
T: March Fly Glen, 64 km NE of Lennard R. crossing, along Gibb River road, King Leopold Ra., W.A., 17°10'S, 125°18'E, 14 May 1988, *J.A.Elix 22221*; holo: CANB.


Thallus thin to diffuse, discontinuous, dull yellow to greyish yellow, areolate and cracked, smooth. Isidia absent. Soralia sparse, scattered or numerous, 0.2–0.6 mm diam., discoid to hemispherical. Apothecia not seen.

**Chemistry:** Thallus K–, KC+ weak orange, C–, Pd–; containing thiophaninic acid (major), stictic acid (major), hypostictic acid (minor), 2-chloro-6-O-methylnorlichexanthone (trace) and cryptostictic acid (trace).

Saxicolous in northern W.A., N.T. and N.S.W.; also in the Philippines.


The species is characterised by the dull yellow, sorediate thallus and the distinctive chemistry. It resembles *P. xanthoplaca*, a common, saxicolous species in eastern Australia, but that species lacks hypostictic acid.