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Software and code

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Data collection	No software for data collection was used.
Data analysis	<p>The software and tools used in this study are as follows:</p> <p>Core Hunter (v3), hifiasm (v0.16.1), QUAST (v5.0.2), Merqury (v1.3), BUSCO (v5.3.1) with embryophyta_odb10 database for <i>Ae. tauschii</i> and bread wheat accession CWI 86942 primary assemblies, LJA assembler (v0.2), Juicer (v1.6), 3D-DNA (v190716), Juicebox (v2.20.00), RagTag (v2.1.0), MashMap (v3.0.6), QUAST (v5.0.2), BUSCO (v5.3.1), Trimmomatic (v0.38) for Illumina reads, Trimmomatic (v0.40) for RNAseq reads, STAR (v2.7.10b), samtools (v1.8) and (v1.10.0), Braker (v3.0.3), Busco (v5.4.7) with poales_odb10.2019-11-20 database for three <i>Ae. tauschii</i> genome annotations, BLAST+ (v2.9.0-2) and BLAST+(v2.12.0), AGAT (v1.2.1), R (v4.2.0), RStudio (v1db809b8, 2022-05-16) InterProScan (v5.64-96.0), RepeatMasker (v4.1.2-pl) for annotation of <i>Ae. tauschii</i> genomes, InterProScan (v5.55-88.09) for bread wheat accession CWI 86942, liftoff (v1.6.1) and (v1.6.3), gffread (v0.11.7), DIAMOND (v2.1.8), BWA mem (v0.7.17), Bcftools mpileup (v1.9), vcftools (v0.1.16), vcfkit (v0.1.6), pbsv (v2.9.0).</p> <p>Other software utilized to analyse the data are: Python (v3.8), SciPy library (v1.8.0), seaborn Python library (v0.11.2), pbmm2 (v1.10.0), RunAssociation_GLM.py (https://github.com/wheatgenetics/owwc/tree/master/kGWAS), BLAST+ (v2.12.0), MEGA (v11), MapDisto (v2.0), MapChart (v2.32), siFi21-1.2.3-0008, Jellyfish (v 2.3.0), comm bash command, KMC (v3.1.2), IBSpy (v0.4.6), Persephone® Web 0.82 genome browser, QGIS (v3.32.3), OrthoFinder (v2.5.4)</p> <p>R packages used in this study are as follows: ggplot2 (v3.4.2), karyoploteR (v1.20.3), LEA (v3.10.2) package</p> <p>Custom pipelines or scripts generated and used in this study:</p>

Custom script for producing k-mer count matrices for large GWAS panels (<https://github.com/githubcbr/CGWASMatrix>)
 Custom scripts for missing link finder pipeline and haplotype analysis are available at GitHub
 (https://github.com/emilecg/wheat_evolution).

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The sequencing data and genome assemblies generated in this study were submitted to NCBI under Bioproject number PRJNA956839, including the raw Illumina reads for 350 *Aegilops tauschii* accessions, the raw PacBio reads, the Hi-C data, the raw RNAseq reads from five tissues of *Ae. tauschii* accessions TA10171, TA1675 and TA2576, the raw Illumina reads for 59 wheat landraces and the raw PacBio reads and Omni-C data of the wheat landrace CWI 86942.

The genome assemblies of the 46 *Ae. tauschii* accessions, the assemblies and annotations for CWI 86942, TA10171, TA1675 and TA2576, the variant call (SNP) file, the k-mer matrix for 920 *Ae. tauschii* accessions, the phylogenetic tree for 493 non-redundant *Ae. tauschii* accessions, the structural variant call (SV) files, the IBSpy variation tables, the predictions of the subpopulations contributing to the 17 hexaploid wheat assemblies, an excel file containing the RagTag scaffold output agp files and the dot-plots produced by MashMap used to validate the RagTag scaffolding are available at DRYAD (<https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.vmcvnd0d>; <https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.wm37pvmvd>; <https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.wpzgmsbvm>; <https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.p5hqbzvx>).

The Lr39 genomic sequence was deposited in NCBI Genbank under accession number OR567850.

The TA10171 (L1), TA1675 (L2) and TA2576 (L3) genomes are available for online BLAST, Jbrowse visualisation and synteny analysis with the currently available Triticinae genomes at (https://wheat.pw.usda.gov/GG3pangenome/wheat/D/taus_home.php).

The Ensembl nrTEplants repetitive element database (June 2020) was used for repeat content prediction. Viridiplantae protein models from OrthoDB v.11 were used to predict de novo gene models for the annotated *Ae. tauschii* genomes. The predicted translated proteins were annotated using the following databases: FunFam, SFLD, PANTHER, Gene3D, PRINTS, Coils, SUPERFAMILY, SMART, CDD, PIRSR, ProSitePatterns, AntiFam, Pfam, MobiDBLite, PIRSF, NCBIfam. We downloaded sequencing data for 306 accessions from NCBI BioProject number PRJNA685125, 275 accessions from NCBI BioProject number PRJNA705859 and 24 accessions from the China National Center for Bioinformation - National Genomics Data Center under accession number PRJCA005979.

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Reporting on sex and gender	No human research participants
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Population characteristics	N/A
Recruitment	N/A
Ethics oversight	N/A

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	The 59 bread wheat landraces were sequenced to be representative of the gradient of Lineage 3 introgression detected with the missing link finder pipeline. 46 <i>Ae. tauschii</i> accessions, including representative accessions for each subpopulation and accessions carrying traits of interest, and one bread wheat landrace were selected for genome assemblies. A total of 920 <i>Ae. tauschii</i> accessions were used for the population genomics analyses, sufficient to span the geographical distribution of the species and represent all the different subpopulations with an adequate depth. A total of five different plant tissues per three <i>Ae. tauschii</i> accessions were used to extract RNA for RNA-Seq. A bi-parental mapping population of 123 F2 progenies were generated by crossing leaf rust resistant and susceptible <i>Ae. tauschii</i> accessions. The sizes of the mapping population was based on literature and based on the calculated recombination frequency
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Data exclusions	920 out of 955 accessions for which sequencing data was available were included in the population genomic analyses. Accessions were excluded due to low sequencing coverage (less than 5-fold) or duplicate accessions in the different datasets.
Replication	For the RNAseq data, 45 tissue samples were collected: From each of the three accessions, three biological replicates were taken from each of: young leaf, root, stem, flag leaf and inflorescence; all replicates were successful and none were discarded for the analysis. For VIGS, five biological replicates were used to test each silencing probe and the experiment was repeated three times, showing every time the same result. For rust phenotyping Ae. tauschii bi-parental mapping population, at least 15 seedlings of F2:3 families were screened to access the homozygous resistant, homozygous susceptible and segregating lines.
Randomization	Viral and rust inoculated plants were allocated randomly among groups.
Blinding	Blinding was performed when rust phenotyping plants (i.e., the genotype of the plant was not known when phenotyping the mapping populations)

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Plants

Seed stocks	Seed of 228 non-redundant accessions were obtained from the Open Wild Wheat Consortium Ae. tauschii Diversity Panel collection deposited at the Germplasm Resource Unit (GRU) of the John Innes Centre; 48 accessions from the Cereal Crop Wild Relatives (Triticeae) collection of the GRU; 19 accessions from the DFW Wheat Academic Toolkit collection of the GRU that have been used as synthetic hexaploid wheat D-genome donors; 223 accessions from the Wheat Genetics Resource Center (WGRC) of Kansas State University; 34 accessions from the Plant Gene Resources of Canada (PGRC); 84 accessions collected from Tajikistan and donated by the Institute of Botany, Plant Physiology and Genetics of the Tajikistan National Academy of Sciences; 20 accessions donated by the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences; and 37 accessions collected from Pakistan and donated by Quaid-i-Azam University.
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Accession P-99.95-1.1 was obtained from the Deposited Published Research Material collection of the GRU.
57 bread wheat landraces were received from International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) and three bread wheat landraces were obtained from the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA).