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Cryptogam of the Month – May 2011



Metzgeria consanguinea

Metzgeria consanguinea is a recently rediscovered liverwort from southern WA. The thallus of this is a yellowish green colour and superficially resembles the similar looking *Metzgeria furcata*. Locally both species grow on the bark of mature *Trymalium* stands in humid situations. The tips of the thallus help separate the two species. This species has long tapering thallus apices while the other species has obtuse blunt thallus apices

M. consanguinea has a known world wide distribution but only known from a few locations in Victoria and now WA. The original material of this species was collected in Indonesia (1890) on a mountain top.



Metzgeria consanguinea apices



Metzgeria furcata apices

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