Contributions to this section are always welcome. Please submit entries to Chris Hitch, The Whin, Wadd Lane, Snape, Saxmundham, Suffolk IP17 1QY, in the form of species, habitat, locality, VC no, VC name [from 1997, nomenclature to follow that given in the Appendix of New, Rare and Interesting in Bulletin 79, which is based on Biological Records Centre, Instructions for Recorders, ITE, Monks Wood Experimental Station, Abbots Ripton Huntingdon, PE17 2LS, 1974], Grid Reference (GR), altitude, where applicable, in metres (m), date, comments and recorder. An authority with date after the species is only included when the record is new to the British Isles. In the interests of accuracy, typescript is much appreciated. Please use only one side of the paper. Copy should reach the subeditor at least a fortnight before the deadline for the Bulletin.


B J & A M Coppins


P M Earland-Bennett

Arthopyrenia fraxini: on young canopy twigs (c 4-5 years old) of Quercus petraea, collected from trees felled as part of management thinning, Coed Simdde Lwyd NNR, Cwm Rheidol, VC 46, Cardiganshire, GR 22/71-79-, alt 200m, 1995. New to Cardigan. Confirmed A Orange.

S P Chambers


B J Coppins

Belonia russula: on mildly basic, igneous rock face, Clogwyn y Garnedd, Snowdon, VC 49, Caernarvonshire, GR 23/61-54-, alt 650m, October 1996. New to Wales. Also recorded from here were Stereocaulon symphycheilum and
Vestergrenopsis elaeina, both new to Wales. These three records confirm the assessment made in Lichenologist 26: 321-341 that the low montane lichen vegetation of North Wales is equal to that of many areas of Scotland.

A M Fryday

Buellia leptoclinoides: frequent on upright sarsen stones, Stonehenge, VC 8, South Wiltshire, GR 41/12-42-, April 1994. New to south England in an inland habitat; it is normally strictly maritime. Possibly confused previously at Stonehenge with Buellia subdisciformis, which was not found in 1994.

P W James and F Rose


A M & B J Coppins


S R Davey


C J B Hitch & P M Earland-Bennett

Caloplaca luteoalba: for details see under Rinodina pityrea

A M & B J Coppins


O L Gilbert


R Porley & F Rose

Catapyrenium squamulosum: on ancient mortar on ledge of south-facing Roman wall, Richborough Castle, VC 15, East Kent, GR 61/32-60-, June 1995. New to
VC 15, and the first record on stonework for southeast England. 


A M & B J Coppins


S P Chambers


F Rose & S R Davey


A Orange


A Orange


A Orange

Chromatochlamys muscorum var. octospora: encrusting Frullania on old Fraxinus with Sticta sylvatica in strip of old woodland, Pwllpeiran, near Hafod, VC 46, Cardiganshire, GR 22/77-74-, alt 220m, January 1996. Both species and variety new to Cardigan. Determined H Mayrhofer.

S P Chambers

porphyrilic acid; podetia often branched, granular-sorediate to corticate (especially when fertile). Since detected in two other localities in north Wales. Well-branched specimens are noticeable in the field, but the morphological distinctions from C. floerkeana and C. macilenta need further study.

A Orange

Cladonia cariosa: on stony open ground near airstrip of disused airfield, Greenham Common, VC 22, Berkshire, GR 41/50-64-, 1994. First confirmed VC 22 record.

R Porley & F Rose.


A M & B J Coppins


A Orange


R Porley & F Rose

Cornicularia normoerica: poorly developed on six boulders west of the summit, Moelyllyn, VC 46, Cardiganshire, GR 22/71-91-, alt 510m, 1995. New to Cardigan.

S P Chambers

Dactylospora saxatilis: on an indeterminate crust, but Pertusaria amarescens close by, Glen Clova, VC 90, Angus, GR 37/29-75-, February 1997. The host thallus reactions are negative except for UV+ pinky-orange reaction. Is the lichenicolous fungus inhibiting thalline chemical production, as these fungi do with spore production when infecting lichen fruits, since normal reactions were found on unaffected thalli close by?

R C Munro & C J B Hitch

Dennatocarpon deminuens Vain. (1921): frequent on marginal boulders, with and below D. leptophyllodes, Brown Cove tarn, VC 69, Westmorland with North Lancashire, GR 35/34-16-, alt 620m, August 1996. New to British Isles.
Distinguished from *D. meiophyllizum* by the mid-brown, strongly reticulately veined underside and the lightly pruinose upperside. A widespread species in Scandinavia. Determined A Orange.

S P Chambers & J Gray


B Benfield


N A Sanderson

*Eopyrenula avellanae*: on *Ilex*, Cawdor Wood, near Nairn, VC 96, East Inverness-shire, GR 36/84-49-, alt 80m, September 1996. First record from eastern Scotland, and first find on a host other than *Corylus*.

B J & A M Coppins

*Gyalecta jenensis*: for details see under *Petractis clausa*.

F Rose


B J & A M Coppins

*Lecania cyrtellina*: on *Sambucus* bole in quarry, Otley Bottom, VC 25, East Suffolk, GR 62/20-54-, December 1996. This is the second Suffolk record, see *Bulletin* 79, p 41.

P M Earland-Bennett

*Lecanora ochroidea* (Ach.) Nyl. (1896): a revision of material under the name *L. subcarnea* in E revealed three collections of *L. ochroidea*: Valley of the Rocks, Lynton, VC 4, North Devon, GR 21/70-49-, September 1971, collected P Harrold, and April 1988, collected B J Coppins; Hurlstone Point, Porlock, VC 5, South Somerset, GR 21/89-49-, August 1987, collected A M O’Dare. New to British Isles. *Lecanora ochroidea* contains atranorin and norstictic acid and the thallus and apothecia react K+ yellow to red (crystals), whereas *L. subcarnea* s. str. contains atranorin and protocetraric acid and reacts K+ yellow (sometimes to dull reddish, but no crystals forming). *Lecanora ochroidea* has a more southerly distribution in south and central Europe and the Canary Islands. From the collections in E, *L. subcarnea* s. str. is confirmed from
VCs 69, 70, 81, 90 and 92. Further material needs to be checked so as to elucidate the distribution of these two species within the British Isles. For further information on the *L. subcarnea* group see Dickhäuser et al, *Mycotaxon* 56: 303-323 (1995).

B J Coppins

*Lecanora pruinosa*: (i) on east side of cloister, Salisbury Cathedral, VC 8, South Wiltshire, GR 41/14-29-, 1995, collected F Rose and T W Chester; (ii) on east wall of church, Damerham (Hampshire), VC 8, South Wiltshire, GR 41/10-15-, 1996, collected F Rose. This species is now well known in south and southwest Britain.

F Rose & T W Chester

*Lecanora symmicta*: abundant on twigs of *Crataegus* amongst luxuriant *Xanthorion* elements due to piggery and slurry pit close by, Alderton, VC 25, East Suffolk, GR 62/33-43-, December 1996.

P M Earland-Bennett & C J B Hitch


A Orange

*Leptogium biatorinum*: on calcareous soil in disused quarry, Traprain Law, East Linton, VC 82, East Lothian, GR 36/58-74-, alt 100m, September 1996. Apparently new to Scotland.

B J Coppins


N A Anderson

*Lithothelium aff. phaeosporum* (R.C. Harris) Aptroot (1991): on bark of *Fraxinus* with *Caloplaca flavorubescens*, Kilcheran, Isle of Lismore, VC 98, Argyll Main, GR 17/82-38-, April 1969, collected U K Duncan; specimen in E. New to British Isles. Determined A Aptroot. The genus *Lithothelium* Müll. Arg. (1885), which comprises both non-lichenized and lichenized species, has only recently been reported from Europe, based on collections of three species from Austria (*Herzogia* 10: 71-73). It is distinguished from *Pyrenula* mainly by its asci, which have a distinct ocular chamber. The Lismore specimen has large (c 0.8 mm diam) immersed perithecia with a protruding, skewed, pointed-conical ostiole, and 4-celled, brown, *Pyrenula*-like spores, c 7-29 x 11-12 μm. Unlike
L. phaeosporum, it has ± equally sized spore lumina. In L. phaeosporum, from North America and Austria the middle two lumina are much larger than the outer two (see drawing in A. Aptroot, *Bibliotheca Lichenologica* 44 fig 17). The Lismore specimen is small, but appears to be non-lichenized. Prior to microscopic examination, it is most likely to be confused with *Acrocordia gemmata* or the bark saprophyte *Navicella pileata*: the latter is usually identified by its flattened perithecial apex with a slit-like ostiolar pore.

B J Coppins

*Lobaria pulmonaria*: on trunk of roadside *Ulmus*, c 5 km south-southeast of Selkirk, near entrance to North Synton Farm, VC 80, Roxburghshire, GR 36/48-23-, alt 180m, November 1996. An unusual occurrence of this species in an agricultural landscape - perhaps a relict indication of how things used to be! The host elm is still alive, but is likely to be doomed, as most of its neighbours have recently succumbed to Dutch elm disease.

A M & B J Coppins

*Macrophomina pseudeverniae* Etayo & Diederich (1996): on thallus of *Pseudevernia furfuracea* on fence post, Milton Wood NNR, VC 89, East Perthshire, GR 37/1—5—, alt 120m, October 1994. New to British Isles. The host was also attacked by *Lichenoconium erodens*.

B J & A M Coppins

*Melaspilea bagliettoana* Zahlbr. (1904): on *Fraxinus*, c 7 km south of Tavistock, valley to west of Buckland Abbey, VC 3, South Devon, GR 20/48-66-, April 1991; on *Fraxinus*, Rassal Ashwood NNR, Kishorn, VC 105, West Ross, GR 18/8—4—, 1997. New to British Isles. It grows on “bare” bark and is probably not obligately lichenised. It has tiny, unbranched lirellae c 0.2-0.5 x 0.1-0.2 mm, and hyaline to smoky brown 1-septate spores, 12-14 (-18) x 4.8-6(-8) µm.

B J & A M Coppins


S R Davey


S P Chambers

F Rose & S R Davey


N A Sanderson.

Mniacea jungermanniae: on shaded mossy Greensand dumps in scythe stone quarry, Blackborough, VC 3, South Devon, GR 30/09-07-, February 1997.

B Benfield


A Orange


B J & A M Coppins

Ochrolechia inaequatula: on mosses on side of rounded, south-facing outcrop, south side of summit of Traprain Law, East Linton, VC 82, East Lothian, GR 36/58-74-, alt 210m, October 1996. New to the Lothians.

B J Coppins


S P Chambers


B J & A M Coppins


B J & A M Coppins
Parmelia crinita: on mossy turf (presumably on cliff top). Isle of May, Fourth Estuary, VC 85, Fife, GR 36/6—9— or 37/6—0—, 1908, collected W Evans; specimen in E. Although this important, easterly record was present on the map in the 1982 Atlas, it mysteriously disappeared in the recent set of Parmelia maps!

B J Coppins


F Rose


F Rose & K A Sandell

Phaeophyscia endococcina: closely associated with P. sciastra on marginal boulder, Brown Cove tarn, VC 69, Westmorland, GR 35/34-16-, alt 620m, August 1996. New to England and first record south of the Scottish highlands. Confirmed A M Fryday

S P Chambers & J M Gray


B J & A M Coppins


F Rose

Phaeophyscia sciastra: for details see under P. endococcina

S P Chambers & J M Gray

Physcia aipolia: on twig of canopy of Fraxinus that had fallen over into a quarry, Otley Bottom, VC 25, East Suffolk, GR 62/20-54-, December 1996. Growing amongst Xanthorion elements, but including Lecidella elaeochroma, Lecanora
carpinea, L symmiicta, Bacidia arnoldiana (c.f.r.) and Xanthoria sp. Physcia aipolia is new to VC25.

C J B Hitch & P M Earland-Bennett

Physcia stellaris: on well-lit branches of field oaks (Quercus), east of Llanfarian, VC 46, Cardiganshire, GR 22/59-77-, alt 30m, March 1997. New to Cardigan.

S P Chambers


A Orange


A Orange


B J Coppins

Ramalina pollinaria: abundant on north-facing basalt crags, Blaikie Heugh, VC 82, East Lothian, GR 36/57-72.3-, alt 120m, October 1996. The largest colony of this species in southeast Scotland.

B J Coppins


B J Coppins

Rinodina colobinoides: on large Acer campestre in parkland, Brockenhurst, VC 11, South Hampshire, GR 41/30-01-, 1995. Second British record (see Bulletin 76: 56) Determined B J Coppins

N A Sanderson, B J Coppins & P W James


P W James & F Rose

A Orange 

SP Chambers

Rinodina pityrea: with Caloplaca luteoalba on base of dead Ulmus, c 5km southwest-southeast of Selkirk, North Synton, VC 80, Roxburghshire, GR 36/49-23-, alt 180m, November 1996. Second Scottish record. It was with apothecia, but the species may be overlooked and occur more widely in a sterile condition.

A M & B J Coppins

Sarocogyne clavus: following cracks on horizontal sarsen stones, Stonehenge, VC 8, South Wiltshire, 41/12-42-, 1994. The first lowland inland record for this maritime and upland species.

P W James & F Rose

Schismatomma graphidioides: for details see under Catillaria alba.

A M & B J Coppins

Schismatomma umbrinum: on bole of mature Quercus in old oakwood, Cawdor Wood, near Nairn, VC 96, East Inverness-shire, GR 28/84-49-, alt 80m, September 1996. Although this normally saxicolous species is occasionally found on tree trunks or roots associated with acid outcrops, to our knowledge this is the first report of this species from the bole of a free-standing tree.

B J & A M Coppins

Solenopsora holophaea: on sandstone of outer Bailey wall in places exposed to southwesterly winds from the sea 10 km away, Carisbrooke Castle, VC 10, Isle of Wight, GR 40/48-87-, 1995.

F Rose


F Rose

Stereocaulon leucophaeopsis: on acidic rocks, northwest of Knockbrack, near Letterfrack, Connemara National Park, VC H16, West Galway, GR 02/75-57-, September 1987. New to Ireland.

A Orange

Stereocaulon symphycheilum on mildly basic, igenous rock face, Clogwyn y Garnedd, Snowden, VC 49, Caernarvonshire, GR 23/61-54-, alt 650m, October
1996. New to Wales. Previously known in the British Isles only from Coniston in the English Lake District. There is no obvious evidence of mineralisation at this site although there is a disused metal-mine in the vicinity. See Belonia russula for further details.

A M Fryday

Sticta fuliginosa: fertile on Salix near river in Plym Forest, three miles from centre of Plymouth, VC 3, South Devon, GR 20/52-60-, 1996. The River Plym is in a steep wooded valley at this site and any pollution from the city is likely to pass overhead. Confirmed A Orange.

B Benfield


B J Coppins

Stigmidium epiramalina (Vouaux) Hafellner (1994): (i) on thallus of Ramalina cuspidata, Skellig Michael, VC H1, South Kerry, GR 00/24-60-, August 1988, collected A M O’Dare; (ii) on thallus of Ramalina cuspidata, St Baldred’s Cradle, Tyningham, VC 82, East Lothian, GR 36/63-81-, October 1996, collected B J & A M Coppins; (iii) on thallus of Ramalina siliquosa, Wester Alligin, Torridon, VC 105, West Ross, GR 18/82-57-, June 1994, collected B J Coppins & A M O’Dare. New to British Isles. Specimens in E.

B J & A M Coppins


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Taeniolella phaeophysciae: on Phaeophyscia orbicularis on Sambucus in quarry, very prolific, not only on the thallus, but also smothering fruits, Alderton, VC 25, East Suffolk, GR 62/33-43-, December 1996.

C J B Hitch & P M Earland-Bennett

Toninia episema: on south-facing wall of church, North Perrott, VC 5, South...
N A Sanderson

D H Dalby

S R Davey

S R Davey

Usnea wasmuthii: on Salix in marshy ground, Rosemoor, Walwyn's Castle, VC 45, Pembrokeshire, GR 12/87-11-, April 1995. Fertile. Possibly the first record of this species with apothecia.  
A Orange

Vestergrenopsis elaeina: on mildly basic igneous rock face, Clogwyn y Garnedd, Snowdon, VC 49, Caernarvonshire, GR 23/61-54-, alt 650m, October 1996. New to Wales. Previously known in British Isles only from Isle of Skye and Glen Coe. See Belonia russula for further details.  
A M Fryday

Vezdea acicularis: over decaying vegetation in the vicinity of small mineralised veins on a steep, very exposed, unstable, shale sea cliff, Allt Wen SSSI, VC 46, Cardiganshire, GR 22/57-79-, August 1996. Undoubtedly an entirely natural habitat, the veins showing no signs of ever having been worked (too small) and constantly eroded by the elements. No other metallophytes present.  
S P Chambers

N A Sanderson