

Lower Permian bryozoans from southern and central Spitsbergen, Svalbard

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Bryozoans from the Lower Permian Treskelodden and Wordiekammen formations of southern and central Spitsbergen

respectively, Svalbard, have been studied. Twenty species are identified, including one new genus, *Toulapora* gen. nov., with *Toulapora svalbardense* as type species and one new species, *Ascopora birkenmajeri* sp. nov. The taxonomic composition is typical Lower Permian, with species in common with Timan–Pechora and the Urals (Russia) and Ellesmere Island (the Canadian Arctic). Growth habits reflect a moderately to deeper shelf environment.

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