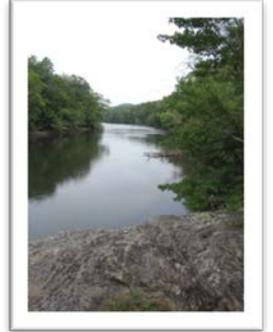




September 2015

Hello fellow SCAN members.

The weather was perfect for a leisurely stroll on the old roadbed that serves as the trail at Brasstown Creek Heritage Preserve, in Oconee County. SCAN members that participated included Kathy Boyle, Wayne Grooms, Jan Ciegler, Mary Douglass, Jules Fraytet, Tom Jones, Greg Ross, Jerry Bright, Marsha and Bob Hamlin, Eva and Sam Pratt, Janie Marlow, Ellen Blundy, and Gordon Murphy.



The trail starts at the parking area on the banks of the Tugaloo River. Getting there was somewhat of a challenge as there was a bridge that was closed to traffic, and there were no detour signs. But we all made it to our destination and started the hike on the trail that provided great views of the river. Greg arrived a little early and found a copperhead near the trail head. The water was crystal clear and occasionally a fish would break the surface, tantalizing the fishermen in the group, especially me. Where large submerged trees in the river provided shade and cover from predators for the fish, we could see schools of bream suspended in the water beneath

the logs. The portion of the trail along the river had an open canopy and wildflowers were blooming on the edges. To the east of the trail, opposite of the river, the terrain was steep with an occasional rock outcrop. There appeared to be great hiding spots for snakes in the cracks and crevasses. Greg checked them out but didn't find any snakes. We were hoping for a nice timber rattler!



After a little bit, the trail pulls away from the river and it pretty much had a closed canopy and the slope along the east side of the trail wasn't quite as steep in the coves. To my knowledge, no one in the group attempted to climb the slopes to see the Pitch Pine Heath habitat on the xeric ridgetop. We saw a very large trap along the trail and speculated whether it was a hog trap or not. There were a few empty beer cans inside, so maybe we were all wrong and it was actually a trap for thirsty hikers. Wayne had hiked on ahead of the group and by the time we reached Brasstown Creek, he

was just finishing up a swim in the cold water. The trail crossed the creek at this point and required wading to proceed, so we stopped here and started making our way back to the cars. Mary lingered awhile and waded up stream to do some exploring. There was a beautiful cardinal flower blooming in a sunny spot next to the creek. In typical fashion, we didn't all hike at the same pace when returning to the cars and Eva was in the lead on the return trip when she found a copperhead crossing the trail.



We saw quite a few wildflowers, butterflies, mushrooms, and birds along the trail and Jan collected some beetles. I believe Kathy took a dip in the river before

leaving. Due to other commitments and responsibilities, many of us headed back to our respective homes and very few went to dinner at the Beef and Rib restaurant in Westminster. I think I can speak for everyone and say that it was a pleasant and rewarding trip. Thank you Kathy and Wayne for being our leaders for the day!



October is coming up quickly and soon it will be time for our planning meeting to set a trip schedule for 2016. If you have any suggestions, please provide them to me or one of our Regional Directors prior to October 10<sup>th</sup>. Just as October is coming up quickly, so is January. Once again I ask that if you have some available time and would like to volunteer for a position with SCAN, please let Greg Ross know soon. As Vice President, it's Greg's responsibility to get a nominating committee together. If he contacts you, please give him a hand in pulling together a list of nominees for 2016. This year we were short one Regional Director, and Kathy Boyle stepped up to the plate and worked both the Eastern and Western Regions, and did an excellent job I might add. Also, if you think you might be interested in one of the positions, please let me or Greg know. If you are not sure of what the various duties entail, I encourage you to talk with one of the sitting officers to get more information. None of the positions are particularly difficult, but just require a little time and effort.



This month we will be headed to Roxbury Park in Meggett, South Carolina. It is an overnight trip; however, due to the lack of enough participants to split the cost for the cabin rental, we will not be staying at the park. Therefore overnight arrangements will be left to the participants. Kim McManus and Paul Kalbach will be leading the trip. They have provided a nice list of optional side trips in their write-up, and posted some nice photographs on the SCAN Facebook page. It looks like we have another great trip in the making. I hope to see you all there!

Gordon



**Roxbury Park – town of Meggett, Charleston County, SC**  
**September 26, 2015, 10:30am**

Trip leaders:

- Kim McManus (843.708.9901)
- Paul Kalbach (864.344.2794)

Join us the weekend of September 26<sup>th</sup> as we explore the areas near Edisto Island, SC. The trip is designated as an overnighiter. Our main focus will be Roxbury Park on Saturday. Other great places to visit in the area are (mileage from Roxbury Park):

Ace Basin NWR	3.5 miles
Dungannon Heritage Plantation	11.3 miles
Botany Bay Plantation	13.5 miles
low tide on Saturday – 12:50pm	
low tide on Sunday -1:46pm	
Caw Caw Interpretive Center	14.3 miles
Donnelly WMA	21.7 miles
Magnolia Plantation & Gardens	27 miles

Roxbury Park is a 157 acre gem located in Meggett, SC. The park property was once part of the Hick’s Bottom Plantation. It changed hands several times before being bought by Dr. McDowell in the 1960s. Dr. McDowell created several ponds on the property and used the land as a country retreat. Eventually the McDowells put the property up for sale. The town of Meggett was able to utilize Greenbelt grant funds to purchase the property. It is now a passive park, managed by Ken Carman.

Within its 157 acres, Roxbury Park contains eight distinct environments: hardwood forest, pine forest, hayfield, brackish pond, freshwater pond, tidal creek, tidal marsh, and swamp. A well-maintained loop trail provides easy access to all of the environments. Ken has been working hard to attract birds to the property. He has added a few posts for nesting and perching. In the hayfield, several blinds are being created to better watch birds in the scrub piles. Over 164 species have been documented thus far. With the fall migration underway, hopefully we can add to that count!

In addition to the birds, there are lots of plants and fungi to enjoy. On our scouting trip, we saw marsh aster, false foxglove, sea lavender, baccharis, meadow beauty, swamp daisy, meadow aster, water spider orchids, chanterelles, Caesers mushrooms, and black trumpets. There’s a fascinating “floating tree” that defies gravity. Another point of interest is the red maple and red cedar that have grown together and interlocked.

Saturday evening, the Lowcountry Stargazers Club will be on the property with their telescopes. We have been invited to join them for an evening of watching the stars. An owl walk might also be an option.

Amenities: the property has a portable toilet in the parking area. A picnic shelter is available for lunch.



### How to get there:

4474-4498 State Road S-10-174, Meggett, SC 29449

GPS coordinates:

32.680884,-80.35067

### From Columbia:

Take I-26 East to I-95 South

Take exit 68 towards SC-61E

Turn left onto SC-61E and go 4.4 miles

Turn right onto Round O Road / State Road S-15-45 and go 14.6 miles

Turn right on to Jacksonboro Rd and go 5.4 miles

Turn left onto SC-64E and go 2.1 miles

Turn left onto US-17N and go 7.0 miles

Turn right onto State Hwy 174 and go 2.6 miles

Turn right onto State Hwy 174 / State Road S-10-174 and go 2.7 miles

Destination is on your LEFT just after the Toogoodoo Bridge (GPS might say right)

If you reach the St Paul's Fire Department, you've gone too far.

### From Charleston

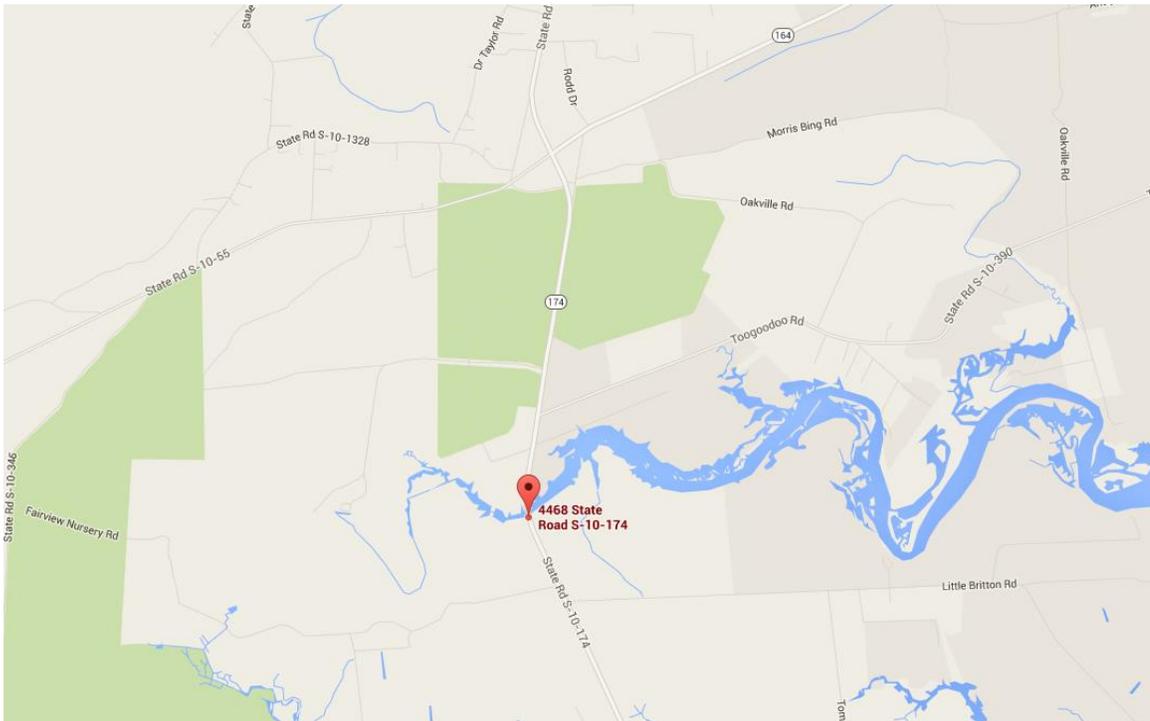
Take US-17S to State Hwy 174 (roughly 19.2 miles from the intersection of US 17 and I-526)

Turn left onto State Hwy 174 and go 5.3 miles

Turn right onto State Hwy 174 / State Road S-10-174 and go 2.7 miles

Destination is on your LEFT just after the Toogoodoo Bridge (GPS might say right)

If you reach the St Paul's Fire Department, you've gone too far.



**Where to eat:**

Captain Jimmy Bell's Right off the Boat Seafood Joint  
4398 Hwy 174  
Hollywood, SC

As you exit Roxbury Park, turn left onto State Hwy 174 / State Road S-10-174. Drive 0.6 miles. Restaurant is on the left.

This place has incredible barbecue and fabulous local seafood. For the vegetarians, there are salads as well as local vegetables, mac and cheese, grits, and cole slaw.

**capt'n jimmy bell's**

4398 hwy 174 hollywood sc 29449

843.889.0044

wednesday-saturday 5-9pm

starters

starters are served with captain's wafers or sauce for dipping.

- essie's fish stew cup \$3.50  
or bowl \$5.00
- allston's shrimp paste \$5.50
- linda's crab dip \$6.50
- fried calamari \$6.00
- fried clam strips \$6.00

sandwiches

sandwiches are served with fries and fixins.

- fried oyster po boy \$9.99
- fried fish po boy \$8.99
- crab cake po boy \$9.99
- captain's burger \$8.99

seafood

seafood platters come with slaw, hushpuppies, choice of geechie boy grits or fries.

Add a house salad loaded with veggies from King's market for \$2.99.

dressings on the side: honey mustard, ranch, 1000 island, and balsamic.

seafood platter options: grilled or fried shrimp, flounder, oysters, scallops, or crab cakes.

Pick one for \$14.00

pick two for \$18.00

pick three for \$21.00

Pick four for \$23.00

hungry as the captain and want all five options??? \$26.00

Ask about tonight's BBQ pit selections- posted as you walk in. They change daily so be sure to take a look!

kiddos

baskets come with fries or a cup of fruit.

- shrimp basket \$8.99
- chicken tender basket \$6.99
- corn dog basket \$5.99
- mac & cheese basket \$5.99

drinks

sodas: coke, diet coke, sprite, pibb extra.

\$1.99

tea: sweet or unsweet \$1.75

coffee: caff or decaff \$1.50

\*all you can drink soda, tea, and coffee\*

Please ask to see a beer and wine menu.

ask your server about our dessert specials made from scratch daily!

our water systems and ro system were installed and are serviced by anderson well co.

843.693.5980

We proudly serve east coast seafood and only Captain Jimmy's Edisto shrimp!

No changes or substitutions please. Thanks in advance for your patience. All of our food is made to order and prepared like it is at home.

**Brasstown Creek Heritage Preserve  
Oconee Co., SC  
August 22, 2015**

This list was produced by SCAN from sightings produced by SCAN members and is subject to revision as needed. An asterisk (\*) indicates a new sighting for SCAN. Send any changes or corrections to Jan Ciegler at [jciegler@sc.rr.com](mailto:jciegler@sc.rr.com). Please indicate exactly to which flora/fauna list you are referring. Thank you.

**FLORA**

<b>Common Running-cedar</b> <i>Diphasiastrum digitatum</i>	<b>False Solomon's-seal</b> <i>Maianthemum racemosum</i> <i>racemosum</i>	<b>American Beech</b> <i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	<b>Smooth Hydrangea</b> <i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>
<b>Southern Grapefern</b> <i>Sceptridium biternatum</i>	<b>Solomon's-seal</b> <i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	<b>White Oak</b> <i>Quercus alba</i>	<b>American Alumroot</b> <i>Heuchera americana</i>
<b>Northern Maidenhair Fern</b> <i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	<b>Catbrier</b> <i>Smilax bona-nox</i>	<b>Water Oak</b> <i>Quercus nigra</i>	<b>Downy Serviceberry</b> <i>Amelanchier arborea</i>
<b>Broad Beech Fern</b> <i>Phegopteris hexagonoptera</i>	<b>Whiteleaf Greenbrier</b> <i>Smilax glauca</i>	<b>Willow Oak</b> <i>Quercus phellos</i>	<b>Black Cherry</b> <i>Prunus serotina serotina</i>
<b>Southern Lady Fern</b> <i>Athyrium asplenoides</i>	<b>Common Greenbrier</b> <i>Smilax rotundifolia</i>	<b>Red Oak</b> <i>Quercus rubra</i>	<b>Bradford Pear</b> <i>Pyrus calleryana</i>
<b>Christmas Fern</b> <i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	<b>Jackson-brier</b> <i>Smilax smallii</i>	<b>Tag Alder</b> <i>Alnus serrulata</i>	<b>Blackberry</b> <i>Rubus</i> sp.
<b>Eastern White Pine</b> <i>Pinus strobus</i>	<b>Cinnamon Vine</b> <i>Dioscorea polystachya</i>	<b>River Birch</b> <i>Betula nigra</i>	<b>Lobed Barren Strawberry</b> <i>Waldsteinia lobata</i>
<b>Virginia Pine</b> <i>Pinus virginiana</i>	<b>Downy Rattlesnake-orchid</b> <i>Goodyera pubescens</i>	<b>American Hornbeam</b> <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	<b>Mimosa</b> <i>Albizia julibrissin</i>
<b>Eastern Hemlock</b> <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	<b>Tulip-tree</b> <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	<b>Common Pokeweed</b> <i>Phytolacca americana</i>	<b>Tall Indigo-bush</b> <i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>
<b>Common Dayflower</b> <i>Commelina communis</i> <i>communis</i>	<b>Common Pawpaw</b> <i>Asimina triloba</i>	<b>Jumpseed</b> <i>Persicaria virginiana</i>	<b>Hog-peanut</b> <i>Amphicarpaea bracteata</i>
<b>Tall Nutrush</b> <i>Scleria triglomerata</i>	<b>Sweet-shrub</b> <i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	<b>St. Andrew's Cross</b> <i>Hypericum hypericoides</i>	<b>Common Groundnut</b> <i>Apios americana</i>
<b>Giant Cane</b> <i>Arundinaria gigantea</i>	<b>Spicebush</b> <i>Lindera benzoin</i>	<b>Mountain Basswood</b> <i>Tilia americana</i> <i>heterophylla</i>	<b>Spurred Butterfly Pea</b> <i>Centrosema virginianum</i>
<b>River Oats</b> <i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	<b>Sassafras</b> <i>Sassafras albidum</i>	<b>Yellow Passionflower</b> <i>Passiflora lutea lutea</i>	<b>Eastern Redbud</b> <i>Cercis canadensis</i> <i>canadensis</i>
<b>Slender Spikegrass</b> <i>Chasmanthium laxum</i>	<b>Virginia Snakeroot</b> <i>Endodeca serpentaria</i>	<b>Spotted Wintergreen</b> <i>Chimaphila maculata</i>	<b>Common Partridge-pea</b> <i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i> <i>fasciculata</i>
<b>Longleaf Spikegrass</b> <i>Chasmanthium sessiliflorum</i>	<b>Yellowroot</b> <i>Xanthorhiza simplicissima</i>	<b>Mountain Laurel</b> <i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	<b>Common Sensitive-plant</b> <i>Chamaecrista nictitans</i> <i>nictitans</i>
<b>Wild-rye</b> <i>Elymus virginicus</i>	<b>Sycamore</b> <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> <i>occidentalis</i>	<b>Mountain Doghobble</b> <i>Leucothoe fontanesiana</i>	<b>Naked Tick-trefoil</b> <i>Desmodium nudiflorum</i>
<b>Flexible Sasa-grass</b> <i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	<b>Sweet Gum</b> <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	<b>Sourwood</b> <i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	<b>Roundleaf Tick-trefoil</b> <i>Desmodium rotundifolium</i>
<b>Beaked Panic Grass</b> <i>Panicum anceps</i>	<b>Winged Elm</b> <i>Ulmus alata</i>	<b>Gorge Rhododendron</b> <i>Rhododendron minus</i>	<b>Sericea</b> <i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>
<b>Silver Plume Grass</b> * <i>Saccharum alopecuroides</i>	<b>Red Mulberry</b> <i>Morus rubra</i>	<b>Sparkleberry</b> <i>Vaccinium arboreum</i>	<b>Black Locust</b> <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>
	<b>False-nettle</b> <i>Boehmeria cylindrica</i>	<b>American Persimmon</b> <i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	<b>Pencil-flower</b> <i>Stylosanthes biflora</i>
	<b>Wood-nettle</b> <i>Laportea canadensis</i>	<b>Silverbell</b> <i>Halesia tetraptera</i>	<b>Alternate-leaf Seedbox</b> <i>Ludwigia alternifolia</i>
	<b>Bitternut Hickory</b> <i>Carya cordiformis</i>	<b>Horsesugar</b> <i>Symplocos tinctoria</i>	<b>Silky Dogwood</b> <i>Cornus amomum</i>
	<b>Pignut Hickory</b> <i>Carya glabra</i>	<b>Fraser's Loosestrife</b> * <i>Lysimachia fraseri</i>	<b>Flowering Dogwood</b> <i>Cornus florida</i>
	<b>Mockernut Hickory</b> <i>Carya tomentosa</i>	<b>Whorled Loosestrife</b> <i>Lysimachia quadrifolia</i>	<b>Blackgum</b> <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>
		<b>Climbing Hydrangea</b> <i>Decumaria barbara</i>	

**Hearts-a-burstin'-with-love***Euonymus americanus***American Holly***Ilex opaca opaca***Virginia Copperleaf**\* *Acalypha virginica***Eastern Flowering Spurge***Euphorbia corollata***Virginia-creeper***Parthenocissus quinquefolia***Muscadine***Vitis rotundifolia**rotundifolia***Red Maple***Acer rubrum***Painted Buckeye***Aesculus sylvatica***Eastern Poison Ivy***Toxicodendron radicans**radicans***Spotted Touch-me-not***Impatiens capensis***Devil's-walking-stick***Aralia spinosa***English Ivy***Hedera helix helix***Sanicle***Sanicula canadensis***Common Marsh-pink***Sabatia angularis***White Milkweed***Asclepias variegata***Spinypod***Matelea* sp.**Allegheny Monkey-flower***Mimulus ringens ringens***Self-heal***Prunella vulgaris***Mountain-mint***Pycnanthemum* sp.**Hedge-hyssop***Gratiola* sp.**Green Ash***Fraxinus pennsylvanica***Chinese Privet***Ligustrum sinense***Appalachian Oak-leach***Aureolaria laevigata***Carolina Wild-petunia***Ruellia caroliniensis***Cross-vine***Bignonia capreolata***Trumpet-creeper***Campsis radicans***Cardinal Flower***Lobelia cardinalis***Indian-tobacco***Lobelia inflata***Buttonbush***Cephalanthus occidentalis***Poorjoe***Diodia teres***Partridge-berry***Mitchella repens***Japanese Honeysuckle***Lonicera japonica***Common Elderberry***Sambucus canadensis***Plantain Pussytoes***Antennaria plantaginifolia***Pale Indian-plantain***Arnoglossum atriplicifolium***Common Horseweed***Conyza canadensis**canadensis***Longstalk Coreopsis***Coreopsis lanceolata***Coreopsis***Coreopsis major***Leafy Elephant's-foot***Elephantopus carolinianus***Elephant's-foot***Elephantopus tomentosus***Robin's-plantain***Erigeron pulchellus**pulchellus***Boneset***Eupatorium perfoliatum***Hollow-stem Joe-pye-weed***Eutrochium fistulosum***Purple-node Joe-pye-weed***Eutrochium purpureum**purpureum***Appalachian Sunflower***Helianthus atrorubens***Small-headed Sunflower***Helianthus microcephalus***Beaked Hawkweed***Hieracium gronovii***Tall Blue Lettuce***Lactuca biennis***American Wild Lettuce***Lactuca canadensis***Grass-leaved Golden Aster***Pityopsis adenolepis**Pityopsis graminifolia**latifolia***Rattlesnake-root***Prenanthes* sp.**Cutleaf Coneflower***Rudbeckia laciniata***Rosinweed***Silphium* sp.**Bearsfoot***Smallanthus uvedalius***Goldenrod***Solidago* sp.**Frostweed***Verbesina virginica***Common Frostweed***Verbesina virginica**virginica***Ironweed***Vernonia noveboracensis***Cinnabar-red Chanterelle***Cantharellus cinnabarinus***American Caesar's****Mushroom***Amanita caesarea***Bolete***Boletus* sp.**FAUNA****Annual Cicada***Tibicen* sp.**Common Eastern Velvet-ant***Dasymutilla occidentalis**occidentalis***Bumblebee***Bombus impatiens***Slaty Skimmer***Libellula incesta***Powdered Dancer (damsel fly)***Argia moesta***Woodland Ground Beetle***Pterostichus acutipes**acutipes***Hercules Beetle (fragment)***Dynastes tityus***Bark-gnawing Beetle***Temnoscheila virescens***Flower Weevil***Glyptobaris lecontei***Eastern Tiger Swallowtail***Papilio glaucus***Spicebush Swallowtail***Papilio troilus***Cloudless Sulphur***Phoebis sennae eubule***Red-banded Hairstreak***Calycopis cecrops***Eastern Tailed-blue***Cupito comyntas***Summer Azure***Celastrina neglecta***Red-spotted Purple****(butterfly)***Limenitis arthemis astyanax***Hackberry Emperor****(butterfly)***Asterocampa celtis***Carolina Satyr (butterfly)***Hermeuptychia sosybius***Hoary Edge (skipper)***Achalarus lyciades***Lace-winged Roadside****Skipper***Amblyscirtes aesculapius***Luna Moth (fragment)***Actias luna***American Toad***Anaxyrus americanus***Green Anole***Anolis carolinensis***Copperhead***Agkistrodon contortrix***Double-crested Cormorant***Phalacrocorax auritus***Broad-winged Hawk***Buteo platypterus***Red-bellied Woodpecker***Melanerpes carolinus***Pileated Woodpecker***Dryocopus pileatus***Blue Jay***Cyanocitta cristata***American Crow***Corvus brachyrhynchos***Tufted Titmouse***Baeolophus bicolor***Carolina Wren***Thryothorus ludovicianus***Northern Parula***Parula americana***Northern Cardinal***Cardinalis cardinalis***American Goldfinch***Carduelis tristis***Gray Squirrel***Sciurus carolinensis*