

Lecidella sublapicida

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2018 | Data Deficient | Qualifiers: SO

CATEGORY

Lichen

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lichens - Crustose

GENUS

Lecidella

FAMILY

Lecanoraceae

AUTHORITY

Lecidella sublapicida (C.Knight) Hertel

SYNONYMS

Lecidea sublapicida

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

Lecidella is a genus of c. 50 species, all except one of which are lichenised and occur on exposed stone, bark, wood or rarely on decaying vegetation (including other lichens). It is included in the family Lecanoraceae and is characterised by: green-black or green-brown pigments in the epithecium; sessile, black or dark red-brown, lecideine apothecia; *Lecidella*-type asci [known only from *Lecidella*; lax simple paraphyses with scarcely swollen apices; simple, thick-walled ascospores without a perispore; and a secondary chemistry characterised by the abundant occurrence of chlorinated xanthones (C+ orange). Taxa occur from polar to tropical regions. In the Flora (Galloway 1985: 242–243; 636–637) five taxa were discussed, but since then several more species have been added to the list of taxa known from New Zealand, and more detailed chemical and anatomical data on these are now available.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Galloway D.J. 1985: *Flora of New Zealand: Lichens*. Wellington: PD Hasselberg, Government Printer. 662 pp.
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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lecidella-sublapicida/>

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