

LEIFIDIUM

Mats Wedin

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Leifidium Wedin, *Pl. Syst. Evol.* 187: 235 (1993); the name honours Leif Tibell, distinguished Swedish lichenologist and expert on Caliciales *s. lat.*

Sphaerophorus subg. *Sphaerocarpus* Ohlsson, in L.Tibell, *Beih. Nova Hedwigia* 79: 682 (1984).

Type: *L. tenerum* (Laurer) Wedin

The monotypic *Leifidium* is closely related to *Bunodophoron*, and differs from that genus in the completely terete cushion-forming richly branched thallus, the extremely thin cortex, the almost smooth ascospores and the proper exciple of the ascoma persisting until very late, when the stiff exciple is shed in one piece.