

# The book herbaria of Jacob Breyne (1637–1697) in the collection of Naturalis Biodiversity Center (Leiden, the Netherlands)

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Abstract Historic herbaria can provide a wealth of information on a diversity of topics, including the past occurrence of plants, their abundance, names and uses. However, 16th and 17th century herbaria are rare and very fragile, and can best be studied after digitization. The collection of Naturalis Biodiversity Center in Leiden, the Netherlands, contains two book herbaria by Jacob Breyne (1637-1697) of Danzig (presently Gdańsk, Poland). These herbaria, dated 1659 and 1673, contain a total of 105 specimens in various states of intactness, and with or without original labels. The identity of the specimens in the Leiden Breyne herbaria was not completely assessed previously. Here we discuss the taxa represented within these two historic herbaria as well as the information contained in the handwritten texts within them. The two Breyne herbaria combined were found to contain 62 species, representing 24 plant families. Both herbaria contain several species now rare around Gdańsk, including two species currently considered regionally extinct (Swertia perennis (Gentianaceae) and Dactylorhiza viridis (Orchidaceae)). Labels with the specimens give a range of information on the collecting locations, ecology, abundance and/or use of the species. The Leiden Breyne herbaria reveal changes in the flora of northern Poland over the course of three centuries, as well as pre-Linnaean nomenclature, historic uses of plants and international correspondence between scientists.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Historic herbaria are an important source of knowledge about the history of botany, and science in general. They can provide examples of pre-Linnaean nomenclature and systematics (Spalik 2014, Pulvirenti et al. 2015, Costa et al. 2018, 2020), give indications on the uses of plants in the past (Van Andel & Barth 2018) and provide evidence for the historical occurrence of species in a certain area (Santos-Guerra et al. 2011, Pulvirenti et al. 2017, Stefanaki et al. 2018). Furthermore, these collections of dried plants can provide indications about international relations and communication among scientists at the time of their production (Thijsse 2016, Offerhaus et al. 2020). They are a part of the cultural heritage of the places where the plants were collected, and as such should be made accessible to the people of these regions (Van Andel 2017). However, since they are rare and very fragile, they can best be studied using digital images.

The collection of Naturalis Biodiversity Center (NBC, Leiden, The Netherlands) contains two book herbaria made by Jacob Breyne (1637–1697). Breyne was born and raised in Danzig, Prussia (now Gdańsk, Poland), where his father ran a business trading raw materials for paint and medicine production, mainly Polish cochineal: a dye derived from a scale insect feeding on the roots of Scleranthus perennis L.(Caryophyllaceae) (Van Ooststroom 1942, Pekacka-Falkowska 2018, Fleischer 2019, 2020). From an early age he was interested in natural history, received lessons in botany, and took regular trips in the Danzig countryside (Fleischer 2019). Moreover, the Breyne family owned a house and garden along the river Motława, including a collection of exotic plants.

In 1653, Breyne visited the Dutch Republic, to be trained as a merchant by his uncle Pieter Breyne. While there, he visited several gardens, among which were the botanical gardens of Leiden and Amsterdam, and Lockhorst, the house and garden of Hiëronymus van Beverningk, a politician and patron of botanists such as Paul Hermann (Van Andel & Barth 2018), and he studied botany at Leiden University (Fleischer 2019). Jacob wanted to continue his studies at the Leiden medical faculty, but was called home to take on the family business after his father's death. Years later, he was offered the position of professor of Botany at Leiden University, but Breyne declined, and the position was later filled by Paul Hermann (Van Ooststroom 1942, Fleischer 2020).

Back in Danzig, Breyne continued botanizing locally, as well as corresponding with other botanists worldwide. He used his Dutch connections to contact people working for the Dutch East India Company (Vereenigde Oostindische Compagnie, VOC), and thus gain access to plants, seeds, bulbs and dried specimens from Asia and the Cape of Good Hope (Gunn & Codd 1981, Pękacka-Falkowska 2018, Fleischer 2019, 2020).

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Breyne published two major works on (mainly exotic) plants: Exoticarum aliarumque minus cognitarum plantarum centuria prima (Breyne 1674–1678; known for short as the Centuria) and Prodromus fasciculi rariorum plantarum I & II (Breyne 1680–1689; Prodromus), which he printed himself. He planned on publishing works on local plants, entitled Pomerelliae Viridarius and Viridario Borussiaco (Pękacka-Falkowska 2018, 2021), but never finished them. His manuscripts on Prussian plants were later used by Gottfried Reyger, who wrote his Tentamen Florae Gedanensis Methodo Sexuali Accomodatae (Reyger 1764) on the flora of the area around Danzig (Pękacka-Falkowska 2018).

Jacob Breyne is remembered in botany today for several things: he was one of the first Europeans to describe the tea plant (*Camellia sinensis* (L.) Kuntze, *Theaceae*), based on a description (and possibly dried plant parts) sent to him by Willem ten Rhyne (1649–1700) from Dejima, Japan (Gunn & Codd 1981, Fleisher 2020). He also coined the name *Mesembrianthemum* for a genus of plants in the *Aizoaceae*, originating from the South African Cape region. According to Gray (1880), Linnaeus adopted this name in his *Species Plantarum* (Linnaeus 1753), but misspelt it as *Mesembryanthemum*, which has become the official spelling. Finally, the genus *Breynia* J.Forst. & G.Forst. in the *Phyllanthaceae* was named after Breyne by Johann & George Forster (Forster 1776). Linnaeus also named a genus after Breyne (also called *Breynia* (Linnaeus 1753)), but this has been synonymized with *Morisonia* Plum. ex L. (*Capparaceae*).

The two Breyne herbaria at NBC contain a source of information which is, as of yet, largely unexploited. It can show developments in plant nomenclature, both on a longer and shorter time span. The labels written by Breyne contain one or several names by pre-Linnaean authors, such as Johann and Caspar Bauhin, Conrad Gessner and Mathias de l'Obel, as well as some local vernacular names. Then there are the labels added to the 1659 herbarium by De Monchy, of the Rijksherbarium in Leiden (now part of NBC), in the early 20th century, and the article on the 1659 herbarium by Van Ooststroom (1942). These contain binomials in the Linnaean system.

Furthermore, from Breyne's descriptions, we can trace the locations where he collected his specimens, and then see whether these species still occur there. The landscape around Gdańsk is bound to have changed over the three-and-a-half centuries since Breyne collected his plants, due to the expansion of the city and other changes in land use and climate. Hence, plants which may have been common in Breyne's days may now be very rare, or vice versa.

Breyne's notes in the herbaria could also give some indications of how the plants he collected were used in his day. Living in an era before artificially synthesized medicine, and a trader in the raw materials for dyes and medicines himself, Breyne is likely to have been interested in the practical uses of plants.

Finally, these herbaria are part of the cultural heritage of the area in which the plants were mostly collected (Pomerania province, northern Poland), but they have been stored away in the NBC 'Rare Book Room', not accessible to the public. This research will open up this piece of Polish heritage, by adding the plants' details and digital images of the herbarium to the online Naturalis Bioportal (bioportal.naturalis.nl), where they can be easily and freely accessed.

While exploring the Breyne herbaria and their importance to science today, we wanted to answer the following questions:

- Which species are included in the two Breyne herbaria? To which extent do these represent European / Polish (Prussian) or exotic plants?
- Did Breyne use a particular arrangement in his herbaria (by family/resemblance, by location, alphabetically)?

- Do the accompanying descriptions and labels give indications of the plant uses, collecting locations and abundance, and do these species still occur around the same locations?
- To which extent are the represented species discussed in Breyne's Centuria and Gottfried Reyger's Tentamen?

#### METHODS AND MATERIALS

Both Breyne herbaria in the NBC collection have been digitized, and high-resolution images were used for the identification of plant specimens. These images are freely available through the Naturalis Bioportal, and can be found by typing the associated barcode into the search field. When identification depended on details not visible on these images (e.g., hairs, small floral parts), then the herbarium specimens were physically examined under a stereo microscope. To analyse the names, locations and uses stated by Breyne, transcriptions of the labels by Pękacka-Falkowska (2018) and Van Ooststroom (1942) were used.

The identification of plants from the Breyne herbaria was conducted using floras covering eastern Europe (Tutin et al. 1964, Mirek et al. 2002, Jäger 2011, Seybold 2011), as well as the Netherlands (Duistermaat 2020). The names provided by the identifications of De Monchy and Van Ooststroom were checked against the aforementioned works, and in the International Plant Names Index (IPNI continuously updated) and Plants Of the World Online (POWO continuously updated). These sources were also used to find older synonyms of current names to aid searching for these taxa in other sources.

The current occurrence of taxa was checked using a checklist for the Polish flora (Mirek et al. 2002). The current conservation status was assessed using the red list for Gdańsk and the surrounding area (Markowski & Buliñski 2004).

Digital versions of Breyne's *Centuria* (Breyne 1674–1678) and *Prodromus* (Breyne 1680–1689) and Reyger's *Tentamen* (Reyger 1764) were used. The presence of plants in these works was checked by searching for the pre-Linnaean names used by Breyne, and comparing descriptions with these names to the specimens in the herbaria.

The paper sheets used to construct the herbaria were checked for watermarks, in order to reconstruct the origins of the paper via the online Memory of Paper database (www.memoryofpaper.eu).

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

# The Leiden Breyne herbaria

The Breyne herbaria in the Leiden collection are dated 1659 and 1673. They come from the collection of Hiëronymus van Beverningk (1614–1690). Breyne is known to have visited Lockhorst, Van Beverningk's estate near Leiden, and to have seen his collection of tropical plants (Van Ooststroom 1942, Pękacka-Falkowska 2018). Van Beverningk bequeathed his collection of herbaria to his nephew, and through successive inheritors, the herbaria eventually ended up at the Leiden University library. From there, they were transferred to the National Herbarium of the Netherlands, which is now part of NBC (Van Steenis-Kruseman 1979, Pękacka-Falkowska 2018). The 1659 herbarium was restored in 2012, reinforcing several pages.

The two herbaria combined contain a total of 105 plant specimens, although many more were originally present, judging from the remains of plants, labels and pages. The 1659 herbarium consists of two bundles of loose, thick paper sheets, folded over to produce a book-like structure. It lacks a cover of its



Fig. 1 Watermark of an elephant with the letter B, in the second last sheet of the 1659 Breyne herbarium. It is yet unknown which paper producer is associated with this mark.

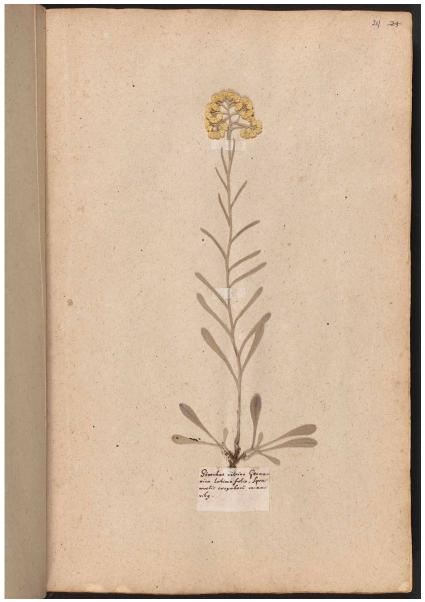


Fig. 2 A specimen of *Helichrysum arenarium* from the 1673 herbarium. This species is represented by six specimens in this herbarium.

own, but has been wrapped in an early 20th century cover with the Dutch title *Herbarium door JACOB BREYNE verzameld in de omgeving van Danzig. Anno 1659* (Herbarium by Jacob Breyne, collected in the surroundings of Danzig. Anno 1659). It contains 48 specimens, one or several per page, although a large number of empty sheets with remains and imprints of plants suggests there were once more. The second last sheet of the herbarium contains a watermark in the shape of an elephant with a 'B' on its body (Fig. 1). This watermark is not represented in the 'Memory of Paper' database. Hence, the origin of the paper is yet unknown.

The 1673 herbarium is bound into a book with the title Plantae Rariores Borussiacae et Cassubicae anno 1673 (Rare Plants of Prussia and Kashubia anno 1673). It contains 57 specimens, generally one per page, and seems to be missing fewer plants than the 1659 herbarium: at least ten plants seem to be missing, and twelve pages have been cut out. Breyne is known to have made a 'duplicate' of the 1673 Leiden herbarium, which he sent to James Petiver in England and which is now in the collection of the Natural History Museum in London (as part of the Sloane Herbarium, HS 231, ff. 88-113), but not yet digitally available (Britten et al. 1958, Fleisher 2020). Future research into this herbarium could possibly give more insights into the specimens lost from the Leiden herbaria, but is beyond the scope of the current paper. A recent paper by Pękacka-Falkowska (2021) sheds more light on the correspondence between Breyne and Petiver.

## Specimen composition

Both herbaria contain a large diversity of plants. A complete list of taxa present can be found in Appendix 1 for the 1659 herbarium and in Appendix 2 for the 1673 herbarium. The combined total of 105 specimens in both herbaria consists of 62 species from 24 families, including two Lycopodiaceae species and one fungus. Well-represented families are Asteraceae (29 specimens, 13 spp.) and Apiaceae (9 specimens, 5 spp.); 11 species were found in both herbaria. The same number of species were represented more than once within one of the herbaria (6 spp. in the 1659 herbarium, 5 spp. in the 1673), with six specimens of *Helichrysum arenarium* (L.) Moench (*Asteraceae*) (Fig. 2) and four of Antennaria dioica (L.) Gaertn. (Asteraceae). Brevne may have strived to document the diversity within these species, as his descriptions point at differences in, e.g., flower colour and leaf shape. Of A. dioica both staminate and pistillate plants are represented. It is not clear if this was by intention or coincidental, as Breyne did not add a remark on this difference. Sexual differentiation in plants only became apparent in the late 17th century, with the work of Camerarius (1694).

## Removal of specimens

From the 1659 herbarium at least 60 specimens have been completely removed, as indicated by the remains of plants, labels and glue (Fig. 3). At least ten plants were removed from the 1673 herbarium. The removal seems to have taken place before the 20th century: Van Ooststroom (1942) mentioned only the

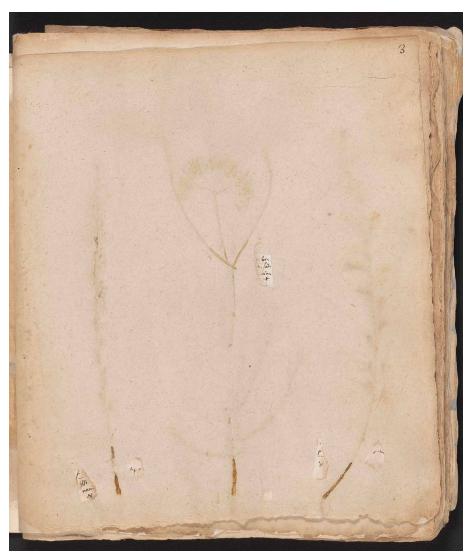


Fig. 3 Page 3 of the 1659 herbarium, showing the imprints of three removed specimens, as well as remains of their labels.

plants currently present, and also, evidence is lacking that De Monchy has identified plants that are no longer present. This means that any of the owners between Breyne himself and, eventually, the Rijksherbarium, could have removed (part of) the missing specimens.

Some plants have left impressions in the paper, giving indications of their shape and size. Determining species just from this imprint was, however, impossible. Where a plant had been removed, but labels and/or written text on the sheet remained, a tentative identification was attempted, such as in a case where Breyne mentioned 'nidus avis', and described a plant with stem, flowers, leaves and roots in a single, pale colour. The name, together with the mentioned colour pattern indicate that a specimen of the Bird's-Nest Orchid (*Neottia nidus-avis* (L.) Rich., *Orchidaceae*) was once present here. The same has been done for other pages with missing plants. Names deriving from these tentative identifications have been put between brackets in Appendices 1 and 2.

In a few instances, only the label was removed, often very roughly, while the corresponding specimen is still in place. This indicates a certain specific interest in the labels, as well as the specimens. It is unclear why someone removed these labels from the herbarium rather than simply copying the information.

On several pages, plant names have been written, but there is no indication that plants and/or labels were once present on these same pages. Fifteen such situations are found in the 1659 herbarium. Although plants may have been removed from these pages, leaving no traces, it is more likely that these pages never contained any plants, and that these names were just notes by Breyne, indicating species he was planning to include in the herbaria. From the 1673 herbarium, twelve pages have been cut out. These may or may not have contained plants. Again, it is not known who cut out these pages and why.

Both herbaria seem to have had their pages ordered differently in the past, as indicated by the page numbers written in the top right corner. The original numbers in the 1673 herbarium have been crossed out, and new numbers were written underneath. Why the order of the pages was changed, and who changed the page numbers in the 1673 herbarium, is as yet unknown.

## Order of specimens

The plants within the 1659 herbarium do not seem to follow any particular order with regards to family, habitat, alphabetic or otherwise. Within the four sections of the 1673 herbarium, however, plants are arranged according to family, although Breyne most likely did not use the system of plant families as we know it today, but arranged his plants according to their resemblance, either observed by himself or by previous authors (Table 1).

**Table 1** Plant families in the order as they appear in the 1673 herbarium. Plants in the 1659 herbarium were not arranged in any particular order.

Section	Family name	# specimens
1	Santalaceae	1
	Cornaceae	1
	Ericaceae	2
	Rosaceae	1
2	Fabaceae	3
	Cyperaceae	1
	Juncaceae	2
	Cyperaceae	2
	Poaceae	2
	Apiaceae	4
	Ranunculaceae	1
3	Asteraceae	20
4	Boraginaceae	3
	Brassicaceae	1

An exception is a mixing-up of *Cyperaceae* and *Juncaceae* in section 2. Breyne used the name 'Gramen' (grass) for most of these species (2 *Cyperaceae*, 2 *Juncaceae* and 2 *Poaceae*; for one *Cyperaceae* species, Breyne uses 'Juncus' (rush)), indicating that he considered them to be of the same group. Comparing with Caspar Bauhin's *Pinax* (1623), it seems differences between *Cyperaceae*, *Juncaceae* and *Poaceae* were not yet (completely) known in Breyne's time.

#### Plantae rariores ...

The 1673 herbarium bears the title *Plantae Rariores Borussiaceae et Cassubicae*, indicating it would mainly contain rare plants from this region (modern Pomerania and Kashubia). In spite of the title, Breyne did not mention the abundance of taxa in this herbarium, something he regularly did in the 1659 herbarium. Some of the indications of abundance associated with Breyne's collected taxa have changed over time. While *Daucus carota* L. (*Apiaceae*), which Breyne mentioned as being found 'everywhere', is still considered Least Concern, *Dactylorhiza viridis* (L.) R.M.Bateman, Pridgeon & M.W.Chase (*Orchidaceae*), which flowered 'in great abundance' in Breyne's days, is now considered Regionally Extinct on the Red List for Gdańsk and surroundings (Markowski & Buliñski 2004).

The Red List for the surroundings of Gdańsk (Markowski & Buliñski 2004) mentions 26 taxa also present in Breyne's collections, with two taxa considered Regionally Extinct (Swertia perennis L. (Gentianaceae) and Dactylorhiza viridis; Fig. 4). One species is Critically Endangered (Pulicaria dysenterica (L.) Bernh, Asteraceae), while five are Endangered (Anthoxanthum nitens (Weber) Y.Schouten & Veldkamp (Poaceae), Bupleurum longifolium L. (Apiaceae), Gentiana cruciata L. (Gentianaceae),



**Fig. 4** Two specimens from the 1659 herbarium, representing species now considered regionally extinct (RE) around Gdańsk. a. *Swertia perennis*, with a label by De Monchy; b. *Dactylorhiza viridis*, with an original label by Breyne.

Table 2 Threatened and regionally extinct species from the Breyne herbaria, as mentioned on the Red List for Gdańsk and surrounding area (Markowski & Buliñski 2004).

Herbarium	Conservation status*	Species name**	Family
1659	VU	Helianthemum nummularium (L.) Mill.	Cistaceae
		Hypochaeris maculata L.	Asteraceae
		(Pulsatilla pratensis (L.) Mill.)	Ranunculaceae
		Pyrola rotundifolia L.	Ericaceae
	EN	Anthoxanthum nitens (Weber) Y.Schouten & Veldkamp	Poaceae
		(Gentiana cruciata L.)	Gentianaceae
		Silphiodaucus prutenicus (L.) Spalik, Wojew., Banasiak, Piwczynski & Reduron	Apiaceae
		Thesium ebracteatum Hayne	Santalaceae
	CR	Pulicaria dysenterica (L.) Bernh.	Asteraceae
	RE	Dactylorhiza viridis (L.) R.M.Bateman, Pridgeon & M.W.Chase	Orchidaceae
		Swertia perennis L.	Gentianaceae
1673	VU	Alyssum alyssoides (L.) L.	Brassicaceae
		Antennaria dioica (L.) Gaertn.	Asteraceae
		Viscum album L.	Santalaceae
	EN	Anthoxanthum nitens (Weber) Y.Schouten & Veldkamp	Poaceae
		Bupleurum longifolium L.	Apiaceae

<sup>\*</sup> Conservation status as used by IUCN (2012): VU = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered, CR = Critically Endangered, RE = Regionally Extinct.



**Fig. 5** Two leaves and an inflorescence of *Laportea canadensis* (above) and a specimen of *Lycopodium* sp. (below). *Laportea canadensis* is not known to occur in Europe, and so may have been sent to Breyne from its natural range in North America, or from a plant in cultivation.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Names in brackets indicate a tentative identification.



**Fig. 6** Map of northern Poland and a detail of Gdańsk and surrounding areas, showing the collecting locations mentioned in the Leiden Breyne herbaria. The town of Torún, mentioned once, lies south of the reach of this map.

Silphiodaucus prutenicus (L.) Spalik, Wojew., Banasiak, Piwczyński & Reduron (Apiaceae) and Thesium ebracteatum Hayne (Santalaceae)). Two of these species are currently threatened also at a national scale, namely Swertia perennis and Thesium ebracteatum (Kaźmierczakowa et al. 2014). The 1673 herbarium contains fewer (currently) rare plants than the 1659 herbarium (Table 2).

## **Exotics**

Breyne's herbaria contain 34 species not known to (currently) occur in the region around Gdańsk (see Appendix 3). These may have been collected on trips further afield, or sent to Breyne by one of his many correspondents. One such exotic is a specimen of *Laportea canadensis* (L.) Wedd. (*Urticaceae*) in the 1659 herbarium (Fig. 5). This plant is native to the eastern parts of North America, and not known to have been introduced or escaped into the wild in Europe (Chew 1969). Judging from the small size of the specimen (two single leaves and a small inflorescence, rather than an entire plant), it may have been sent to Breyne in a letter, either from North America, or from a plant in cultivation. Sadly, Breyne did not label this specimen, leaving us to guess at its origins.

Other plants not currently known from the Gdańsk region include several species more commonly associated with higher elevations, such as *Buphthalmum salicifolium* L. (*Asteraceae*). Although the Gdańsk region is at a comparatively low elevation, Breyne mentions many of his collecting sites as being located between heather on hilly grounds, where some of these highelevation species may have found a home too.

## **Ecological notes**

On the labels of many specimens in the 1659 herbarium, Breyne provides notes on the collecting location. These notes often include the name of a town, but also some ecological remarks, the detail of which is remarkable for an early herbarium such as this. Many plants have been collected 'inter ericas', i.e., between heather. Some plants were collected in woodlands or meadows, many in hilly or mountainous surroundings. One specimen was collected 'in a lush forest', a second 'in a dark forest', while another was collected 'in a valley, at the side of running fountains'. According to his labels, Breyne collected multiple specimens in the grasslands around the Danzig gallows. The ecological notes in Breyne's herbaria can give us clues on the historical occurrence of ecosystems at the associated collecting locations. They show the occurrence of (possibly quite extensive)



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	•	3
attaren	Matarnia	
		1
iwe	Oliwa	6
hrenwinckel	Niedźwiednik	9
ingenz	Brętowo	3
sken/Jaskendahle	Jaśkową Soliną	2
llows	Szubieniczna Góra	3
ggauw	Piecki-Migowo	2
underberge	Ujeśxiako-Łoaroqixw	1
	llows	Ilows Szubieniczna Góra ggauw Piecki-Migowo

heather-covered hills in the Gdańsk area, as well as peatland ecosystems at 'Insula Neringa' (Mierzeja Wiślana), judging from specimens of *Eriophorum vaginatum* L. (*Cyperaceae*) and *Vaccinium uliginosum* L. (*Ericaceae*) collected there.

In one particular case, Breyne mentions on his label the cooccurrence of another species. For a specimen of *Pyrola chlorantha* Sw. (*Ericaceae*), Breyne mentions it growing where 'Calceolus Mar.' also grows. This name could refer to *Calceolus marianus* Mill., now a synonym of *Cypripedium calceolus* L., the Lady's Slipper Orchid (*Orchidaceae*).

On the labels of many specimens, Breyne mentions the flowering time. The months May, June, July and August are mentioned, suggesting Breyne collected mainly in these months. Other remarks found on the labels of both herbaria can be found in Appendix 4.

# **Collecting locations**

On many labels in the 1659 herbarium, the location of collecting is mentioned (no place names are mentioned in the 1673 herbarium, except for Kashubia and Austria). Breyne used the German names of Prussian towns, and often with a deviating spelling. Many places are in the direct surroundings of Danzig, such as Bahrenwinkel (now Niedźwiednik), Jasken / Jaskendahle (Jaśkową Doliną), Bringenz (Brętowo) and Miggauw (Piecki-Migowo) (Fig. 6). Another popular collecting location was near the monastery at Oliwe (Oliwa). Two locations are further from Danzig: Beren / Beeren (Kościerzyna) and Neeringh / Insula Neringa (Mierzeja Wiślana). One town in central Poland is mentioned (Torunia; now known as Torún), from which Breyne was sent a specimen of *Pulsatilla* Mill. (*Ranunculaceae*).

## Uses

With four specimens in the 1659 herbarium, Breyne mentioned that the plants were used by people. For two specimens of *Rhododendron tomentosum* Harmaja (*Ericaceae*) (pages 6 and 27), the use of this plant in brewing beer was mentioned. Breyne notes that the Swedes had imported 20 'voeder' (cartloads)

of this plant from the 'Neering' (Frische Nehrung, Mierzeja Wiślana) to add to their soldiers' beer, 'because it makes for furiousness'. Leaves of *R. tomentosum* (known as Labrador Tea) are still used in the production of alcoholic beverages today, although its use has been banned in the past for causing aggressive behaviour (Dampc & Luczkiewicz 2015).

Next to a specimen of *Huperzia selago* (L.) Bernh. ex Schrank & Mart. (*Lycopodiaceae*) on page 5, Breyne writes "dese Muscus drijefft soo sterck als Sabina" ('this Muscus expulses as strongly as Sabina'). Muscus was a name used for *Lycopodiaceae* (and other spore-bearing plants) by apothecaries (IPNI continuously updated); Sabina probably refers to *Juniperus sabina* L. (*Cupressaceae*), a plant known to have been used as an abortifacient (Riddle 1997). This indicates the application of *H. selago* as an abortifacient drug; a use indeed known from other parts of Europe (Hatfield 2004, Kenicer 2018).

Breyne also mentioned the consumption of the berries of *Vaccinium uliginosum* L. (*Ericaceae*) (a specimen on page 5), and how eating a large amount can cause drunkenness, "as if one had drunk much wine". The berries of this species are still eaten, and are known in German as Trunkelbeere ('drunk-berries') (Jäger 2011). Page 5 of the 1659 herbarium also contains a specimen of *Scleranthus perennis* L. (*Caryophyllaceae*). This is the host plant of *Porphyrophora polonica* (Linnaeus, 1758), the scale insect used to produce the dye known as Polish cochineal. Breyne and his family traded in Polish cochineal, so Breyne most likely knew the use of this plant in his trade. Nevertheless, he did not mention it on the label attached to the specimen.

The only reported use in the 1673 herbarium is that of *Anthoxanthum nitens* (Weber) Y.Schouten & Veldkamp (*Poaceae*). Breyne mentioned that the plants were harvested in the mountains only, and that they were given in bundles to young ladies in the spring, because of their scent. *Anthoxanthum nitens* is known for its scent, and was used as a strewing herb. As such, it was commonly used in churches, and even used as an alternative to incense (POWO continuously updated). In this context, it was dedicated to Mary in the Christian religion, which explains Breyne's use of the name Gramen Mariae.

# Previous owners of the herbaria

Both herbaria seem to have been sent to correspondents of Breyne. It is known that both herbaria were in the possession of Hiëronymus van Beverningk (Pękacka-Falkowska 2018), but it is unknown whether he was the original receiver, or that he acquired them later. Within the handwritten texts of the 1659 herbarium, the abbreviation UE ('U Edele' = Your Honour) is found on three sheets (p. 2, 11, 12), along with indications that certain plants could be seen in other people's gardens (p. 11, 12; '...kunt UE sijn bij...' ['...Your Honour can see at...']), or that the specimen was sent to Breyne by this unknown 'Your Honour' (p. 2; '...die UE sende...' [...'that Your Honour sent me...']).

On the frontispiece of the 1673 herbarium, three handwritten lines indicate that it was once part of a *Bibliothecae Latinae Publicae*. The handwriting is the same as that used in the *Codex Vossianus*, which includes several 16th-century book herbaria held in the library of Leiden University (Stefanaki et al. 2019). This makes it likely that the handwriting was added when this herbarium became part of the university library collection.

# Other people mentioned

Next to authors of scientific works, several other names are mentioned in the 1659 herbarium. On page 11, Breyne writes that 'this species with broader leaves Your Honour can see with Sr. Hermanus van den Burch'. It is currently unknown who Hermanus van den Burch was, but he may have owned a garden in the Dutch Republic. The plant that went with the text is no longer present.

On the next page (p. 12), the name of 'my cos. [cousin] Johan Breynne' is mentioned, stating he had a form of the plant with narrow leaves, which is no longer present in the herbarium. Jacob Breyne had a cousin called Johannes Breyne, who lived in Amsterdam. Johannes traded in drugstore supplies, and may have had a garden of his own.

On the label of a specimen of *Pilosella lactucella* (Wallr.) P.D.Sell & C.West (*Asteraceae*) on page 20, the collecting location mentioned is 'in a meadow behind the Oliwe not far from Ambrosie's court, where the various Satyria stand'. Ambrosie could refer to the Dutch Mennonite distiller Ambrosius Vermöllen (also written as Vermeulen or Vermoellen), who had a distillery in Danzig in the early 17th century (Niemantsverdriet 1996), and may have had a garden outside the city near Oliwa, perhaps for growing the herbs used to make his *Danziger Goldwasser*. Satyria may refer to orchids in general, or to what is now known as *Dactylorhiza viridis*, previously known as *Satyrium viride* L. (cf. herbarium specimen L.0076018 in the general NBC herbarium).

In a piece of text written on an unnumbered sheet, Breyne states he has received 'Pulsatilla caerulea odoratissima' from Jacobus Hase, from Thorunia (Torún). It is unknown who Jacobus Hase was, and how he related to Breyne.

## Centuria, Prodromus and Tentamen

Out of all species represented by specimens in both herbaria, only one is mentioned in Breyne's Centuria (1674: 130). This concerns what is probably a double-flowered form of water avens (Geum rivale L., Rosaceae). The Centuria contains an image of this plant, showing its multi-petalled flowers. None of the species present in the herbaria were mentioned in the Prodromus. Of the species in the 1659 herbarium, 12 are mentioned with a matching name and description in Gottfried Reyger's Tentamen (1764), while three species match partially (i.e., a very similar name with a matching description). For the 1673 herbarium, nine species match in name and description, while seven do so partially (Appendix 5). With seven specimens, Breyne mentioned his planned works Pomerellia Viridario and Viridario Borussiaco, which he never finished. Possibly, Breyne had already decided to include these species in his manuscripts, and used these specimens as a basis for his illustrations and/ or descriptions.

# Origin of specimens and function of the 1659 herbarium

Although most specimens in the 1659 herbarium have indications of their collecting location, and were thus most likely collected by Breyne himself, there are indications that some plants were sent to Breyne by others. In Breyne's days, a network of scholars exchanged knowledge (and for botanists: plant specimens) through letters. This network was known as the Republic of Letters, and included intellectuals from all over the world (Daston 1991). Breyne corresponded with many fellow botanists in Europe and elsewhere, such as Willem ten Rhyne (a doctor in service of the Dutch East India Company (VOC), visiting Japan and South Africa) and Hiëronymus van Beverningk in Leiden. Moreover, Breyne may have corresponded with garden owners and nurserymen, exchanging knowledge as well as specimens.

For some of the specimens in the 1659 herbarium we may expect that they came to Breyne through letters. Firstly, with two specimens Breyne actually mentioned the plants being sent to him. The specimen of *Swertia perennis* L. (*Gentianaceae*) on page 2 was sent by 'UE' ('Your Honour', see above). In a piece of text without a plant on an unnumbered sheet, it is mentioned that a specimen under the name of 'Pulsatilla caerulea odoratissima' was sent from Thorunia (Torún) by Jacobus Hase.

Furthermore, the specimens of *Laportea canadensis* (L.) Wedd. (*Urticaceae*) on page 13 may have been sent to Breyne as well, from North America or from a plant in cultivation. This species is not known to occur naturally in Europe, so it is unlikely that Breyne would have encountered it on his countryside trips. Secondly, the small size of the specimens would have allowed them to be included with a letter. Sadly, the *Laportea* specimens were not labelled by Breyne, leaving us without further clues as to their origin.

Although some references to a receiver ('UE', see above) would indicate that the 1659 herbarium was meant as a gift, the large number of pages without indications of plants being present would suggest a different use of (part of) this herbarium. Perhaps, Breyne used these sheets to (temporarily) store plants he received from, or was going to send to others, or that he was planning to discuss with fellow botanists. The 1673 herbarium was most likely made as a gift, judging from the large and elaborately arranged specimens, the amounts of text on each label and the fact this herbarium has been bound into a hard-cover, as opposed to the loose sheets of the 1659 herbarium.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

The two Breyne herbaria in the Leiden collection contain 62 species from 24 families, represented by a total of 105 specimens. While the specimens do not seem to have been placed in any particular order in the 1659 herbarium, a family-like arrangement is found in the 1673 herbarium. Many taxa are native to eastern Europe; the 34 represented taxa not locally native may have been sent to Breyne through his contacts in the Republic of Letters or collected on trips further afield. All of Breyne's collecting locations were reconstructed using his writing on the labels, yielding locations mostly near Gdańsk.

Many taxa are rarer today than they were in Breyne's day, as indicated in his handwritten texts on the labels. Out of all taxa in both herbaria, 24 are represented on a Red List for Gdańsk and surroundings and two in the Polish Red List. The species Swertia perennis and Dactylorhiza viridis are now considered regionally extinct, even though D. viridis was mentioned by Breyne as 'flowering in great abundance'. This shows the importance of historical herbaria in the reconstruction of the past distribution of plants, and the changes in the landscape around Gdańsk over the past three centuries.

Breyne mentioned uses of four taxa, as a strewing herb, for brewing and consumption, and as an abortifacient drug. Only one taxon represented in the herbaria is also mentioned in Breyne's 1674 *Centuria* (*Geum rivale*); none are mentioned in the *Prodromus*. Reyger (1764) mentioned multiple taxa found in Breyne's herbaria in his *Tentamen*.

The Breyne book herbaria give us an insight into the state of botany in the second half of the 17th century. After identification of the specimens, the names as given by Breyne, which he cited from the works of many other botanical authors, can be attributed to a modern binomial. Both herbaria, but especially the 1659 herbarium with its references to collecting locations, contain evidence for the historical occurrence of plant species, informing us on land use change, and allowing for informed decisions in the possible reintroduction of species.

As biodiversity worldwide faces large threats, it is important to know what species were once there, and their former abundance. This can help us understand what is already lost, and what we need to protect, or possibly restore. Herbaria in general have an important role to play in this process, but historical herbaria even more so. They can provide evidence of the occurrence of plants in pre-industrial times, showing parts of the vegetation of the area in which they were collected, before

modern human interference. In addition, historical herbaria can provide information on the connections between plants and humans, in times when this was much more important in everyday life, than it is (or, rather, seems to be) today. Further research into the contents and producers of historical herbaria may help us in our aims to preserve biodiversity, as well as provide insights into the history of science and society in general.

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Appendix 1 Plants included in the 1659 herbarium.

Page nr.	Barcode	Specimen state	Location on sheet	Name(s) given by Breyne	Author(s) cited by Breyne	Family	Current identification	Species according to Van Ooststroom	Species according to De Monchy
unnumbered sheet 2	L.2112068 L.2112069	Specimen much damaged Specimen present	Central Central	Hedisarum peregrinum Gentiana palustris Iatifolia flore punctato Alisma folio glabro	Carolus Clusius Caspar Bauhin	Lamiaceae Gentianaceae	Lycopus europaeus L. Swertia perennis L.	Lycopus europaeus Swertia perennis	Swertia perennis
3 unnumbered sheet unnumbered sheet	L2112070 L2112071 L2112072 L2112073 L2112074 L2112075	Specimen removed Specimen removed Specimen removed Specimen removed No Specimen Specimen present	Left Top Centre Bottom Centre Right Central	Gentiana cruciata major		- - (Gentianaceae) Poaceae	- - - (Gentiana cruciata L.) Anthoxanthum nitens (Weber) Y.Schouten &	Hierochloë australis	
4 rð	L.2112076 L.2112077	Specimen present Specimen present	Central Top Left	Teucrium Chamaecistus flore luteo	Caspar Bauhin	Lamiaceae Cistaceae	Teucrium fruticans L. Helianthemum nummu- Iarium (L.) Mill.	Teucrium fruticans Helianthemum nummu- Iarium ssp. nummularium	Helianthemum vulgare
	L.2112078 L.2112079	Specimen present Specimen present	Top Right Bottom Left	Panax Chironicum Polygonum Polyg. Cocciferum Selago tertia Muscus erectus ramosus	Pietro Mattioli Ioanne Thalio	Caryophyllaceae Lycopodiaceae	Scleranthus perennis L. Scle Huperzia selago Lyc (L.) Bemh. ex Schrank & Mart.	. Scleranthus perennis Lycopodium Selago Mart.	Scleranthus perennis Lycopodium selago
ø	L.2112080 L.2112081	Specimen present Specimen present	Bottom Right Top Left	Vaccinia Pannonica Cistus Ledon foliis rosimarini ferrugineis	Conrad Gesner Caspar Bauhin	Ericaceae Ericaceae	Vaccinium uliginosum L. Vaccinium uliginosum Rhododendron tomen- Ledum palustre tosum Hamaja	:	Ledum palustre
	L.2112082 L.2112083 L.2112084	Specimen present Specimen present Specimen present,	Top Centre Top Right Bottom Left	Ferrum equinum siliqua singulari Sferro cavallo Solea equina Anonymos tenuifolia Antryllis montana	Caspar Bauhin Carolus Clusius	Fabaceae Santalaceae Asteraceae	Hippocrepis uni- siliquosa L. Thesium ebracteatum Hayne Pulicaria dysenterica	Hippocrepis unisiliquosa Thesium ebracteatum Pulicaria dysenterica	Hippocrepis unisiliquosa Thesium intermedium
ω	L.2112085 L.2112086 L.2112087	Specimen present	Bottom Centre Bottom Right Left	Viola barbata angustifolia Origanum speciosum Chamaenerion Gesenerii	Jaques Dalechamps	Caryophyllaceae Lamiaceae Onarraceae	– Dianthus carthusia- norum L. Origanum vulgare L. Folichium so	Dianthus Carthusianorum Origanum vulgare Enilohium anaustifolium	Dianthus armeria Foilohium nalustra
o.	L.2112089 L.2112090 L.2112091 L.2112093	Specimen present, label removed Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed Specimen much damaged	Certure Right Bottom Right Left Centre Right	flore albo Rapunculus spicatus		Orayraceae Brassicaceae	Ayagrum perfoliatum L. Myagrum perfoliatum	Epirobium angusulonum . Myagrum perfoliatum Phyteuma spicatum	Epinobum palusue Phyteuma spicata
10	L.2112094 L.2112095 L.2112096 L.2112097	Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed	Left Right Left Centre	nore albo		1 1 1 1			
12	L.2112099 L.2112100	Faber removed, specimen mostly removed Specimen & label removed Specimen present	Left Centre	Pyrola rotundifolia major fol. ampliore mollique	Caspar Bauhin	r agaceae  Ericaceae	ragus syrvanca L. - Pyrola rotundifolia L.	Pirola rotundifolia	

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	L.2112101	Specimen present	Right	Stoebe Austriaca	Carolus Clusius	Asteraceae	Centaurea stoebe L.	Centaurea maculosa ssp. rhenana	
13	L.2112102	No label	Тор			Urticaceae	Laportea canadensis	Laportea canadensis	
	L.2112103	No label	Bottom			Lycopodiaceae	Lycopodium sp.	Lycopodium complanatum var. anceps	
15	L.2112104 L.2112105	Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed	Left Centre			1 1	1.1		
	L.2112106		Right	Pyrola rotondifolia folio minore et atrovirose, flore luteo virescente inodor.		Ericaceae	Pyrola rotundifolia L.	Pirola chlorantha	Pyrola rotundifolia
16	L.2112107	Specimen present, label removed, Specimen very damaged	Left			Fabaceae	Vicia sylvatica L.	Vicia sylvatica	
	L.2112108	Specimen present, label removed, Specimen very damaged	Right			Fabaceae	Vicia cracca ∟.	Vicia Gracca	
17	L.2112109 L.2112110 L.2112111	Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed	Left Centre Right			1 1 1	1 1 1		
19	L.2112112	Specimen present	Left	Scorzonera montana	Johann Bauhin	Asteraceae	Scorzonera humilis L.	Scorzonera humilis	Scorzonera humilis
	L.2112113	Specimen present	Right	numilis latriolia Hyracium Pannonicum latifolium majus folio non maculato		Asteraceae	Hypochaeris maculata ∟.	Hypochaeris maculata	Hieracium aurantiacum
20	L.2112114		Тор	Hyracium mont. latifol. folio macul	Carolus Clusius	Asteraceae	Hypochaeris maculata ∟.	Hypochaeris maculata	Crepis paludosa
	L.2112115 L.2112116	Specimen & label removed Specimen present	Bottom Left Bottom Centre	Fungus ramosus Imperati S Digitelli		ı	Calocera viscosa (Pers.) Fr. or Clavu- linopsis corniculata	Ramaria aurea	
	L.2112117	Specimen present	Bottom Right	Lactucella sylv. repens	Joachim Camerarius the Younger	Asteraceae	Piosella factucella (Wallr.) P.D. Sell & C. West	Hieracium Bauhini ssp. filiferum	
21	L.2112118 L.2112119	Specimen & label removed Specimen present	Left Right	Daucus montanus hirsuteus		– Apiaceae	– Daucus carota L.	Daucus Carota	Libanotis montana
22	L.2112120 L.2112121	Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed	Left Right			1 1	1.1		
23	L.2112122	Specimen present	Left	Daucus λασιόκαυλος	loanne Thalio	Apiaceae	Silphiodaucus pruteni- Laser; cus (L.) Spalik, Wojew, Banasiak, Piwczynski & Reduron	Laserpitium prutenicum Reduron	
	L.2112123 L.2112124	No Specimen Specimen present	Top Right Bottom Right	Myrris altera parva Meum alterum Silesiacum flore amethistino	Mathias de l'Obel Joachim Camerarius the Younger	– Apiaceae	_ Chaerophyllum hirsutum L.	Chaerophyllum hirsutum	
24	L.2112125	Specimen present, label	Left			Orchidaceae	Dactylorhiza sp.	Orchis maculata	
	L.2112126	No Specimen	Top Centre	Orobanche quibusdam Hypopitis flore sulphureo languinoso		(Orobanchaceae)	(Orobanche sp.)		
	L.2112127 L.2112128	Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed	Centre Left Centre Right	)		1 1	1.1		

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	L.2112129	Specimen present	Right	Testiculus vulpinus		Orchidaceae	(Dactylorhiza viridis (L.) R.M.Bateman, Pridgeon & M.W.Chase)	Orchidaceae sp.	
25	L.2112130 L.2112131 L.2112132	Specimen present Specimen present Specimen present	Bottom Left Bottom Centre Bottom Right	Phalangrium ramosum Spartum 3 Juncus alpinus capitulo languinoso (on sheet) Juncus alpinus	Mathias de l'Obel Caspar Bauhin	Asparagaceae Poaceae Cyperaceae	Anthericum ramosum L. Nardus stricta L. Eriophorum vaginatum L.	Anthericum ramosum Nardus stricta Eriophorum vaginatum	
	L.2112133	Specimen present	Top Right	cum caude leporina Serapias minor rubello ni-flore-tente flore angustifolia nullis inspersis punctulis	Mathias de l'Obel	Orchidaceae	Orchidaceae sp.	Orchidaceae sp.	
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	L.2112140	No Specimen	Bottom	Selago s (upside down) Lycopodium s. Pes Lupi		I	I		
27	L.2112141	Specimen removed	Тор	Ledon Silesiacum	Carolus Clusius	(Ericaceae)	(Rhododendron tomen- Ledum palustre tosum Harmaia)	Ledum palustre	
				Rosmarinus sylvest. Chamaepeuce Cistus Ledon follis	Rembert Dodoens Euricius Cordius Caspar Bauhin				
unnumbered sheet	L.2112142	No Specimen	Тор		Jacob Breyne Caspar Bauhin	(Ranunculaceae)	( <b>Pulsatilla</b> sp.)		
	L.2112143	No Specimen	Centre Right	annemones secundae Pulsatilla caerulea odoratissima		(Ranunculaceae)	(Pulsatilla sp.)		
	L.2112144	No Specimen	Centre	Virid. prona parte alb : nervis	Ø		(lichen sp.)		
	L.2112145	No Specimen	Bottom Left	ngris dismissis rologimis extremis orbiculis nigris tumidis Pulsatilla vernalis apii	iidis	(Ranunculaceae)	(Pulsatilla sp.)		
	L.2112146	No Specimen	Bottom Right	Pulsatilla flore clauso	Johann Bauhin	(Ranunculaceae)	(Pulsatilla pratensis (L.) Mill.)	Mill.)	
unnumbered sheet	L.2112148	No Specimen	Bottom Left	Gnaphalium Creticum non descriptum		(Asteraceae)	(Asteraceae sp.)		
	L.2112149 L.2112150		Top Left Left Centre	Gnaphalium maximum Helyochryson Orientale	Caspar Bauhin	(Asteraceae) (Asteraceae)	(Asteraceae sp.) (Asteraceae sp.)		
8	L.2112151 L.2112152 L.2112153	Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed Specimen present	Left Centre Right	Stoechas rubescens		- - Asteraceae	- Helichrysum are- parium (1 ) Moonch	Helichrysum arenarium	
ო	L.2112154 L.2112155 L.2112156	Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed Specimen present	Far Right Left Centre Top	Origanum speciosum		- - Lamiaceae	origanum vulgare L.	Origanum vulgare	
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4	L.2112158 L.2112159 L.2112160 L.2112161	Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed Specimen present	Right Left Centre Right Top	Veronica flore candido		- - Plantaginaceae	-  Veronica officinalis L. \ ff = alriflora (G. Don) Houses)	Veronica officinalis	
വ	L.2112162 L.2112163 L.2112164	Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed	Right Bottom Left Centre			1 1 1			
<sub>9</sub>	L.2112165 L.2112166 L.2112167	Specimen present Specimen & label removed Specimen present	kigint Left Centre	vaccina rannonica  Vicicia dumetorum maxima, multiflora, flore albo, venulis purpureis alecantissimis striatis	Conrad Gesner 1, S S rights	Encaceae - Fabaceae	vaccinium unginosum L. vaccinium unginosum  Vicia sylvatica L. Vicia sylvatica	vaccinium uniginosum Vicia sylvatica	
unnumbered sheet	L.2112168 L.2112169 L.2112170 L.2112171		Right Centre Top Centre Bottom Right Top	purpureis, ereganussinns si Nidus avis	o no	_ _ ( <i>Orchidac</i> eae)	- - (Neottia nidus-avis (L.) Rich.)		
ω	L.2112172 L.2112173 L.2112174 L.2112175	Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed Specimen present Specimen present	Right Bottom Left Centre Right	Aster montanus luteus salicis glabro folio Lactucella sylvestris	Caspar Bauhin Joachim Camerarius	_ - Asteraceae Asteraceae	_ Buphthalmum salici- folium L. Pilosella piloselloides	Inula salicina Hieracium Bauhini cf.	
unnumbered sheet 9	L.2112176 L.2112177 L.2112178	Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed Cocimen & label removed	Left Centre Dight	repens (writing illegible)	the Younger	1 1 1	(Vill.) Soják - -	ssp. filiferum	
<del>-</del> 2	L.2112180 L.2112181	Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed	Left Right Gentral	Ranunculus montanus subhirsutus latifolius	Caspar Bauhin	_ Ranunculaceae (Aniaceae)	– Ranunculus lanugi- nosus L. (Aniaceae sn.)	Ranunculus lanuginosus	
- 2	L.2112183 L.2112184		Left Right	Meum alterum Silesiacum flore amethistino	Joachim Camerarius the Younger	(Apraceae) - Apiaceae	Chaerophyllum hirsutum L.	Chaerophyllum hirsutum	
13	L.2112185 L.2112186	Specimen present Specimen & label removed	Left Right	Daucus λασιόκαυλος	loanne Thalio	A <i>piaceae</i> -	Silphiodaucus prute- Laserp nicus (L.) Spalik, Wojew., Banasiak, Piwczynski & Reduron 	Laserpiticum prutenicum Leduron	
4-	L.2112187 L.2112188 L.2112189	Specimen & label removed Specimen & label removed Specimen present	Left Centre Top Centre Bottom	Thalictrum B. angustifolium	B. angustifolium Joachim Camerarius the Younger	- - Ranunculaceae	_ _ Thalictrum lucidum L.	Thalictrum lucidum	
unnumbered sheet unnumbered sheet	L.2112190 L.2112191 L.2112192 L.2112193 L.2112194 L.2112195	Specimen & label removed No Specimen No Specimen No Specimen No Specimen No Specimen	Right Top Left Bottom Left Centre Left Top Centre centre	Alisma Tassani Caroli Je Gentiana 12 et punctata C Leontopodium creticum Leontopodium Mathioli Gnaphalium roseum hortense Leontopodium alterum M	Johann Bauhin Carolus Clusius nse Mathias de l'Obel	Gentianaceae) (Asteraceae) (Asteraceae)	- (Swertia perennis L.) (Asteraceae sp.) (Asteraceae) (Asteraceae sp.)	( <b>Asteraceae</b> sp.)	
	L.2112196 L.2112197	I	Centre Top Right Top	Gnaphallum Koseum sylvest. Gnaphalium unicaule Hispanicum		(Asteraceae) (Asteraceae)	(Asteraceae sp.) (Asteraceae sp.)		

Appendix 2 Plants included in the 1673 herbarium.

Section nr B	Page nr (new)	Page nr (crossed out)	Barcode	Specimen state	Location on sheet	Name(s) mentioned by Breyne	Author(s) cited by Breyne	Family	Current identification
<del>-</del>	I	62	L.2112021	Specimen present	Central	Viscum Viscum baccis albis	Johann Bauhin Caspar Bauhin	Santalaceae	Viscum album L.
	7	99	L.2112022	Specimen present	Central	Cornus foemina, putata Virga Sanguinea Cornus foemina Frutex sanguinus	Johann Bauhin Caspar Bauhin Pierre Belon	Cornaceae	Cornus sanguinea L.
	ო	29	L.2112023	Specimen present	Central	Ledum silesiacum		Ericaceae	<b>Rhododendron tomentosum</b> Harmaja
	4	89	L.2112024	Specimen present	Central	Chamaerhododendros Montana Alloborgum Oleastrifolio, seu Lentisci folio minus odora	Mathias de l'Obel	Ericaceae	Andromeda polifolia L.
	2	69	L.2112025	Specimen present	Central	Caryophyllata Montana tertia	Carolus Clusius	Rosaceae	<b>Geum rivale</b> L. (double-flowered form)
2	^	45	L.2112027	Specimen present	Central	Vicia dumetorum Vicia hancpulcherrimam		Fabaceae	Vicia sylvatica L.
	80	46	L.2112028	Specimen present	Central	Vicia minima vernalis radice tuberose		Fabaceae	Vicia lathyroides L.
	o	84	L.2112029	Specimen present	Central	Onobrychis × floribus Víciae dilute caeruleis Onobrychis qvibusdam subcaeruleo flore Onobrychis Secunda	Caspar Bauhin Johann Bauhin Carolus Clusius	Fabaceae	Astragalus arenarius ∟.
	10	49	L.2112030	Specimen present	Central	Juncus alpinus cum cauda Leporina Juncus alpinus capitula lanuginoso	Johann Bauhin Caspar Bauhin	Cyperaceae	Eriophorum vaginatum L.
	=======================================	20	L.2112031	Specimen present	Central	Gramen nemorosum hirstutum primum, sive latifolium majus Gramen rore lusidum nemoroese, sive Luzulae	Caspar Bauhin Johann Bauhin	Juncaceae	Luzula pilosa (L.) Willd.
						Gramen hirsutum nemorosum	Mathias de l'Obel		
	12	51	L.2112032	Specimen present	Central		Caspar Bauhin	Juncaceae	<i>Luzula multiflora</i> (Ehrh.) Lej.
							Jacobus Tabernaemontanus Johann Bauhin		
	13	53	L.2112033	Specimen present	Central	Gramen Sylvaticu. parvu. Tenuifolium	Johann Bauhin	Cyperaceae	Carex montana L.
						rgrandscripting of the control of th	Caspar Bauhin		
						Gramen nemorosum i	Jacobus Tabernaemontanus		
	4	<b>7</b> 5	L.2112034	Specimen present	Central	Gramen spicatum montanum et nemorosum 4 Gramen caryophyllatum montanum Spicae varia Gramen caryophyllatum montanum Spica varia Caspari Bauhini	Caspar Bauhin Johann Bauhin	Cyperaceae	Carex digitata L.
	15	55	L.2112035	Specimen present	Central	Gramen Mariae odoratum	Johann Bauhin	Poaceae	Anthoxanthum nitens
						Gramen paniculatum montanum 2 Gramen paniculatum odoratum	Caspar Bauhin		
	16	26	L.2112036	Specimen present	Central	Gramen nemorale avenaceum alterum ex fusco xerampelinum et lucidum Danicum	Adver: (?) & Johann Bauhin	Poaceae	Avenella flexuosa (L.) Drejer
						Gramen avenaceum 4, sive capillaceum minoribus glumis	Caspar Bauhin		
	17	22	L.2112037	Specimen present	Central	Perfoliata alpina magna, longifolia Perfoliata Montana latifolia Perfoliata Montana	Johann Bauhin Caspar Bauhin Joachim Camerarius the Younger	Аріасеае	Bupleurum longifolium L.
	8	28	L.2112038	Specimen present	Central	Meum Silesiacum, flore amethistino Cicutaria latifolia hirsuta, flore amethistino Cicutaria palustris, latifolia rubra	Joachim Camerarius the Younger Johann Bauhin Caspar Bauhin	Apiaceae	Chaerophyllum hirsutum L.
	19	29	L.2112039	Specimen present	Central	Apium petraeum, sive montanum album, tenuioribus foliis	Johann Bauhin	Аріасеае	Seseli libanotis (L.) W.D.J.Koch

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20	09	L.2112040	Specimen present	Central	Apium petraeum, sive montanum album, Jatione folio		Аріасеае	Seseli libanotis (L.) W.D.J.Koch
					Daucus montanus Apiifoli mino Daucus montanus Apiifolio albicans	Caspar Bauhin Caspar Bauhin		
21	61	L.2112041	Specimen present	Central	Thalictrum septimum Thalictrum pratense angustissimo folio	Caspar Bauhin	Ranunculaceae	Thalictrum lucidum L.
23	22	L.2112043	Specimen present	Central	Stoechas citrina Germanica latiore folio Stoechas citrine latifolia Amaranthus luteus	Johann Bauhin Caspar Bauhin Leonhard Fuchs, Hieronymus Bock Isophus Tahamaamontanus	Asteraceae	Helichrysum arenarium (L.) Moench
					Stoechas citrine tenuifolia Narbonensis	Johann Bauhin		
24	23	L.2112044	Specimen present	Central	Stoechas citrina Germanica latiore folio, squamulis corymborii Minoribus		Asteraceae	Helichrysum arenarium (L.) Moench
25	24	L.2112045	Specimen present	Central	Stoechas aurea Germanica		Asteraceae	Helichrysum arenarium (L.) Moench
26	25	L.2112046	Specimen present	Left	Stoechas ruffa, sive colore igneo Cassubica Latiore folio		Asteraceae	Helichrysum arenarium (L.) Moench
26	25	L.2112047	Specimen present	Middle	Stoechas ignescens, sive ruffa Cassubica Latiore folio	0	Asteraceae	Helichrysum arenarium (L.) Moench
56	25	L.2112048	Specimen present	Right	Stoechas ruffa, sive colore igneo Cassubica Latiore folio		Asteraceae	Helichrysum arenarium (L.) Moench
27	56	L.2112049	Specimen present	Central	Gnaphalium ad Stoechadem citrinam accedens Helichrysum 8 Elichrysum Sylvestre latifolium capitulis conglobates	Johann Bauhin Caspar Bauhin	Asteraceae	Helichrysum Iuteoalbum (L.) Rchb.
58	27	L.2112050	Specimen present	Central	Gnaphalium medium Gnaphalio vulgari simile Gnaphalium 4, sive medium	Jacobus Tabernaemontanus Johann Bauhin Caspar Bauhin	Asteraceae	Filago germanica (L.) Huds.
29	28	L.2112051	Specimen present	Central	Gnaphalium montanum flore rotundiore candido Gnaphalium montanum album Pilosella major flore candido	Caspar Bauhin Mathias de l'Obel Johann Bauhin	Asteraceae	Antennaria dioica (L.) Gaertn.
30	30	L.2112052	Specimen present	Central	Gnaphalium montanum flore rotundiore roseo Pilosella major flore magis purpurascente	Caspar Bauhin Johann Bauhin	Asteraceae	Antennaria dioica (L.) Gaertn.
31	32	L.2112053	Specimen present	Central	Gnaphalium montanum longiore flore purpureo Pilosella minor flore purpurante	Johann Bauhin	Asteraceae	Antennaria dioica (L.) Gaertn.
32	33	L.2112054	Specimen present	Central	Gnaphalium montanum longiore flore purpureo, punctis nigris insperis		Asteraceae	Antennaria dioica (L.) Gaertn.
33	35	L.2112055	Specimen present	Central	Pilosella minoris flore, hirsutior et elatior non repens Pilosella major erecta Hieracium XXII sive murorum angustifolium non sinuati	Johann Bauhin Caspar Bauhin Caspar Bauhin	Asteraceae	Pilosella piloselloides (VIII.) Soják
<b>6</b>	36	L.2112056	Specimen present	Central	Hieracium montanum hirsutum VI Hieracium alpinum latifolium hirsutum incanum flore magno Hieracium latifolium 1 Hieracium latifolium Pannonicum Hieracium Pannonicum latifolium 1 Pilosella majori Pulmonariae luteae accidens	Caspar Bauhin Carolus Clusius Joachim Camerarius the Younger Garolus Clusius Johann Bauhin	Asteraceae	Hypochaeris maculata L.
35	37	L.2112057	Specimen present	Central	Hieracium caule aphyllo hirsutum	Johann Bauhin	Asteraceae	Hypochaeris radicata L.
36	39	L.2112058	Specimen present	Central	Hieracium fruticosum angustifolium minimum Hieracium fruticosum VI		Asteraceae	Buphthalmum salicifolium L.
37	40	L.2112059	Specimen present	Central	Hieracium fruticosum angustifolium medium umbellatum Hieracium fruticosum V		Asteraceae	Hieracium umbellatum L.

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	38	14	L.2112060	Specimen present	Central	Scorzonera Latifolia 4, sive humilis nervosa Scorzonera humilis latifolia Pannonica 2 Tragopogonis Species Scorzonera humilis latifolia	Caspar Bauhin Carolus Clusius Johann Bauhin	Asteraceae	Scorzonera humilis L.
	36	42	L.2112061	Specimen present	Central	Scorzonera angustifolia prima Scorzonera humilis angustifolia et Pannonica tertia Tragopogonis species Scorzonera humilis angustifolia	Caspar Bauhin Carolus Clusius Johann Bauhin	Asteraceae	Scorzonera humilis L.
	40	44	L.2112062	Specimen present	Central	Stoebe Gallica et Austriaca Stoebe follis lacinatus 3 Stoebe Major caliculis non splendentibus Centaurii majoris species tenuifolia	Carolus Clusius Caspar Bauhin Johann Bauhin	Asteraceae	Centaurea stoebe L.
	45	~	L.2112064	Specimen present	Central	Echium montanum flore ex dilute caeruleo et albo variegato		Boraginaceae	Echium vulgare ∟.
	43	2	L.2112065	Specimen present	Central	Echium montanum flore purpuro violaceo		Boraginaceae	Echium vulgare ∟.
	4	ဂ	L.2112066	Specimen present	Central	Echium montanum flore carneo		Boraginaceae	Echium vulgare L. (pink form)
	45	ø	L.2112067	Specimen present	Central	Alysson 2 Thlaspi Alysson dictum campestre minus Alyssum minimum Thlasoi minus quibusdam, allis Alysson minus	Caspar Bauhin Carolus Clusius Johann Bauhin	Brassicaceae	Alyssum alyssoides (L.) L.

 $\textbf{Appendix 3} \quad \text{Current occurrence of species from the herbaria in Pomerania} \ ^*.$ 

Current identification	Family	Current occurrence in Pomerania
Alyssum alyssoides (L.) L.	Brassicaceae	n
Andromeda polifolia L.	Ericaceae	у
Antennaria dioica (L.) Gaertn.	Asteraceae	n
Anthericum ramosum L.	Asparagaceae	n
Anthoxanthum nitens (Weber) Y.Schouten & Veldkamp	Poaceae	y
Astragalus arenarius L.	Fabaceae	n
Avenella flexuosa (L.) Drejer	Poaceae	y
Buphthalmum salicifolium L.	Asteraceae	n
Bupleurum longifolium L.	Apiaceae	n
(Calocera viscosa (Pers.) Fr. / Clavulinopsis corniculata (Schaeff.) Corner)	Dacrymycetaceae / Clavariaceae	n / n
Carex digitata L.	Cyperaceae	n
Carex montana L.	Cyperaceae	n
Centaurea stoebe L.	Asteraceae	n
Chaerophyllum hirsutum L.	Apiaceae	n
Cornus sanguinea L.	Cornaceae	
(Dactylorhiza viridis (L.) R.M.Bateman, Pridgeon & M.W.Chase)	Orchidaceae	y n
Daucus carota L.		
Dianthus carthusianorum L.	Apiaceae	y
	Caryophyllaceae	У
Echium vulgare L.	Boragniaceae	У
Eriophorum vaginatum L.	Cyperaceae	У
Fagus sylvatica L.	Fagaceae	У
Filago germanica (L.) Huds.	Asteraceae	n
(Gentiana cruciata L.)	Gentianaceae	n
Geum rivale L.	Rosaceae	у
Helianthemum nummularium (L.) Mill.	Cistaceae	n
Helichrysum arenarium (L.) Moench	Asteraceae	У
Helichrysum luteoalbum (L.) Rchb.	Asteraceae	n
Hieracium umbellatum L.	Asteraceae	у
Hippocrepis unisiliquosa L.	Fabaceae	n
Huperzia selago (L.) Bernh. ex Schrank & Mart.	Lycopodiaceae	у
Hypochaeris maculata L.	Asteraceae	n
Hypochaeris radicata L.	Asteraceae	n
Laportea canadensis (L.) Wedd.	Urticaceae	n
Luzula multiflora (Ehrh.) Lej.	Juncaceae	у
Luzula pilosa (L.) Willd.	Juncaceae	y
Lycopus europaeus L.	Lamiaceae	ý
Myagrum perfoliatum L.	Brassicaceae	n
Nardus stricta L.	Poaceae	у
(Neottia nidus-avis (L.) Rich.)	Orchidaceae	y n
Origanum vulgare L.	Lamiaceae	
Phyteuma spicatum L.		У
•	Campanulaceae Asteraceae	У
Pilosella lactucella (Wallr.) P.D.Sell & C.West		n
Pilosella piloselloides (Vill.) Soják	Asteraceae	n
Pulicaria dysenterica (L.) Bernh.	Asteraceae	n
(Pulsatilla pratensis (L.) Mill.)	Ranunculaceae	У
Pyrola rotundifolia L.	Ericaceae	n
Ranunculus lanuginosus L.	Ranunculaceae	n
Rhododendron tomentosum Harmaja	Ericaceae	у
Scleranthus perennis L.	Caryophyllaceae	n
Scorzonera humilis L.	Asteraceae	n
Seseli libanotis (L.) W.D.J.Koch	Apiaceae	n
Silphiodaucus prutenicus (L.) Spalik, Wojew., Banasiak, Piwczynski & Reduron	Apiaceae	n
Swertia perennis L.	Gentianaceae	n
Teucrium fruticans L.	Lamiaceae	n
Thalictrum lucidum L.	Ranunculaceae	n
Thesium ebracteatum Hayne	Santalaceae	n
Vaccinium uliginosum L.	Ericaceae	 У
Veronica officinalis L. (f. albiflora (G.Don) House)	Plantaginaceae	y
Vicia cracca L.	Fabaceae	У
Vicia lathyroides L.	Fabaceae Fabaceae	
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Vicia sylvatica L.	Fabaceae	n

<sup>\*</sup> This table lists the plants found in the combined Leiden Breyne herbaria, along with their current occurrence in Pomerania province, according to 'Flowering plants and pteridophytes of Poland: a checklist' (Mirek et al. 2002). Tentative identifications are listed in brackets. (y = yes, n = no).

#### Appendix 4 Miscellaneous remarks by Breyne.

Many specimens in both herbaria come with remarks on collecting location, flowering time, but with some specimens, Breyne placed other remarks. These are listed below. Our translations and interpretations are placed in square brackets.

#### In the 1659 herbarium:

Page 2, with Swertia perennis L. (Gentianaceae): Collected in 1659. There are two types, different in the 'decency' of the flowers. One has large and sharply pointed flowers, and was sent by 'Your Honour'. The other grows locally, and has smaller, more bluntly tipped flowers. The colours also differ, pale, blue and brown. Clumps are usually of a single colour.

Page 5, with Huperzia selago (L.) Bernh. ex Schrank & Mart. (Lycopodiaceae): this plant has grains ['granula'] between its leaves.

Page 6, with Thesium ebracteatum Hayne (Santalaceae): plants near the town of Bringenz grow up to half a cubit [i.e., c. 25 cm] in height.

Page 6, with Dianthus carthusianorum L. (Caryophyllaceae), & page 8 and 3, with Origanum vulgare L. (Lamiaceae): collected near the gallows. Both plants grow 'in herbs' [i.e., a herbaceous vegetation] between shrubs.

Page 8, with Epilobium angustifolium L. (Onagraceae): a white-flowered form, which is rarely found.

Page 15, with *Pyrola chlorantha* Sw. (*Ericaceae*): found in ravines ['spelunca'] where 'Calceolus mar.' [*C. marianus* Mill.? = *Cypripedium calceolus* L. (*Orchidaceae*)] grows, and also found in the woods at Jasken.

Page 20, with Calocera viscosa (Pers.) Fr. (Dacrymycetaceae) or Clavulinopsis corniculata (Schaeff.) Corner (Clavariaceae): this Manninol is found in three colours: No. 1, which is this one, is yellow, No. 2 is grey and No. 3 is white [possibly three different species].

Page 23 and page 12, with Chaerophyllum hirsutum L. (Apiaceae): a nicely aromatic plant.

Page 25, with Eriophorum vaginatum L. (Cyperaceae): should know that it is not Linum pratense.

Unnumbered sheet (after page 27), with the name *Pulsatilla ranunculi folio obtusiore*: added this year [1659]. Flowers are blue and fragrant. Flowers in the mountains around Thorunia [Torún, central Poland], and was sent to me by Jacobus Hase, under the name *Pulsatilla caerulea odoratissima*. Also found in the heather at Beren.

Idem, with the name Lichen petrae...: found laden with its circles [covered in fruiting bodies?].

Idem, with the name *Pulsatilla flore clauso caeruleo*: Also found with black-brown flowers and one which is ash-grey with the front tips of the leaves [petals?] brown.

Page 4, with Veronica officinalis L. (Plantaginaceae): the flowers are white, but turn pink during drying.

Page 6, with Vicia sylvatica L. (Fabaceae): flowers elegantly striped, 'ut in Geranio Virgineum' [It is unknown what Breyne meant here. He possibly compared the striation of the flowers to a plant he called Geranium Virgineum, or the collected Vicia grew in amongst such a plant].

Unnumbered sheet (after page 6), above a removed plant: When still flowering and standing at its best, this *Nidus avis* has the same pale colour it has now, as root, stem, foliage and flower are of a single colour [this page possibly contained a specimen of *Neottia nidus-avis* L. (Rich.) (*Orchidaceae*)].

Page 11, next to removed plant and label: NB: this species with broader leaves Your Honour can see with Sr. Hermanus van den Burch [An as of yet unknown contact of Breyne's].

Page 12, next to removed plant and label: NB: this species with narrow leaves Your Honour can see with my Cos. [cousin] Johan Breynne. [Jacob Breyne's cousin Johannes Breyne].

## Remarks from the 1673 herbarium:

Page 67, with Rhododendron tomentosum Harmaja (Ericaceae): 'cum fructibus' [i.e., in fruit].

Page 69, with Geum rivale L. (Rosaceae): a double-flowered form.

Page 48, with Astragalus arenarius L. (Fabaceae): rare in Austria according to Clusius. It is common in sandy locations in Cassubia.

Page 55, with Anthoxanthum nitens (Weber) Y.Schouten & Veldkamp (Poaceae): the illustration as provided by Caspar and Johannis Bauhin is not very informative. The plant has variable glumes. It is collected only in the mountains, and is often found in Prussia. In spring, bunches of the plant [its rhizomes?] are harvested because of their fragrance and given to young ladies.

Page 24, with *Helichrysum arenarium* (L.) Moench (*Asteraceae*): the colour of the plant is between the lemon-yellow of the previous and the fire-colour forancel of the following plant.

Page 33, with Antennaria dioica (L.) Gaertn. (Asteraceae): Caspar Bauhin described it as 'Gnaphalium with long flowers and narrow leaves', but his brother Johannis thought there to be nothing special about the leaves, while the flowers are short or long, as confirmed.

Page 44, with Centaurea stoebe L. (Asteraceae): varies between locations, Clusius distinguishes a short and a tall species.

Appendix 5 Plants mentioned in Breyne's Centuria and/or Reyger's Tentamen \*.

Current identification	Family	Mentioned in Centuria	Mentioned in Tentamen
Alyssum alyssoides (L.) L.	Brassicaceae		×
Antennaria dioica (L.) Gaertn.	Asteraceae		×
Avenella flexuosa (L.) Drejer	Poaceae		~
Buphthalmum salicifolium L.	Asteraceae		~
Bupleurum longifolium L.	Apiaceae		×
Chaerophyllum hirsutum L.	Apiaceae		~
Cornus sanguinea L.	Cornaceae		×
Echium vulgare L.	Boraginaceae		~
(Gentiana cruciata L.)	Gentianaceae		×
Geum rivale L. (double-flowered form)	Rosaceae	×	×
Hypochaeris maculata L.	Asteraceae		~
(Lycopodiaceae sp./spp.)	Lycopodiaceae		×
Nardus stricta L.	Poaceae		~
(Neottia nidus-avis (L.) Rich.)	Orchidaceae		×
Phyteuma spicatum L.	Campanulaceae		×
Pyrola rotundifolia L.	Ericaceae		×
Rhododendron tomentosum Harmaja	Ericaceae		×
Scorzonera humilis L.	Asteraceae		×
Teucrium fruticans L.	Lamiaceae		~
Thalictrum lucidum L.	Ranunculaceae		×
Vaccinium uliginosum L.	Ericaceae		×
Vicia sylvatica L.	Fabaceae		×
Viscum album L.	Santalaceae		×

<sup>\*</sup> This table lists the plants found in the combined Leiden Breyne herbaria which are listed in Breyne's Centuria (Breyne 1674–1678) and/or Gottfried Reyger's Tentamen (Reyger 1764). No plants from the herbaria were mentioned in Breyne's Prodromus (Breyne 1680–1689).

<sup>(</sup>x = name by Breyne matches with name in work; ~ = name by Breyne matches partially with name in work, description points to the same or a very similar species. Names between brackets indicate tentative identifications).