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Typus: Australia, New South Wales, Lord Howe Island, track from Smoking Tree Ridge to Boat Harbour, $31^{\circ} 33^{\prime} 23^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{S}, 159^{\circ} 05^{\prime} 33^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}$, alt. c. 50 m , on deeply shaded basalt, 10 February 1995, P. M. McCarthy 1043 (Holotypus: CANB).

Thallus epilithic, determinate, pale grey-green to pale sandy brown, 60-100 $\mu \mathrm{m}$ thick, adpressed, sparingly to richly rimose, matt to slightly glossy, minutely uneven, impregnated with rock fragments and crystals, $\mathrm{K}-$, with an $8-15 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ thick uppermost layer that is sometimes $\pm$ prosoplectenchymatous. Algae Trentepohlia; cells $6-12 \times$ $6-10 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. Hyphae $2-3 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ wide. Prothallus thin and blackish or not apparent. Basal layer brownish black, discontinuous, 30-70 $\mu \mathrm{m}$ thick.

Perithecia moderately to very numerous, immersed in thallus-dominated verrucae. Verrucae convex to hemispherical, $0.65-1 \mathrm{~mm}$ diam. Perithecial apex usually plane to convex, with a broad, black periostiolar area. Ostiole inconspicuous or in a depression to $100 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ diam. Involucrellum apical, $0.2-0.65 \mathrm{~mm}$ diam., $40-70 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ thick, externally brown-black to black, internally medium orange-brown. Excipulum pale yellowish brown, slightly darker near the ostiole, c. $20 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ thick. Centrum subglobose to globose, $0.3-0.42 \mathrm{~mm}$ diam. Paraphyses unbranched, c. $1 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ thick. Periphyses absent. Asci broadly fusiform to elongate-fusiform, 8-spored, 170-186 $\times$ 22-27 $\mu \mathrm{m}$, with a rounded apex, with or without a subapical constriction; apical chitinoid ring absent (in Congo Red). Ascospores colourless, muriform, with 9-17 transverse septa, each loculus with (0-)1-2 longitudinal or diagonal septa (in optical section), narrowly ellipsoid, fusiform or elongate-cylindrical, usually straight and with rounded ends, irregularly biseriate in the asci, usually with a $3-7(-10) \mu \mathrm{m}$ thick gelatinous sheath, (35-)42(-54) $\times(9-) 11(-14) \mu \mathrm{m}$ (100 measured); contents clear to minutely granulose.

Conidiomata immersed in 0.1-0.16 mm diam. thalline verrucae, with brown-black apices and hyaline bases. Conidia elongate-ellipsoid to fusiform, $2-4 \times 1 \mu \mathrm{~m}$.

