

**Wallkilldellite-(Fe)****Ca<sub>2</sub>Fe<sup>2+</sup><sub>3</sub>(AsO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub>•9H<sub>2</sub>O**

**Crystal Data:** Hexagonal. *Point Group:* 6/m 2/m 2/m,  $\bar{6}$  m2, or 6mm. As spherules, to 0.1 mm, consisting of extremely thin radiating plates, tabular on {0001}.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Perfect on {0001}. Hardness = 2-3 D(meas.) = 3.0(1) D(calc.) = 2.92(2) Soluble in HCl.

**Optical Properties:** Translucent. *Color:* Brown-yellow. *Streak:* Light brown. *Luster:* Vitreous on cleavage surfaces; slightly resinous on fracture surfaces.

*Optical Class:* Uniaxial (-). *Pleochroism:* Strong, *O* = brown; *E* = pale brown-yellow.  $\omega = 1.750$   $\varepsilon = \text{n.d.}$

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $P\bar{6}_3/mmc$ ,  $\bar{P}\bar{6}$  2c, or  $P6_3mc$ .  $a = 6.548(5)$   $c = 23.49(3)$   $Z = 1$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Roua mine, Alpes-Maritimes, France.  
11.600 (100), 5.670 (80), 3.275 (70), 1.641 (25), 2.760 (15), 2.850 (10), 2.547 (10)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	30.03	38.84
SiO <sub>2</sub>	1.27	
FeO	27.25	27.40
CuO	2.04	
CaO	13.68	14.63
H <sub>2</sub> O	[25.73]	[19.13]
Total	100.00	100.00

(1) Roua mine, Alpes-Maritimes, France; H<sub>2</sub>O by difference; corresponding to (Ca<sub>1.84</sub>Cu<sub>0.20</sub>)<sub>Σ=2.04</sub> Fe<sub>2.87</sub>(As<sub>1.98</sub>Si<sub>0.16</sub>)<sub>Σ=2.14</sub>O<sub>8.15</sub>(OH)<sub>4.08</sub>•8.76H<sub>2</sub>O. (2) Kura mine, Oita Prefecture, Japan; average electron microprobe analysis, H<sub>2</sub>O by difference; corresponding to Ca<sub>1.76</sub>Fe<sub>2.56</sub>(AsO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2.28</sub>(OH)<sub>1.82</sub>•6.23H<sub>2</sub>O.

**Occurrence:** Secondary in the oxidation zone of copper arsenide deposits.

**Association:** Cuprite, native copper and silver, algodonite, domeykite, koutekite, olivenite, kolfanite, janggunite, malachite (Roua mine); arsenopyrite, yukonite, symplectite, parasymplectite, scorodite, quartz (Kura mine).

**Distribution:** From the Roua mine, Alpes-Maritimes, France and the Uriya deposit, Kura mine, Saiki City, Oita Prefecture, Japan.

**Name:** The suffix, *Fe*, indicates the iron analog of *wallkilldellite*.

**Type Material:** Natural History Museum, Geneva, Switzerland.

**References:** (1) Sharp, H., G. Mari, and P.J. Chiappero (1999) Wallkilldellite-Fe, (Ca,Cu)<sub>4</sub>Fe<sub>6</sub>[(As,Si)O<sub>4</sub>]<sub>4</sub>(OH)<sub>8</sub>•18H<sub>2</sub>O, a new mineral from the Rivière Scientifique, 12, 5-12. (2) (2001) Amer. Mineral., 86, 198 (abs. ref. 1). (3) Enju, S. and S. Uehara (2015) Yukonite and wallkilldellite-(Fe) from the Kiura mine, Oita Prefecture, Japan. J. Mineral. and Petro. Sci., 110, 150-155.