Introduction

Agaricales Chevall. (Basidiomycota) comprises the impressive number of 1340 species, classified in 85 agaricoid, gasteroid and secotioid genera (Kirk et al. 2008), and grouped in ten clades (Vellinga 2004). The family is of great economic and medical importance because several of its members are edible, medicinal or poisonous mushrooms (Didukh et al. 2003), and obviously of high ecological relevance due to occurrence in several environments. The agaricoid members are characterized by the free gills, with a regular and non-gelatinized trama, composed of filamentous hyphae, and basidiospores that are hyaline, pale pink or yellow to green, brown and black (Vellinga 2004).

In Brazil, pioneers on the study of such fungi were European naturalists, e.g. J.P.F.C. Montagne, M.J. Berkeley and C.L. Spegazzini, who visited and/or studied collections from the country in the 19th century. More recently, researchers have studied agaricoid diversity in the Northeast (Wartchow et al. 2008), Southeast (Capelari & Gimenes 2004, Albuquerque et al. 2010) and South (Rother & Silveira 2008, 2009a, 2009b). From the State of Paraná, Meijer (2006, 2010) listed 62 agaricoid taxa belonging to Agaricus (17), Chlorophyllum (2), Coprinus (1), Cystolepiota (3), Hymenagaricus (2), Lepiota (18), Leucoagaricus (6), Leucocoprinus (5), Macrolepiota (3), Melanophyllum (2), Micropsalliota (2), and Rugosospora (1). His studies, however, were focused on the mycobiota from the eastern region of the State, where distinct vegetation types occur: the mixed (with Araucaria angustifolia) and dense ombrophilous forests (Meijer 2006), in contrast to seasonal semideciduous forest that occurs in São Camilo State Park, Paraná State, Brazil.

A macromycete survey at the São Camilo State Park, a seasonal semideciduous forest fragment in Southern Brazil, State of Paraná, was undertaken. Six lepiotoid fungi were identified: Lepiota elaiophylla, Leucoagaricus lilaceus, L. rubrotinctus, Leucocoprinus cretaceus, Macrolepiota colombiana and Rugosospora pseudorubiginosa. Detailed descriptions and illustrations are presented for all species, as well as a brief discussion on their taxonomy and geographical distribution. Macrolepiota colombiana is reported for the first time in Brazil and Leucoagaricus rubrotinctus is a new record from the State of Paraná.

Key words – Agaricales – Brazilian mycobiota – new records
the western region. Aiming to provide additional data on the mycobiota from the western region of Paraná State, a macromycete survey was proposed and in the present paper data on the lepiotoid agarics are presented.

**Methods**

Fieldwork was conducted from August 2011 and June 2012 in the São Camilo State Park (abbreviated as PESC), situated in the municipality of Palotina, western region of Paraná State (24°18’00” - 24°19’30” S and 53°53’30” - 53°55’30” W - Fig. 1), Brazil. Collected specimens from May 2010 to July 2011 at PESC were also considered. PESC comprises an area of 387 ha, placed in the domain of the Atlantic rain forest, with a seasonal semideciduous forest vegetation and a Cfa (subtropical humid) climate according to the Köppen’s classification (IAP, 2006).

All specimens were analyzed both macro- and micromorphologically following standard procedures (Largent 1977, Largent et al. 1986). Colour names and codes used in the macroscopical descriptions are according to Kornerup & Wanscher (1978). Free-hand sections were mounted in 3% KOH preparations, as well as Congo red, Melzer and cresyl blue. Measurements and micrographs were taken with digital camera integrated to a Motic BA310 optical microscope, through the Motic Image Plus 1.0 software. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) analysis was performed at the Center of Electron Microscopy of the Universidade Federal do Paraná, Curitiba, Brazil. All specimens were dried in an open air drier (±40ºC) and are preserved at the mycological collection of the Campus Palotina, Universidade Federal do Paraná (HCP).
Figs 2-8 – *Lepiota elaiophylla*. 2,3 Basidioma. 4 Basidiospores. 5 Cheilocystidia. 6 Pileus covering hyphae. 7 Basidium. 8 Lamella trama. – Bars: 2 = 10 mm; 3 = 5 mm; 4, 5, 7 = 10 µm; 6, 8 = 20 µm.
Taxonomy
Six species of lepiotoid agarics are recorded. Descriptions and illustrations are presented for each, followed by a brief taxonomic and geographical discussion.

Basidiomata solitary, on litter in the forest. Pileus 16 mm, convex, yellowish brown (5E4) on the disc, to pale orange (5A3) towards the margin, surface covered by numerous and small yellowish brown (5E4) scales, radially dispersed towards the margin, which is smooth, but appendiculate with velar remnants, context fleshy, 1 mm near the stipe insertion, to 0.8 mm in the middle of lamellae, pale orange (1A3). Lamellae free, close and with lamelletae, greyish yellow (1B4), margin entire and concolour with sides, 1.5 mm diam. Stipe 44 × 1.8 mm, central, cylindrical, greyish yellow (1B3) in the apex, to pale grey (1B1) downwards, surface fibrillose, dry, with scattered basal rhizomorphs, context yellowish grey (1B4), margin entire and clamped hyphae are similar to *L. elaiophylla*, but all these have basidiospores less than 6 µm long. In Europe, *L. elaiophylla* is known from several countries, but certainly it is an adventitia species, as its records are from greenhouses and botanical gardens, strongly suggesting its recent introduction in the continent (Holec & Hálek 2008, Gubitz 2011). The present collection is the third report for the species from Brazil, where it was reported from the States of Paraná (Meijer & Huijser, Boll. Gr. Micol. G. Bres. 40: 462 (1998), Fig 2–8). Although morphologically similar, Vellinga (2001b) showed that *L. elaiophylla* belongs to another clade in *Lepiota*, including *L. subincarnata* J.E. Lange and *L. brunneoincarnata* Chodat & Martin, all those toxic species of agarics, containing amanitin (Vellinga 2003). According to Wartchow et al. (2008), other Neotropical species with yellow lamellae and clamped hyphae are similar to *L. elaiophylla*, as follows: *L. parvispora* Dennis from Venezuela (Dennis 1961), *L. flavidocana* Pegler from Lesser Antilles (Pegler 1983) and *L. xanthophylloides* Singer from the State of Pará, in northern Brazil (Singer 1973, as *L. xanthophylla*), but all these have basidiospores less than 6 µm long. In Europe, *L. elaiophylla* is known from several countries, but certainly it is an adventitia species, as its records are from greenhouses and botanical gardens, strongly suggesting its recent introduction in the continent (Holec & Hálek 2008, Gubitz 2011). The present collection is the third report for the species from Brazil, where it was reported from the States of Paraná (Meijer & Huijser, Boll. Gr. Micol. G. Bres. 40: 462 (1998), Fig 2–8) and Pernambuco (Wartchow et al. 2008). It is possible that the fungus has a South American origin and later was introduced to Europe.

Basidiomata solitary or in pairs, on litter or wood under advanced stage of decomposition. Pileus 27–70 mm diam., convex to plano-convex, slightly umbonate, surface densely fibrillose, greyish brown (7E3) to violet brown (11E5) at the disc/umbo, then becoming gradually brown (6E4), greyish brown (11D3) to finally greyish red (11D4) towards the margin, over a white (1A1) background, margin smooth with small velar remnants; context fleshy, about 4 mm thickness.
Figs 9–13 — Leucoagaricus lilaceus. 9 Basidioma. 10 Basidium. 11 Pileus covering hyphae. 12 Cheilocystidia. 13 Basidiospores. — Bars: 9 = 20 mm; 10, 12, 13 = 10 µm; 11 = 20 µm.
near the stipe insertion and 1–2 mm thickness in the medial portion of the pileus, white (1A1). Lamellae free, close and with lamellulae, margin entire, ca. 1 mm diam., yellowish white (1A2) with pinkish tones, concolour. Stipe 44–75 × 2.5–6 mm, central, tapered from base to apex, base strongly and abruptly bulbous reaching 12 mm diam.; surface dry, fibrillose, white (1A1) to yellowish white (1A2), context white (1A1) and fibrous, rhizomorphs scattered. Partial veil forming a membranous annulus on stipe apex, ascending, non-mobile, white (1A1) with a greyish brown (11D3) margin.

Basidiospores 6.1–7.3×(8.9) × 3.8–4.5 µm, Q=1.4–1.8–(2.3), Qm=1.6, ovoid to elliptical, with a distinct apiculus, hyaline, with smooth and thickened (0.5–1 µm diam.) walls, germ pore absent, metachromatic and dextrinoid. Basidia 15.4–23.4 × 6.2–9 µm, clavate, hyaline, tetrasporic, with sterigmata 1.5–4.4 µm long. Cheilocystidia 22.8–32–36.3) × 11–16.4 µm, ventricose, pyriform to clavate, the apex ranging from shortly rostrate to capitate, sometimes with a refractive apical drop, hyaline, smooth and thin walled, very numerous and crowded in the gill edge. Pleurocystidia absent. Lamella trama subregular, composed of hyaline, non-clamped, thin-walled hyphae, 4–17.5 µm diam. Pileus covering trichodermal, formed of erect, hyaline and smooth-walled hyphae, the terminal elements 24.1–87.9(–133.6) × 5.1–12.1 µm. Clamp connections absent.

Known distribution – subtropical South America: northern Argentina (Singer & Digilio 1951) and southern Brazil (Meijer 2006, Rother & Silveira 2009a).

Material examined – Brazil, Paraná State, Palotina, PESC, 24 March 2011, leg. AJ Ferreira & RL Dias (HCP); 23 October 2011, leg. AJ Ferreira & RL Dias (HCP); 10 April 2012, leg. AJ Ferreira & VG Cortez (HCP); 23 April 2012, leg. VG Cortez (HCP).

Notes – This species belongs to Leucoagaricus Sect. Piloselli (Kühner) Singer and is macroscopically diagnosed by the pinkish lilac brown to purplish pileus, abruptly bulbous stipe base and slightly pinkish gills (Rother & Silveira 2009a). Leucoagaricus lilaceus was originally described from Tucumán (Argentina) and, in contrast to original diagnosis (Singer & Digilio 1951), the current specimens have slightly larger basidiospores (5.8–6.5 × 4.3–4.8 µm) and pileus covering hyphae (25–63 × 8.8–13.2 µm). However, our results are in full agreement with type study and recently collected material by Rother & Silveira (2009a) from Rio Grande do Sul State. The species is reported for the first time from the western Paraná State.

**Leucoagaricus rubrotinctus** (Peck) Singer, Sydowia 2: 36 (1948) Figs 14–19

Basidioma solitary, on forest litter. Pileus 30 mm diam., plano-convex, umbonate, surface fibrillose, brown (6E5) at the disc/umbro and the radially arranged fibrils light brown (6D5), margin entire slightly smooth (without fibrils), context white (1A1), fleshy, about 1 mm near the stipe insertion to 0.5 mm at medial portion of gills. Lamellae free to remote, close, with lamellulae, yellowish white (2A2), margin and concolour with sides. Stipe 38 × 3.5 mm, yellowish white (2A2), central, clavate, with a bulbous expanded (7 mm) base, bearing scattered rhizomorphs, surface fibrillose and dry, fistulous, context fibrous, 0.5–1.5 mm thickness, white (1A1). Partial veil forming a membranous annulus in the medial portion of stipe, ascending, non-mobile, yellowish white (2A2) with a conspicuously discolor, light brown (6D5). Spore print not checked.

Basidiospores 6.7–8.8 × 4.3–5.8 µm, Q=1.2–1.8, Qm=1.4, ovoid to elliptoid, with a conspicuous apiculus, hyaline, wall smooth and somewhat thickened (1 µm), without a germ pore, metachromatic and dextrinoid. Basidia 21–33 × 8–10 µm, clavate, hyaline, thin-walled, bearing four, 2–5 µm long sterigmata. Cheilocystidia 26–43.5 × 8–13 µm, fusoid, fusoid-clavate to lageniform, hyaline, smooth and thin-walled. Pleurocystidia absent. Lamella trama subregular, composed by hyaline and thin-walled hyphae, 3–17 µm diam. Pileus covering formed of a cutis of prostrate, filamentous, cylindrical hyphae, 3.4–10.5 µm diam., with a slight pale brown pigment, walls thin and smooth. Clamp connections absent.

Known distribution – Americas, Europe and Asia (Rother & Silveira 2008, Kumar & Manimohan 2009).
Figs 14–19 — *Leucoagaricus rubrotinctus*. 14, 15 Basidioma. 16 Basidia. 17 Basidiospores. 18 Cheilocystidia. 19 Pileus covering hyphae. — Bars: 14, 15 = 10 mm; 16–19 = 10 µm.

Basidiomata solitary to gregarious, on fallen trunks or advanced decomposed wood. Pileus 50–60 mm diam., campanulate when young to convex and umbonate then planate at maturity, surface white (1A1), fully floccose over a smooth ground, except in the margin, which is distinctly sulphate-striate, disc more coloured, yellowish white (1A2), context fleshy, white (1A1), about 1 mm thickness near the stipe insertion to <0.5 mm in the medial portion of lamellae. Lamellae free, close, with lamellulae of several lengths, <3.5 mm diam., white (1A1) from young to mature stages, margin entire, concolour. Stipe 6–80 × 4 mm, central, clavate to sub-bulbous, the base reaching 12 mm diam., white (1A1) to yellowish white (1A2), becoming greyish yellow (4B5) after handling, surface entirely floccose to fibrillose, especially from basal half of stipe length, rhizomorphs absent, context fibrous, white (1A1). Partial veil forming a fragile and easily detachable membranous annulus, delicate, medial to apically positioned, simple and mobile, white (1A1), which can be absent (lost) in some specimens due to its fragility. Spore print white.

Basidiospores 7.7–10.7 × 5.5–6.8 µm, Q=1.4–1.7, Qm=1.5, ellipsoid to ovoid, with an apiculus, walls hyaline, smooth and thickened (0.7–1.1 µm diam.) with a slightly truncate germ pore and covered by a hyaline cap, metachromatic and dextrinoid. Basidia 17.0–25.9 × 8.1–11.5 µm, clavate, hyaline, thin-walled, bearing four sterigmata, 1.5–3.9 µm long. Cheilocystidia 22.9–55.9 × 6.8–13.4 µm, clavate, cylindro-clavate or fusoid, some with a capitulate or mucronate-rostrate apex, hyaline, smooth and thin-walled. Pleurocystidia absent. Lamella trama subregular, formed by hyaline, thin-walled hyphae, 3.9–17 µm diam. Pileus covering is a cutis, composed of a layer prostrate hyphae, 2.1–8.9 µm diam., hyaline, smooth and thin-walled. Clamp connections absent.

Known distribution – pantropical (Rother & Silveira 2009b).


Notes – This species is diagnosed by the reddish colour of the pileus, which can range from orange to brown, according to developmental stage and it is the type of Leucoagaricus Sect. Rubrotincti Singer, which includes mushrooms with pigmented pileus and smooth basidiospores, with inconspicuous or absent germ pore. Franco-Molano et al. (2000) reported this species as possibly toxic. Leptota rubrotinctoides Murrill seems to be close, but differs from L. rubrotinctus by virtue of smaller basidiospores (7 × 3.5 µm), lack of pileal scales and larger basidiomata (Murrill 1912). Leucoagaricus glabridiscus (Sundb.) Wulfb. is another related species, but it is a smaller and fragile mushroom, with a double layer of interwoven hyphae forming the pileus covering (Kumar & Manimohan 2009). This fungus is identified according to Franco-Molano et al. (2000), however, it is possible that South American specimens identified under this name can be segregated in distinct taxa when a revision of Neotropical species is made. In Brazil, L. rubrotinctus was reported from the regions South (Rother & Silveira 2008), Southeast (Rosa & Capelari 2009) and North (Capelari & Maziero 1988, as Lepiota rubrotincta). The studied specimens are the first record for the species from the State of Paraná.
Figs 20-24 – Leucocoprinus cretaceus. 20 Basidiomata. 21 Pileus covering hyphae. 22 Basidiospores. 23 Basidium. 24 Cheilocystidia. – Bars: 20 = 20 mm; 21 = 100 µm; 22–24 = 10 µm.
Figs 25-32 – *Macrolepiota colombiana*. 25, 26 Basidiomata. 27, 28 Basidia. 29 Caulocystidia. 30 Pileus covering. 31 Basidiospores. 32 Cheilocystidia. – Bars: 25, 26 = 50 mm; 27-32 = 10 µm.

Basidiomata solitary or in pairs among herbaceous vegetation, in forest edge. Pileus 120–141 mm diam., 39–60 mm high, plano-convex, umbonate, surface dry, areolate, yellowish brown (5F8) at the disc and umbo, to fibrillose and yellowish brown (5E5) towards the margin, which is finally smooth and orange white (5A2), context fleshy, white (1A1), 1.5 mm thickness near stipe insertion to 4 mm in the medial portion of lamellae. Lamellae free, close, with lamellae, margin entire, <7 mm diam., orange white (5A2), the edge concolour with sides. Stipe 220–311 × 8–10 mm, central, cylindrical and expanded, slightly sub-bulbous, yellowish brown (5F6) to dark blond (5D4) above, surface fibrillose, opaque, base with scattered rhizomorphs of same colour, fistulous, context fibrous, <5 mm thickness, white (1A1). Partial veil producing an apical and membranous annulus, simple and mobile, orange white (5A2), with a distinct margin, yellowish brown (5F4) to greyish brown (5D3). Spore print not checked.

Basidiospores 12–17 × 8–10 μm, Q=1.2–1.9, Qm=1.6, ellipsoid, with a broad and hyaline germ pore, wall smooth and <1 mm thick, metachromatic and dextrinoid. Basidia 29–42(–47) × 10–17 μm, clavate, thin-walled, tetrasporic, with sterigmata 2.5–6 μm long. Pleurocystidia absent. Cheilocystidia (23–)30–49(–63) × 10–17(–25) μm, mostly clavate to sometimes utriform or fusoid, many are septate, hyaline, thin-walled. Caulocystidia 22–57 × 6–12 μm, clavate, in tufts, parallel to stipe hyphae, slightly pale brown. Hymenophoral trama subregular, composed of hyaline, thin-walled hyphae, 5–14(–20.6) μm diam., clamped. Pileus covering composed of a basal layer (subpellis) of prostrate hyphae, 3.5–12 μm diam., with slightly incrusted walls; suprapellis polycystodermic, composed of erect chains of globose to subglobose elements, 12–47.2(–52) × 9–19 μm, smooth and thin-walled, with yellowish brown pigments. Clamp connections present.

Known distribution – Neotropical: Panamá (Piepenbring 2009), Colombia (Franco-Molano 1999) and Southern Brazil (new record).

Material examined – Brazil, Paraná State, Palotina, PESC, 10 October 2010, leg. AJ Ferreira 16-16 (HCP); 19 October 2011, leg. AJ Ferreira 27-1 (HCP).

Notes – *Macrolepiota colombiana* is characterized by the presence of a cutis which breaks off in an entire disc or areolae in the center of the pileus and smaller adpressed squamules from center towards the margin, over a smooth or slightly fibrillose ground; microscopically, the cutis is composed of catenulate hyphae, up to 110 μm long (Franco-Molano 1999). In general features, the studied specimens agree with the original description, but they have shorter pileus covering hyphae (70–110 μm long) and basidia (44–55 × 12–15 μm), according to Franco-Molano (1999). The Northern Hemisphere *Macrolepiota procera* (Scop.) Singer is closest species, differing from *M. colombiana* by the larger spores (13–17(–23) × (8.5–)9–12 μm) and long cylindrical hyphae <400 μm, as well other macroscopic features of pileus (Franco-Molano 1999). Molecular data (Johnson & Vilgalys 1998, Moncalvo et al. 2002) indicates *M. procera* as the closest relative of *M. colombiana*, as well *M. gracilenta* (Krombh.) Wasser and *M. excoriata* (Schaeff.) Wasser. However, Vellinga et al. (2003), reported that *M. procera* should be more related to *M. dolichialula* (Berk. & Broome) Pegler & R.W. Rayner, although both taxa are evidently close to *M. colombiana*. The materials reported from Rio Grande do Sul by Rother (2007) as *Macrolepiota procera* are distinct from *M. colombiana* because they have larger spores (17–21 × 10–11 μm) and cheilocystidia (25–34 × 10–15 μm) as well as other macroscopic features of pileus and stipe.

The studied materials from PESC are the first report of the species from Brazil, however, it is probable that *M. colombiana* has been.
Figs 33-39 – Rugospora pseudorubiginosa. 33, 34 Basidiomata. 35 Basidiospores under SEM. 36 Basidia. 37 Lamella trama. 38 Pileus covering. 39 Cheilocystidia. – Bars: 33, 34 = 20 mm; 35 = 5 µm; 36, 38, 39 = 10 µm; 37 = 20 µm.
identified as *M. procera* or another close species or even as *Macrolepiota* sp. as did Meijer (2010) from Paraná.


Basidiomata gregarious, in small groups or solitary, on litter. Pileus 32–52 mm diam., convex to applanate, slightly umbo-nate, surface areolate, reddish orange (7A8) to brown (7D8) in the center, then reddish orange (7A6) to greyish red (7B6) and scaly or squamulose towards the margin, which is striate and pinkish white (7A2); context not observed. Lamellae free, close and with lamellulæ, margin entire, 3–5 mm diam., yellowish white (4A2), concolour. Stipe 67–130 × 3–5 mm, central, cylindrical to tapered from base to apex, surface fibrillose, greyish orange (6B3) to light orange (6A4), base sub-bulbous, with rhizomorphs. Partial veil forming a membranous apical, upturned and mobile annulus, light orange (6A4). Spore print white (1A1).

Basidiospores 8.4–12.2 × 4.9–7.5 µm, Q=1.3–2.2, Qm=1.5, broad elliptical, ovoid, with a side apiculus, hyaline, walls rugulose and thickened (1.3–2.2 µm), without germ pore, dextrinoid and metachromatic. Basidia 24.2–40.2 × 10.1–13.6 µm, clavate, tetrasporic, hyaline and thin-walled, with sterigmata 3.2–5.6 µm. Cheilocystidia 20–36.3 × 10.1–17.3 µm, napiform to clavate, hyaline, thin-walled, very numerous in the edges of gills. Pleurocystidia absent. Lamella trama subregular, composed of hyaline hyphae, (1.4–)2.8–16 µm diam., thin-walled, clamped. Pileus covering hymeniform, composed of clavate hyphae, sometimes with a long pedicel, and occasionally with a subcapitate apex, 24–66.5 × 6.8–26.9 µm, thin-walled, with intracellular yellowish-brown pigment. Caulocystidia absent.

Known distribution – Neotropical, from México to Southern Brazil (Franco-Molano 1995).


Notes – *Rugosospora* was proposed by Heinemann (1973) to accommodate lepiotoid agarics with a hymeniform pileus covering composed of clavate to pyriform hyphae, metachromatic basidiospores, rugose to reticulate and without a germ pore, and presence of clamp connections. Two species are known, the Neotropical *R. pseudorubiginosa* and the east African *R. ochraceobadia* (Beeli) Heinem., which differ mostly in the type of ornamentation, which is rugulose in *R. ochraceobadia* (Franco-Molano 1995). This mushroom is known in Brazil from the south and southeast, in the States of Minas Gerais (Rosa & Capelari 2009), Paraná (Meijer 2006) and Santa Catarina (Franco-Molano 1995).

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