

Thallus pale yellowish white, thick, coarsely cracked and areolate, smooth and dull. Soredia and isidia absent. Apothecia verruciform, inconspicuous, flattened-hemispherical, 0.8–1.0 mm diam. Ostioles conspicuous, black, 1–3 per verruca. Ascospores 2 per ascus, fusiform, smooth, (120–) 130–155 × 35–47 µm.

Chemistry: Thallus K−, KC−, C−, Pd−; containing 4,5-dichlorolichexanthone (major) and ±2,4,5-trichlorolichexanthone (trace).

Uncommon in north-eastern Qld where it grows in mangroves; also in Fiji, New Caledonia and Papua New Guinea.

Qld: Endeavour R., 11 km from Cooktown, D.Verdon 5432 (CANB); Ross Ck, Yeppoon, J.A.Elix 34611 (CANB).

The species is characterised by asci with 2 smooth, fusiform ascospores and the presence of 4,5-dichlorolichexanthone as the only major lichen compound.