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Cryptogam of the Month- June/July 2010



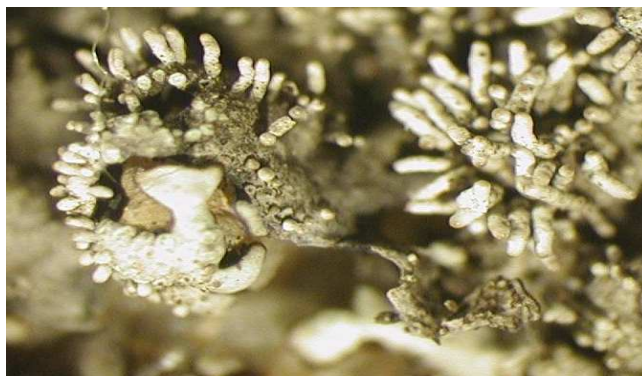
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Xanthoparmelia fangii

Xanthoparmelia fangii has only been recently found and described. Foliose lichen which has distinctive finger-like protrusions on the upper surface of the thallus. This species occurs on stone surfaces and has a grey green appearance. The edge of the thallus can appear dark but as it fully matures the long finger-like (isidia) tend to mask the thallus edge and cover the upper surface.

This poorly known species has only been located on two rocky hills in the wheat-belt region of Western Australia. Further sampling of this species is required to establish the full distribution and substrate preferences.

This species is named to honour Chang Sha Fang who was the collections manager at the Western Australian Herbarium Perth



Close up of thallus protrusions

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