

# Article Stem Anatomical Variation Of Genus Gyrinops (*Thymelaeaceae*) In Sulawesi

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**Abstract.** The purpose of this study was to determine the variation of the stem anatomical structure (i.e. cortex: sclerenchyma, phloem; xylem: trachea, rays, interxylary phloem and wood parenchyma; and pith) of Gyrinops (Thymelaeaceae) in Sulawesi. The method of this research was descriptive exploration. Stem agarwood sample came from several regions areas of Sulawesi which were collected by Agarwood Research Center Laboratory, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Mataram. The slide methods were used fresh slides. The results of this research showed there were 1 species of Gyrinops decipiens and 3 species of Gyrinops sp., with various anatomical characters in G. decipiens and Gyrinops sp. in terms of the position, diameter and percentage of pith thickness; cortical sclerenchyma pattern and arrangement of wood parenchyma. There were also variations in cortical thickness; diameter, frequency and arrangement of trachea; frequency of rays; diameter, and interxylary phloem frequency; pith diameter; and the position of Ca-Oxalate in Gyrinops sp. 3 with Gyrinops sp. 1 and 2, while Gyrinops sp. 2 with Gyrinops sp. 1 there were found 5 variations such as the diameter, frequency and arrangement of trachea; arrangement of rays and interxylary phloem length.

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# 1. Introduction

Agarwood with aroma typical used the community in the Middle East as a fragrance material because it has a high aromatic levels of resin and distinctive. In China, Agarwood is utilized as abdominal pain medication, kidney disorders, hepatitis, asthma, cancer, tumors, and stress [1]. Agarwood products of both genera are *Gyrinops* and *Aquilaria* considered endangered, so in the logging and trade should be regulated and restricted [2].

Research on wood stem agarwood can be done based on its anatomic characteristic to help identify the agarwood according to the type of agarwood trees especially those originating from Sulawesi, so it can be used as a key character to classification based on anatomical evidence. Agarwood tree from genus *Gyrinops* Thymelaeaceae is found in Sulawesi, one of which is *G. decipiens* that live at an altitude of 400-800 m, which is scattered in west, central and South Sulawesi [3,4]. *Gyrinops decipiens* is found in Kulawi village, Tuwulu, Ulu Karosa river, Jerman wall and mount Lengke around lake Towuti, Wavatoli, Pararahi in Central Sulawesi, and on mount Luwu Utara in South Sulawesi [3,4].



Figure 1. Google Map of Kulawi, Tuwulu, Central Sulawesi.

Research on the anatomy of agarwood tree producing mainly genus *Gyrinops* that have character with the presence of included or interxylary phloem type foraminate which is the cells that are nearby which is the cell sheath and parenchyma is a distinguishing character with other genera. Included phloem (interxylary phloem) forms a fusiform arrangement that surrounds the very prominent sclerenchyma cells. Interxylary phloem in the trunk of a *G. versteegii* trees are scattered in xylem, one of its functions as a distributor of food juices throughout the wooden tissues. Some agarwood trees have different character traits on his anatomy one of them on *Aquilaria* and *Gyrinops*. *Aquilaria malaccensis* has a moderate diameter, 100-200  $\mu$ m, with a frequency less than 10 per mm, and with a radial double vessel 2-4 cells. *Gyrinops versteegii* has a slightly smaller diameter vessel, averaging less than 100  $\mu$ m, with frequency is more than 10 per mm and with a radial double vessel 2-6 cells [5]. The purpose of the study is to determine the variation of the anatomical structure of the trunk (cortex parenchym, periderm, cortex sclerenchyma, trachea, rays, interxylary phloem, and pith) of the genus *Gyrinops* (Thymelaeaceae) in Sulawesi.

#### 2. Materials and Methods

This research is descriptive exploration and conducted in the Agarwood Research Center Laboratory, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Mataram. Samples of Agarwood tree trunk genus *Gyrinops* used are specimens from Sulawesi, among others: (1) TM-MI 393 Rambu, South Kanowe, Kendari; (2) TM-MI 394 Rambu, South Kanowe, Kendari; (3) TM-MI 402 Petambua, Radda, North Luwu, North Sulawesi; (4) TM-MI 403 Maipi, Lero Sabang, North Luwu; (5) TM-MI 408 Timoro, Tabulahan, Mamasa; (6) TM-MI 405 Salubulung, Tabulahan, Mamasa.

Preparation of a cross section of Agarwood tree organ to use fresh method. The fresh method begins with a slicing the stem cross-section as thin as possible, the stem slicing's were placed on an object glass and stained with solution 1% phloroglucinol (alcohol 95%) was allowed for 5 minutes, then dropped solution 18% HCl (aq.) was allowed for 5 minutes until the specimen changes color to slightly reddish, then the solution is removed and, than covered with solution 18% HCl (aq.). Xylem, sclerenchyma and sclereid will be stained pink-red [6].

The collected data is analyzed in the description analysis. Characteristics of the observed parameters were the thickness of the cortex, xylem and pith; the shape of the sclerenchyma; diameter of the phloem, trachea, interxylary phloem and pith; the frequency of trachea, rays and interxylary phloem, the arrangement of the trachea, rays and wood parenchyma; interxylary phloem length, interxylary phloem form; the position of pith; the position and form of Ca-oxalate [1,5,7,8,9]. For measuring the shape of a cell character such as the thickness of the cortex, xylem, pith and interxylary phloem; diameter of phloem, trachea, interxylary phloem and pith; As well as long interxylary phloem using the application Image J software. The Data of the analysis results were presented in the form table, description and image.

### 3. Results and Discussion

Research results of the stem anatomical genus Gyrinops in Sulawesi were showed that the distribution of species genus Gyrinops in Sulawesi was as follows; G. decipiens was located in Konawe, Kendari Southeast Sulawesi; Gyrinops sp. 1a, and Gyrinops sp. 3, in North Luwu, South Sulawesi; Gyrinops sp. 1b, in Mamasa; Gyrinops sp. 2, in Mamasa, West Sulawesi. The anatomical structure of Gyrinops (Thymelaeaceae) in Sulawesi were examined, suggesting that the genus Gyrinops species were composed of three large tissues consisting pith, cortex and xylem.

#### 3.1 Pith

The position of pith in some species of genus *Gyrinops* affects the thickness and diameter of the pith, where the position of the pith of the affected *Gyrinops* species was divided into two namely those located in the central and peripheral parts. The pith position of *G. decipiens* was in the central part and on four species of *Gyrinops* sp. The other was located in the peripheral parts (Fig. 2). The pith network was generally located in the center of the trunk, the position of the pith was influenced by the direction of light, and for the tree *G. versteegii* pith was located in an eccentric[10]. With these different pith positions affects the percentage of thickness and diameter of the pith.

The position of the pith in the central section of *G. decipiens* causes a percentage of the thickness of the pith to be greater than that of the *Gyrinops* sp., in a species that has the largest percentage of pith thickness found in *G. decipiens* 2 for  $56.82\% \pm 2.94$  (table 1). In all three species of *Gyrinops* sp. with the position of pith was in the peripheral have a percentage of the thickness of the pith was smaller than that of *G. decipiens*, which was the lowest thickness of the pith in *Gyrinops* sp. 1 of

33.59%  $\pm$  2.86. According to Mulyaningsih [10] The pith tissue was not significantly influenced by the difference in light intensity but it was influenced by the direction of light. The position of the pith in the central section of *G. decipiens* affects the diameter of the pith cell. The species *G. decipiens* has a diameter of the pith cell at greater than that of the other four species of *Gyrinops* sp. The largest diameter of the pith was in *G. decipiens* 1 of 157.72 µm  $\pm$  13.68 and the lowest diameter of pith was in *Gyrinops* sp. 1, i.e. 104.88 µm  $\pm$  15.39 (table 1).



Figure 2. The cross section of the stem of the genus *Gyrinops* in Sulawesi. Note: (a) *G. decipiens*, (b) *Gyrinops* sp. 1, (c) *Gyrinops* sp. 2, (d) *Gyrinops* sp. 3, (cx) cortex, (xy) xylem, (pt) pith

A comparison of the percentage thickness of the cortex, xylem and pith in each species has a variation, with the percentage of the thickness of the largest cortex in *G. decipiens* 1 which is 29.17%  $\pm$  2.21 with thickness ratio in the cortex: xylem: pith (29.17%: 19.48%: 51.35%), while for the smallest cortex thickness found in *G. decipiens* 2 was 20.24%  $\pm$  1.37 with a ratio of cortex: xylem: pith (20.24%: 22.95%: 56.82%). For the largest percentage of xylem thickness is in *Gyrinops* sp. 1,

which was  $40.8\% \pm 2.02$  with percentage comparison thickness of cortex: xylem: pith (25.61%: 40.8%: 33.59%). *Gyrinops* species with the smallest percentage of xylem thickness was found in *G*. decipiens 1 19.48%  $\pm$  1.48 with a percentage comparison thickness of the cortex: xylem: pith (29.17%: 19.48%: 51.35%) (Table 1).

#### 3.2 Cortex

Based on the results of the study showed that from the stem species of the genus *Gyrinops*, the observed cortex tissue has variations on the sclerenchyma and phloem. The results of the study showed that the sclerenchyma forming the trapezoidal buildings were found in *G. decipiens*. Meanwhile, *Gyrinops* sp. 1, 1b, 2, and 3 have cone-shaped sclerenchyma, on the edge cover of the sclerenchyma there is a sclereida. It is similar to the research results Mulyaningsih [10], that in *G. versteegii* has a cone-shaped sclerenchyma pattern, but at the end of the sclerenchyma was not found sclereida.

Variations of the phloem tissue of some species of *Gyrinops* are found, there was a variation on the diameter of the phloem, with the largest phloem diameter of *G. decipiens* of 67.83  $\mu$ m ± 17.28 and the smallest diameter found in *Gyrinops* sp. 1 with a diameter of 58.54  $\mu$ m ± 9.84. The thickness of phloem in *A. malacensis* with treatment on a spacious capacity of 100% have a layer thickness of phloem 145.80  $\mu$ m ± 4.66, so the size of the thickness is 2-3 times wider than the thickness In the genus *Gyrinops* [11].

#### 3.3 Xylem

Based on the results of the research on the xylem network, indicating the variation in diameter, frequency and arrangement of trachea; arrangement and frequency of rays; thickness, length, frequency and form of interxylary phloem; and arrangement of wood parenchyma. The largest trachea diameter in G. decipiens 2 was 211.18  $\mu$ m ± 36.95 and the smallest in Gyrinops sp. 2 is 141.64  $\mu m \pm 19.80$  (table 1). The measurement results of this diameter, has a range similar to the research results Mandang & Wiyono [5] trachea diameter for A. malacensis up to 190 µm with an average of 141  $\pm$  37 µm and tracheal diameter at G. versteegii up to 131 µm with an average of 89  $\pm$  5 µm. Similarly to the research results Andianto [7], the diameter of the trachea has the same range that is for G. cumingiana 116-144 um. This difference was suspected because of the sampling of wooden rods at the age and location of the different position on the tree as well as the location of the growing place [7]. Based on Wheeler [9], trachea wood diameter is included in the group of  $50 - 100 \,\mu\text{m}$ . Xylem tissues arrangement that has thicker cell walls produces a fragrant resin in the cells that form aromatic resin liquid then gathered and compacted on one side of the wall in the cell, more brown in color known as the Agarwood. The thicker the line that is formed increasingly heavier and thicker is produced [12]. Based on the results of the research Gyrinops found in Sulawesi has a small trachea cells so it belongs to the wood of a solid half, and different from the *Gyrinops* that exist in the NTB by having a large and more porous tracheal cells.

The highest tracheal per mm2 frequency was the *Gyrinops* sp. 3 of  $39.7 \pm 8.33$  and the lowest in *G. decipiens* with a frequency of  $16.7 \pm 3.56$ . According to Metcalfe and Chalk [13], species of Thymelaeaceae has a frequency characteristic of vessels ranging from 4-15 per mm<sup>2</sup>. The genus *Gyrinops* which is a member of the Thymelaeaceae, has a frequency of 5-20 pores per mm<sup>2</sup> square [9], and in Andianto's reasearch [7] of tracheal frequency at *G. cumingiana* as much as 14 pores per mm2 and at *G. versteegii* as much as 19 per mm2, while the Mandang & Wiyono [5] has an 18 tracheal frequency per mm<sup>2</sup>. *G. versteegii* had an average tracheal frequency of 14 per mm<sup>2</sup>, a maximum of 37 pores per mm<sup>2</sup>, the results obtained in the study were almost identical to that range, especially in *G. decipiens*, but in *Gyrinops* sp. 3 exceededhe trachea frequency range [14].

The observation of the stem tracheal arrangement of the genus *Gyrinops* in Sulawesi (Table 1), has a varied arrangement of solitary, cluster and series. Variations found in the tracheal arrangement were lined up, with the highest-lined tracheal arrangement with a total of 2-7 cells/seriates in *G. decipiens* and *Gyrinops* sp. 2 and the lowest in *Gyrinops* sp. 3 with a total of 2-3 cells/seriat. In Mulyaningsih's & Sumarjan research [15], the trachea cells of *G. versteegii* form a series, a cluster or a solitary (singular). In a series usually composed 2-4 trachea cells were rarely composed of 5 cells, the same as in the form of clusters. According to Mandang and Wiyono [5], the type *A. malacensis* shows 2-3 (-4) cells while in the research results of Andianto [7] *A. malacensis* has a tracheal arrangement of 2 (-3-4) cells and in *Gyrinops* 2-3-4 (-8) cells. These differences are allegedly related with the process of cell growth in trees [14].



Figure 3. The in the stem cross section of the genus Gyrinops in Sulawesi. Note: (1) *G. decipiens* 1, (2) *Gyrinops* sp.1, (3) *Gyrinops* sp. 2, (4) *Gyrinops* sp. 3; (Ts) trapezoidal- shaped sclerenchyma pattern, (CS) cone-shaped sclerenchyma pattern, (Pr) periderm, (cp) cortex parenchyma, (Pm) secondary phloem, (sc) sclerenchyma, (tr) trachea, (wp) wood parenchyma, (r) rays, (IP) interxylary phloem, (FP) fiber pericycle

The rays of the study was found in several contexts, including the uniseriat, biseriat and triseriat. In *G. versteegii* radius arrangement was generally one series and rarely 2 series [14], on the anatomy research of agarwood earlier rays on *Gyrinops* usually have uniseriat arrangement [7,9,15,16,17,18]. Meanwhile, according to Mandang & Wiyono [5], *G. versteegii* has a rays 2 series,

in the results of this study, not only obtained the arrangement of the rays 1 or 2 series but in some species that have been examined in the rays to 3 Series. The cells form the rays against the rod axis and in the cells contain the stem-shaped Ca-oxalate crystals and the inclusion of globular (granules) [10]. However, in this study, Ca-oxalate crystals were found in the cortex parenchyma, phloem, Interxylary phloem and pith, not found Ca-oxalate crystals on the rays (Table 2).

The frequency at the rays per mm2 with the highest frequency on the *Gyrinops* sp. 3 with a frequency of  $10.2 \pm 1.62$  and the lowest in *Gyrinops* sp. 1 with a frequency of  $7.2 \pm 1.69$ . According to Asdar [14], *G. versteegii* have an average frequency of  $8.4 \pm 3$  per mm2, while in the research Andianto (2010) *G. versteegii* has a frequency of 5 per mm2 and in Gyrinops, it has a frequency of 7 per mm2.

Interxylary phloem thickness of the species of the genus *Gyrinops* is the highest in the *Gyrinops* sp. 1 with 291.08  $\mu$ m ± 69.44 and the lowest with a thickness of 127.93  $\mu$ m ± 50.32 on *G. decipiens* 2, the result was almost identical to the results of the research [19,20], the thickness of interxylary phloem on *Aquilaria sinensis* with a radial attachment having a thickness of interxylary phloem 139  $\mu$ m ± 21 $\mu$ m, whereas the thickness of the interxylary phloem on a species that was not a producer of agarwood such as *Strychnos bredemeyeri* has a thinner thickness of 32-37  $\mu$ m (35  $\mu$ m ± 1.82) [21]. Interxylary phloem one of its functions as a transports food to the entire tissue of wood, so the formation of agarwood starts from the inside, Interxylary phloem then radiating to the rays, then filling the trachea (xylem), and then filling the other parts of the cells [15]. The existence of Interxylary phloem, causing agarwood trees will be very responsive to the need in the body by forming a new tissue to cover the wound.

The largest length of interxylary phloem with a measurement result of  $2553.34 \pm 525.85$  on *Gyrinops* sp. 2 and the smallest in *G. decipiens* 2 with a length of  $354.97 \ \mu m \pm 78.77$  (Table 1), for long interxylary phloem on *Strychnos bredemeyeri* of 426  $\mu$ m-514  $\mu$ m (468  $\mu$ m  $\pm$  9.69) [21]. The highest phloem interxylary frequency on *Gyrinops* sp. 3 has a frequency of 61 per circle rod and the lowest *at G. decipiens* 1 with a frequency of 13 per circular rod. Formation of on the tissue of aloes wood is done by an organelles contained in the tissue interxylary phloem and radius called Globula [22].

The Interxylary phloem form of the species *G. decipiens* and *Gyrinops* sp. has forms including oblongate, lanset, elliptical and linear, some species have the same interxylary phloem form on *G. decipiens* 1 and 2, on *Gyrinops* sp. 1 and 2 equally have oblong, linear and elliptical shapes, as well as different shapes on *Gyrinops* sp. 1 with oblong shape, lancet and while on *Gyrinops* sp.3 has interxylary phloem with oblong shape, linear and lancet (table 1, figure 2). In the natural, agarwood is found in interxylary phloem among of them in *A. Agallocha.* [13,17,23,24]. According to Mulyaningsih, et al., [10] and Lou et al., [20], interxylary phloem is scattered in the network of xylem forming the units of the islands. One island is composed of a bunch of reed cells and parenchyma phloem that surround a set of silk fibers (sclerenchyma cells). Inside the parenchyred cells phloem and sieve tube contain the crystals of the Ca-oxalate stem and inclusion form globular. The number of islands Interxylary phloem depends on the thick layer of the xylem coating. The thicker the xylem layer then the number of rows of interxylary phloem Islands will be more and more.

The arrangement of wood parenchyma from the results showed that at *G. decipiens* has the lowest wood parenchyma arrangement of 1-5 lines and the most wooden parenchyma arrangement with the order of 1-9 lines i.e. in *Gyrinops* sp. 1. Some species of genus *Gyrinops* are *Gyrinops* sp. 2 and 3 with an order of 1-6 lines, then on *Gyrinops* sp. 1 have a wooden parenchyma arrangement as much as 1-7 lines. Parenchyma tissue and tracheid parallel series with the rays cells [10]. The area of infected wood tissues influence the formation of agarwood formed on bark. The wider the wood

No	Characteristic of Tissue	G. decipiens	Gyrinops sp. 1	Gyrinops sp. 2	Gyrinops sp. 3
1	Pith position	Central	Perifer	Perifer	Perifer
2	Pith diameter (µm)	155,11 ±10,87	$163,46 \pm 16,37$	$112,08 \pm 13,06$	$133,58 \pm 29,22$
3	Cortex thickness (%)	$39,29 \pm 1,79$	$27,17 \pm 0,86$	$27,06 \pm 2,41$	$21,4 \pm 0,88$
4	Xylem thickness (%)	$21,21 \pm 1,8$	$34,04 \pm 2,8$	$38,87 \pm 1,53$	$34,68 \pm 1,75$
5	Pith thickness (%)	$54,08 \pm 1,88$	$38,77 \pm 3,42$	$34,06 \pm 1,71$	$43,92 \pm 1,04$
6	Sclerenchyma cortex pattern	Form a rectangular building	Form a conical building	Form a conical building	Form a conical building
7	Phloem Diameter (µm)	64,13 ± 15,86	$60,75 \pm 7,21$	$67,32 \pm 2,37$	$67,28 \pm 10,59$
8	Tracheal Diameter (µm)	$177,665 \pm 43,51$	$157,45 \pm 18,71$	$141,64 \pm 19,80$	$206,26 \pm 29,37$
9	Tracheal frequency (per mm <sup>2</sup> )	17,15 ± 3,43	$19,35 \pm 4,06$	22,3 ± 4,16	39,7 ± 8,33
10	Arrangement of trachea	Series (2-7 sel/ seriat), cluster dan solitary	Series (2-6 sel/ seriat), cluster dan solitary	Series (2-7 sel/ seriat), cluster dan solitary	Series (2-3 sel/ seriat), cluster dan solitary
11	Arrangement of rays	Uniseriat & biseriat	Uniseriat, biseriat & triseriat	Uniseriat	Uniseriat & biseriat
12	Rays frequency (per mm <sup>2</sup> )	$9,05 \pm 2,51$	$8,2 \pm 1,58$	$9,4 \pm 1,51$	$10,2 \pm 1,62$
13	Interxylary phloem diameter (µm)	$195,12 \pm 30,8$	285,28 ± 54,71	274,89 ± 23,06	$164,15 \pm 63,81$
14	Interxylary phloem lenght (µm)	711,74 ± 186,47	$1084,1 \pm 115,17$	2553,34 ± 525,85	850,74 ±328,41
15	Interxylary phloem frequency (per batang lingkaran)	17	39	34	61
16	Interxylary phloem form	Oblong, linier & elips	Oblong, linier & elips	Oblong, linier & elips	Oblong, linier & lanset
17	Arrangement of wood parenchyma.	1-5 row	1-9 row	1- 6 row	1-6 row

tissue is infected the larger the volume of the captured timber tissue, indicating the extention of the formation of spot-spot mastic on a wood tissue that has been inoculated [25]. **Table 1.** Stem anatomical features *Gyrinops* spp. (Thymelaeaceae) in Sulawesi

# 3.4 Crystal Ca-oxalate

The Ca-oxalate crystal position of the species Gyrinops that has been researched lies in the cortex parenchyma, the cortex phloem (secondary phloem), interxylary phloem and in the pith parenchyma with various shapes among which are the shape of the rod-shaped (styloid), druses, elongate and prism. Ca-oxalate in G. decipiens is found in the cortex parenchyma and the cortex phloem with the form of rods (styloid) and elongate and in the pith parenchyma there are Caoxalate form of rod-shape (styloid), elongate and druses. In the Gyrinops sp. 1, is found Ca-oxalate with a rod-shape (styloid), elongates and prisms located in the cortex parenchyma and elongate shape, prism and druses in the cortex phloem (secondary phloem), whereas in the pith parenchyma are found Ca-Oxalate with the form of a rod shape (styloid), elongate, prism and druses. Ca-oxalate on Gyrinops sp. 2, are found the rod-shaped (styloid), prism, elongate and druses located in the cortex parenchyma, and in the pith parenchyma are found the form of druses and prism. Whereas on *Gyrinops* sp. 3, is found Ca-oxalate shape (styloid) in the cortex parenchyma, druses and elongate forms in the secondary phloem, and in interxylary phloem is found elongate Ca-oxalate and in the pith parenchyma are found a form of prism Ca-oxalate. Mandang & Wiyono [5] showed that in some species stem agarwood such as A. malaccensis and G. versteegii produce mineral inclusion Ca-Oxalate crystal-shaped prism, on A.malaccensis Ca-Oxalate crystal-shaped prisms found in the rays and on the G. versteegii is found in the wooden parenchyma (paratrakea and apotrakea), whereas for

*G. versteegii* Ca-oxalate are found in the cortex parenchyma and sieve tube and in the pith parenchyma with the rod-shaped Ca-Oxalate [10].

No	Characteristic	G. decipiens	Gyrinops sp. 1	Gyrinops sp. 2	Gyrinops sp. 3
1	Position	Cortical parenchyma, secondary phloem, and pith parenchyma	Cortical parenchyma, secondary phloem, and pith parenchyma	Cortical parenchyma and pith parenchyma	Cortical parenchyma, secondary phloem, <i>interxylary</i> <i>phloem</i> and pith parenchyma
2	Form	Styloid, elongate, druses	Styloid, elongate, druses, prism	styloid, elongate, druses, prism	styloid, elongate, druses, prism

Table 2. Ca-oxalate form on the stem tissue of Gyrinops spp. (Thymelaeaceaea) in Sulawesi

# 4. Conclusion

Based on the results of this research, it can be concluded that the are of this exploration in Sulawesi was found 1 species of *G. decipiens* and 3 species of *Gyrinops* sp., There are variation of anatomical characters in *G. decipiens* and *Gyrinops* sp. In the position, diameter and percentage thickness of the pith; sclerenchyma shape, and wood parenchyma arrangement. *Gyrinops* sp. 3, with *Gyrinops* sp. 1 and 2 there are variations in cortical thickness; diameter, frequency and arrangement of the trachea; frequency rays; the diameter and interxylary phloem frequency; diameter of pith; and the Ca-Oxalate position, while *Gyrinops* sp. 2 with *Gyrinops* sp. 1 there are variations in the diameter, frequency and arrangement of the trachea; arrangement of rays and interxylary phloem length.

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