

Alluaudite

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Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group:* $2/m$. Crystals platy to fibrous, to 1 cm; usually radiating fibrous, in nodular aggregates; granular, massive. *Twinning:* Polysynthetic, with $\{1\bar{1}0\}$ as composition plane, seen in thin section.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* $\{010\}$, $\{110\}$, and $\{1\bar{1}0\}$, good. Hardness = 5–5.5
D(meas.) = 3.45 D(calc.) = 3.62

Optical Properties: Subtranslucent to opaque. *Color:* Dirty yellow to brownish yellow, grayish green; surficially dull greenish black, brownish black, black, when altered; yellow to yellow-green in transmitted light. *Streak:* Dirty yellow.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). *Pleochroism:* X = pale olive-green, straw-yellow to greenish yellow; Z = pale olive-greenish to brownish yellow. *Dispersion:* $r > v$, moderate, crossed. *Absorption:* $Z \gg X$. $\alpha = 1.782(5)$ $\beta = 1.802(2)$ $\gamma = 1.835(1)$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 79.2^\circ$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $C2/c$. $a = 12.004(2)$ $b = 12.533(4)$ $c = 6.404(1)$
 $\beta = 114^\circ 22(5)'$ $Z = 4$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Chanteloube, France.

2.73 (10), 6.36 (8), 3.51 (7), 2.74 (7), 3.08 (5), 5.52 (4), 2.53 (3)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	
P_2O_5	42.15	45.15	MnO	15.34	13.42	F	0.72
Al_2O_3		2.94	MgO	0.47	3.55	H_2O	3.55
Fe_2O_3	31.48	14.13	CaO	1.40	2.07	$-\text{O} = \text{F}_2$	0.30
Mn_2O_3	0.88		Li_2O	0.09		insol.	0.58
FeO		9.40	Na_2O	3.90	8.57	Total	99.84 99.65

(1) Buranga pegmatite, Rwanda; neglecting H_2O , corresponds to $(\text{Na}_{0.63}\text{Mn}_{0.19}\text{Ca}_{0.12}\text{Li}_{0.03})_{\Sigma=0.97}(\text{Mn}_{0.95}^{2+}\text{Mg}_{0.05})_{\Sigma=1.00}(\text{Fe}_{1.96}^{3+}\text{Mg}_{0.04})_{\Sigma=2.00}(\text{PO}_4)_3$. (2) Rapid Creek, Canada; by electron microprobe, $\text{Fe}^{2+}:\text{Fe}^{3+}$ from stoichiometry; corresponds to $(\text{Na}_{0.80}\text{Ca}_{0.18}\text{Fe}_{0.02}^{2+})_{\Sigma=1.00}\text{Na}_{0.50}(\text{Mn}_{0.89}^{2+}\text{Fe}_{0.11}^{2+})_{\Sigma=1.00}(\text{Fe}_{0.84}^{3+}\text{Fe}_{0.48}^{2+}\text{Mg}_{0.42}\text{Al}_{0.27})_{\Sigma=2.01}[(\text{PO}_4)_{2.96}\text{F}_{0.06}]_{\Sigma=3.02}$.

Polymorphism & Series: Forms a series with ferroalluaudite.

Mineral Group: Alluaudite group.

Occurrence: Very common in granite pegmatites, formed by sodium metasomatism of triphylite–lithiophilite, heterosite–purpurite, or ferrisicklerite; in phosphatic nodules in shales.

Association: Triphylite, arrojadite, satterlyite, wicksite, wolfeite, pyrite.

Distribution: Numerous occurrences: in the La Vilate quarry, near Chanteloube, Haute-Vienne, France. At Dolní Bory, near Velkého Mezíříčí, Czech Republic. From the Varuträsk pegmatite, Västerbotten, Sweden. In England, at the Tremearne pegmatite, Breage, Cornwall. From the G.E. Smith mine, near Newport, Sullivan Co., New Hampshire; at many localities in the Black Hills, Pennington and Custer Cos., South Dakota, USA. From Rapid Creek, Yukon Territory, Canada. At Sidi-Bou-Othmane, Morocco. From the Buranga pegmatite, near Gatumba, Rwanda. In Zimbabwe, at Mterikati, Miami. In Namibia, at the Tsaobismund pegmatite, 60 km south of Karibib.

Name: Honoring François Alluaud, mining engineer of Limoges, France, who discovered the species.

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