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Cryptogam of the Month – August 2012



Dicranoloma diaphanoneuron

Dicranoloma diaphanoneuron is a tufted moss that forms small dense mats on moist decaying logs, tree trunks and in some areas rock surfaces. In most instances this species is usually located on substrates slightly elevated above the ground level. The golden yellow green colour of the long contorted linear leaves is distinctive and a aid to identification of this species. In the southern WA forests the dome shaped tuft and colour of this moss is easily spotted on logs but fruiting structures appear to be rare and not often sampled.

This species occurs in southern WA and also found in wetter areas of South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.

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