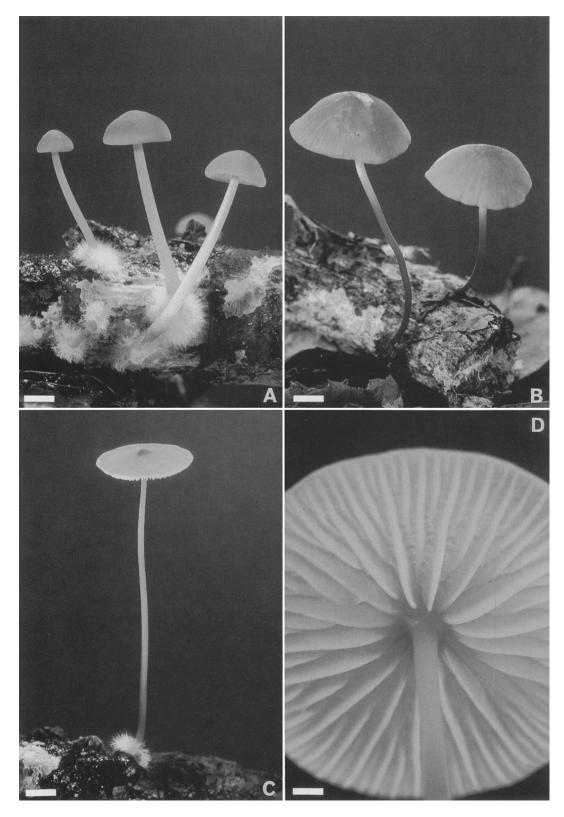


Fig. 5. *Marasmius occultatus.*A. Immature basidiomata. B. Brownish orange mature basidiomata. C. light brown mature basidioma. D. Underside view. Scales: A=2 mm; B, C=5 mm; D=1 mm. All figures from the holotype.

smaller and colorless. Pleurocystidia not Hymenophoral trama subregular to irregular; element hyphae similar to those of the pileitrama. Pileipellis a hymeniform layer of Siccus-typed cells 27-34×7-11 μ m, clavate or irregular in outline, sometimes lobed, with yellowish brown apical setulae $2-7\times0.8-1.5 \mu m_r$ with smooth, vellowish brown walls up to $1 \mu m$ thick. dextrinoid. Tramal hyphae of pileus 4-13 μ m wide, subparallel or loosely interwoven, subcylindric, often inflated, smooth, colorless, dextrinoid, thin-walled. Stipitipellis a cutis of parallel, repent hyphae 2-4 μ m wide, cylindric, smooth, brown, dextrinoid, thin-walled; caulocystidia absent. Stipe trama composed of longitudinally running, cylindric hyphae 5-8 μ m wide, with smooth, pale yellowish brown walls up to $1 \mu m$ thick, dextrinoid. Clamps present in all tissues.

Known distribution: Japan (Kanagawa).

Specimens examined: KPM-NC-0006513 (holotype), solitary to scattered, on dead fallen branchs in lowland forests dominated by *Aphananthe aspera* (Thunb. ex Murray) Planch. and *Quercus myrsinaefolia* Blume, Yamato-shi, Kanagawa-ken, 5 Jul. 1998; ibid. 11

July 1996; ibid. 23 Sept. 1997; ibid. 17 Sept. 1998; KPM-NC-0006039, ibid. 10 Nov. 1999.

Japanese name: Hikage-ochiedatake.

Notes: *Marasmius occultatus* is characterized by its brownish orange or light brown pileus and stipe, the white, strigose basal mycelium, and the lignicolous habitat. In addition, this species is distinct because of the relatively long, cylindrical-fusoid basidiospores, the fusiform basidioles, and the *Siccus*-typed pileipellis elements. The combination of these features suggests that *M.occultatus* is a member of the section *Sicci* Singer, subsection *Siccini* Singer, series *Leonini* Singer (Singer, 1976, 1986).

Marasmius occultatus is macromorphologically similar to Marasmius cohaerens (Pers.: Fr.) Cooke & Quél., a well defined temperate species (Antonín and Noordeloos, 1993; Breitenbach and Kränzlin, 1991; Gilliam, 1976), and North American Marasmius plicatulus Peck (Desjardin, 1987a, 1987b). Marasmius cohaerens differs in producing much shorter basidiospores (8.0–10.5 \times 4.0–5.5 μ m: Antonín & Noordeloos, 1993) and setiform cystidia in the cuticle and hymenium. Maras-

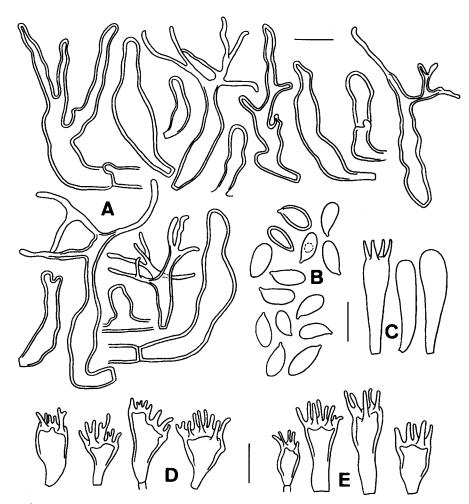


Fig. 6. Marasmius opulentus.
 A. Caulocystidia. B. Basidiospores. C. Basidium and basidioles. D. Cheilocystidia. E. Elements of the pileipellis. Scales: 10 μm.
 All figures from the holotype.

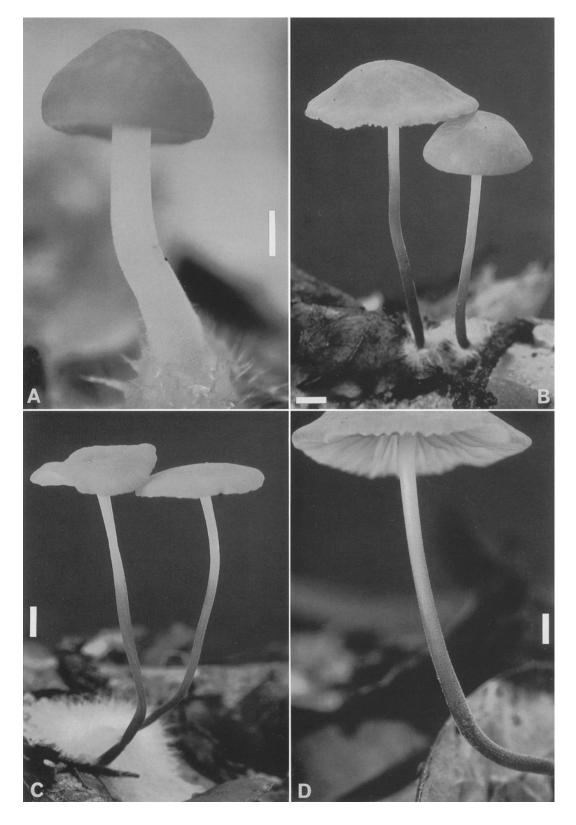


Fig. 7. Marasmius opulentus.

A, B. Immature basidiomata. C. Mature basidiomata. D. Close-up of stipe surface. Scales: A=1 mm; B=4 mm; C=5 mm; D=2 mm. A, B. from CBM-FB-24137; C, D. from CBM-FB-24138.

mius plicatulus differs in having dark reddish brown pileus, broader basidiospores (4.8–6.3 μ m: Desjardin, 1987b), and basidiome formation on humus or grassy areas.

Marasmius opulentus Har. Takahashi, sp. nov. Figs. 6, 7 Pileo 14–22 mm lato, primo convexo, dein applanato, velutino, aurantiaco; stipite 25–33×0.8–1.5 mm, subaequali, cavo, fuliginoso, villoso-pruinoso; mycelio basali albo, strigoso; lamellis adnexis, mediocriter subdistantibus, albis, aurantio-marginatis; basidiosporis 8–10×3.5–4 μm, ellipsoideis, levibus, hyalinis, inamyloideis; basidiis tetrasporis; cheilocystidiis pileipelli similibus; pleurocystidiis nullis; pileipelle hymeniformi ex cellulis ad instar "Marasmius Sect. Sicci", pseudoamyloidea; caulocystidiis irregulariter cylindraceis vel ex cellulis ad instar "Marasmius Sect. Sicci", crassitunicatis; hyphis fibulatis.

Holotypus: Ad folia dejecta in silva, Zushi-shi, Kanagawa-ken, Japonia, 16 Sept. 1998, H. Takahashi (KPM-NC-0006514).

Etymology: from Latin, opulentus = abundant - referring to the gregarious growth habit.

Pileus 14–22 mm in diam, at first convex, then nearly plane, not umbonate, disk often rugulose in age, smooth toward a somewhat striatulate margin, dull, dry, opaque, minutely velutinous, evenly colored deep orange (6A8) to orange (6A7), fading to orange (6A6 or 6B6–6B7). Flesh thin (up to 0.8 mm), pallid, odor and taste not distinctive. Stipe 25–33×0.8–1.5 mm, cylindrical, central, slender, terete or compressed, tough, hollow, pruinose to pubescent or minutely velvety overall, apex white, brownish orange (7C7–7C8) to brown (7D7–7D8) toward a dark brown (7F8) base attached by a white, strigose mycelium to the substratum. Lamellae adnexed, subdistant to subclose (19–23 reach the stipe), up to 2.5 mm broad, white, more or less intervenose; edges even, concolorous with the pileus.

Spore print pure white. Basidiospores $8-10\times3.5 4 \mu m$, ellipsoid to amygdaliform, smooth, colorless, inamyloid, thin- or slightly thick-walled. Basidia 22-25× 5-7 μ m, clavate, four-spored; basidioles clavate. Cheilocystidia forming a compact sterile edge, similar to pileipellis elements. Pleurocystidia none. Hymenophoral trama regular; element hyphae similar to those of the pileitrama. Pileipellis a hymeniform layer of Siccustyped cells 15-24 \times 7-12 μ m, clavate or irregular in outline, sometimes lobed, with pale orange apical setulae 2- 7×0.5 –2 μ m, with smooth, pale orange walls up to 1.5 μ m thick, inamyloid or pigmented portions dextrinoid. Hyphae of pileitrama 4–14 μ m wide, subparallel or loosely interwoven, subcylindric, inflated or not, smooth, colorless, dextrinoid, thin-walled. Stipitipellis a cutis of parallel, repent hyphae 4-7.5 μ m wide, cylindric, with smooth, light brown walls up to 1 μm thick, dextrinoid. Caulocystidia of two types: 1) numerous irregularly cylindrical to fusoid cells $15-60 \times 5-12 \mu m$, flexuous or strangulated, with obtuse apex, occasionally branched, with smooth, melleous walls up to 1 μ m thick, dextrinoid; 2) scattered Siccus-typed cells with long setulae, with smooth, melleous walls up to 1 μm thick, dextrinoid; main cell bodies 12–30×3–9 μm , cylindric or irregular in outline; setulae 10–32×0.5–3.5 μm , cylindric with obtuse apex, flexuous, often forked. Stipe trama composed of longitudinally running, cylindric hyphae 7.5–12 μm wide, smooth, colorless, dextrinoid, thin-walled. Clamps present in all tissues.

Known distribution: Japan (Kanagawa).

Specimens examined: KPM-NC-0006514 (holotype), often gregarious, on leaf litter in lowland forests dominated by *Ardisia japonica* (Thunb.) Blume, *Castanopsis cuspidata* (Thunb. ex Murray) Schottky var. *sieboldii* (Makino) Nakai, *Quercus salicina* Blume, and *Quercus acuta* Thunb. ex Murray, Zushi-shi, Kanagawaken, 16 Sept. 1998; CBM-FB-24137, ibid. 25 Sept. 1997; CBM-FB-24138, ibid. 20 Jul. 1998.

Japanese name: Kaen-ochibatake.

Notes: This species is characterized by its entirely reddish orange pileus, the orange marginate lamellae, the entirely pubescent to minutely velutinous stipe with white, strigose basal mycelium, the cheilocystidia and pileipellis composed of *Siccus*-typed cells, and the thickwalled, irregularly cylindric or *Siccus*-typed caulocystidia with long and forked setulae.

The strigose basal mycelium, the Siccus-typed pileipellis elements, the absence of pleurocystidia and setiform cells, and the stipitipellis anatomy suggest that Marasmius opulentus belongs in the section Sicci Singer, subsection Siccini Singer, series Leonini Singer (Singer, 1976, 1986). Within the series, M. opulentus appears to be allied with several other taxa with a reddish- or orange-colored pileus, such as Marasmius floriceps Berk. & M. A. Curtis from neotropical regions (Singer, 1976) and Papua New Guinea (Desjardin and Horak, 1997), Marasmius abundans Corner from Malay Peninsula (Corner, 1996), Marasmius leoninus Berk, from South America (Singer, 1965, 1976), and Marasmius croceus G. Stev. from New Zealand (Stevenson, 1964) and Aus-(Desjardin and Horak, 1997). Marasmius floriceps and M. abundans differ primarily in having a plicate to sulcate-striate pileus and no caulocystidia. Marasmius leoninus has a deeply furrowed-sulcate pileus, non-marginate lamellae, and lignicolous habitat. Marasmius croceus has non-marginate lamellae and lacks irregularly cylindrical caulocystia. Aside from series Leonini, there are several similar North American taxa: Marasmius sullivantii Mont. (Gilliam, 1976), Marasmius corrugatus (Pat.) Sacc. & Sydow var. aurantiacus (Murrill) Singer (Singer, 1965, 1976), and Marasmius ciliatomarginatus Desjardin (Desjardin, 1989). Marasmius sullivantii has numerous cylindric to fusiform pleurocystia and Siccus-typed caulocystia with short setulae. Marasmius corrugatus var. aurantiacus has a pileus with distinctly corrugated disk, a subglabrous stipe, and lignicolous habitat. Marasmius ciliatomarginatus has a rugulose-striate pileus, much longer, clavate basidiospores (13.5–18 \times 3.2–4.7 μ m: Designation, 1989), and cylindric, gloeocystidioid cheilocystidia.

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