

Placynthium nigrum

COMMON NAMES

Blackthread lichen

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2018 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

CATEGORY

Lichen

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lichens - Squamulose

LICHEN SUBSTRATES

Saxicolous (rock), Artificial (glass, concrete, plastic, brick)

SUBSTRATE DETAILS

Saxicolous, calcareous building materials (cement, mortar, concrete, tombstones)

GENUS

Placynthium

FAMILY

Placynthiaceae

AUTHORITY

Placynthium nigrum (Huds.) Gray

SYNONYMS

Lichen niger Huds.

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ETYMOLOGY

nigrum: Latin meaning black

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION

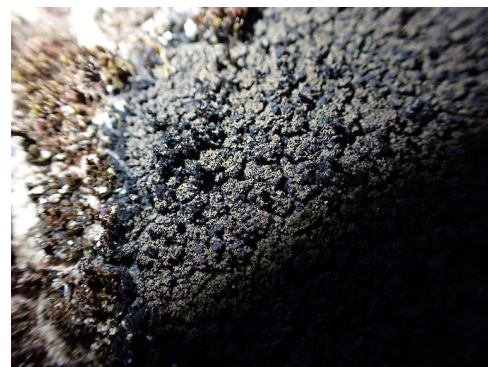
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