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**Abstract.** An historical account of the smut genus *Vankya* and its type species, *V. ornithogali*, is given. It is apparent that *V. ornithogali* does not infect *Ornithogalum*, only species of *Gagea*, and that the genus *Vankya* is restricted to host plants in the *Liliaceae* s.str. It is shown for the first time that there are sterile cells between the spores of species of *Vankya*. Detailed descriptions of *Vankya* and its three species, including the new *V. lloydiae* on *Lloydia triflora*, are provided as well as synonyms, host plant ranges, geographic distributions and a key to the species. A lectotype is designated for *Ustilago heufleri*.

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