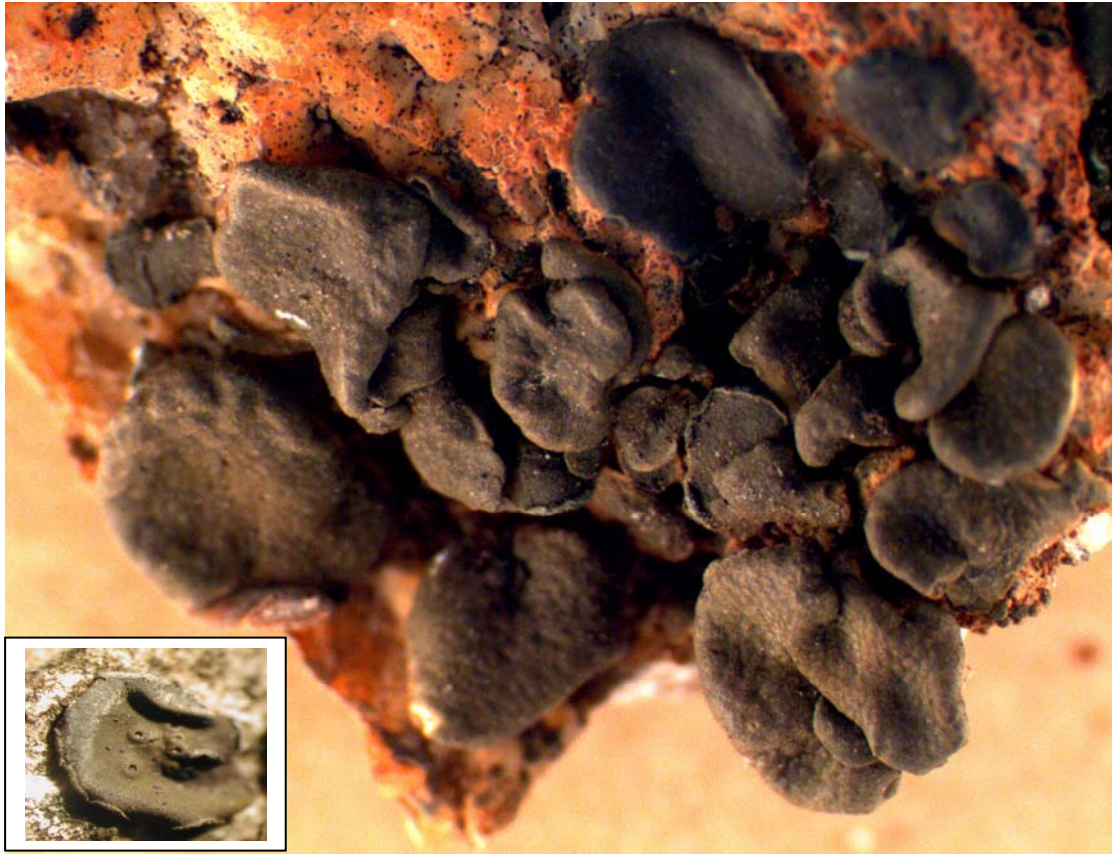


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## Cryptogam of the Month – November 2012



### *Peltula euploca*

*Peltula euploca* strange shy squamulose lichen with disc-like plates that can grow up to 10mm in diameter with smooth to slightly lobed or entire thickened down turned margin. The upper surface is olive to brown or black smooth to slightly soresiose or rugulose. Apothecia are rarely seen but are usually solitary or few and sunken into thallus surface.

Usually found in sheltered positions on overhangs, in caves entrances or deep fissures in rock surfaces on outcrops or breakaways in semi arid areas.

In Australia this species has been found in most states that have semi arid areas and include Victoria, NSW, SA and the NT.

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