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Crassoascoma is a monotypic genus in *Lentitheciaceae* (*Pleosporales*, *Dothideomycetes*). This genus was introduced by [Liu et al. \(2022\)](#) to accommodate *C. potentillae* which was collected from living and decaying branches of *Potentilla fruticosa* in Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, China. Phylogenetically, *Crassoascoma* has a close affiliation with *Darksidea*. *Crassoascoma* however, is distinct from *Darksidea* in its ascocarps and ascospore characteristics ([Liu et al. 2022](#)). Within *Lentitheciaceae* members, *Crassoascoma* morphologically resembles *Lentithecium* (i.e. *L. fluviale*) by its hyaline ascospores with large guttules ([Zhang et al. 2012](#)). However, their ascocarps are different, wherein *Crassoascoma* has globose ascocarps with setae around the ostioles, while *Lentithecium* has lenticular ascocarps without setae. *Crassoascoma* has similar morphology to *Amniculicola*, *Ligninsphaeria*, *Neomassarina* and *Vaginatispora* based on the ascocarps, ascii and ascospore features ([Wanasinghe et al. 2016](#), [Zhang et al. 2016](#), [Hongsanan et al. 2020](#)), but these genera are phylogenetically distant. No asexual morph was established.

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