

## PERTUSARIA

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*Pertusaria* DC., in J.B.A.P. de M. de Lamarck & A.P. de Candolle, *Fl. Franç.*, 3rd edn, 2: 319 (1805), *nom. cons.*; from the Latin *pertusus* (perforated), in reference to the ostioles of the ascostatal verrucae.

Type: *Pertusaria communis* DC., *nom. illeg.* (*Lichen verrucosus* Huds.) [= *P. pertusa* (L.) Tuck.]

Thallus crustose, white, yellow, grey, green or of intermediate shades; surface smooth, continuous or cracked, with or without soredia or isidia. Apothecia innate within convex, hemispherical or subglobose verrucae that are solitary or confluent, or apothecia disciform; disc small or broad and lecanorine. Ascii clavate or cylindrical, 1–8-spored. Ascospores oval, ellipsoidal, fusiform or, rarely, globose, unicellular, hyaline, c. 20–250 µm long, with single or double ascospore wall; inner ascospore wall smooth or rough. Pycnidia (rare in Australian species) black, immersed. Conidia narrowly fusiform to bacilliform, straight or slightly curved.

A genus of c. 500 species that is widely distributed in both hemispheres, from Subarctic to tropical areas. In Australia most species grow on bark and rock in areas with more than c. 500 mm annual rainfall. A total of 119 species and four additional varieties are known from Australia; 52 species and three varieties are endemic.

A detailed account of the typification of the genus was provided by Dibben (1980).

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## SYNOPTIC KEY TO SPECIES GROUPS

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|----|---|---|
| 1  | Apothecia verruciform; ascospores with a double wall, sometimes with a rough inner wall; C <sub>3</sub> –C <sub>7</sub> orcinol depsides often present [subg. <i>Pertusaria</i> ].....                                      | 2 |
| 1: | Apothecia disciform; ascospores with a single smooth wall; chloroxanthones absent; C <sub>1</sub> orcinol depsides, C <sub>3</sub> –C <sub>7</sub> depsones or β-orcinol depsidones present [subg. <i>Monomurata</i> ]..... | 8 |

2	Thallus corticolous (1) .....	3
2:	Thallus saxicolous.....	6
3	Thallus sorediate or isidiate, lacking apothecia (2).....	<b>Group A</b>
3:	Thallus with apothecia, lacking soredia and isidia.....	4
4	Ascospores 8 per ascus (3:).....	<b>Group B</b>
4:	Ascospores 2–4 per ascus .....	5
5	Ascospores (3–) 4 per ascus (4:) .....	<b>Group C</b>
5:	Ascospores 2 per ascus .....	<b>Group D</b>
6	Thallus sorediate or isidiate, lacking apothecia (2) .....	<b>Group E</b>
6:	Thallus with apothecia, lacking soredia and isidia .....	7
7	Ascospores 8 per ascus (6:).....	<b>Group F</b>
7:	Ascospores 2 or 4 per ascus .....	<b>Group G</b>
8	Thallus isidiate, usually with terminal apothecia; asci usually with 1 or 2 ascospores; lichenanthonine and depsones absent [subg. <i>Monomurata</i> sect. <i>Digitatae</i> ] (1:).....	<b>Group H</b>
8:	Thallus sorediate or with disciform apothecia; asci with 1, 2 or 8 ascospores; lichenanthonine and depsones or β-orcinol m-depsides often present [subg. <i>Monomurata</i> sect. <i>Monomuratae</i> ] .....	9
9	Thallus corticolous (8:).....	10
9:	Thallus saxicolous .....	13
10	Thallus lacking fertile apothecia, sorediate, isidiate or pustulate, or with sterile apothecia (9) .....	11
10:	Thallus with fertile apothecia, with or without soredia .....	12
11	Thallus sorediate or isidiate (10).....	<b>Group I</b>
11:	Thallus pustulate or with sterile apothecia, lacking soredia and isidia .....	<b>Group J</b>
12	Ascospores 1 or 2 per ascus (10:).....	<b>Group K</b>
12:	Ascospores 8 per ascus.....	<b>Group L</b>
13	Thallus sterile, sorediate or isidiate (9:).....	<b>Group M</b>
13:	Thallus fertile, lacking soredia and isidia .....	<b>21. <i>P. erubescens</i></b>

## **Group A**

[Thallus corticolous, sterile, sorediate or isidiate]

1	Thallus sorediate.....	2
1:	Thallus isidiate .....	3
2	Soralia bright yellow, KC+ orange; thiophaninic acid present (1) .....	<b>52. <i>P. maritima</i></b>
2:	Soralia white to off-white, KC–; thiophaninic acid absent.....	<b>82. <i>P. puffina</i></b>
3	Thallus Pd+ orange; protocetraric acid present (1:).....	<b>109. <i>P. umbricola</i></b>
3:	Thallus Pd–; protocetraric acid absent.....	4
4	Thallus yellow, KC+ orange; thiophaninic acid present (3:).....	<b>24. <i>P. flavoisidiata</i></b>
4:	Thallus pale olive-green, pale fawn or yellowish white, KC–; thiophaninic acid absent .....	5
5	Thallus UV+ yellow, containing lichenanthonine (4:).....	<b>37. <i>P. isidiosa</i></b>
5:	Thallus UV– or UV+ dull orange, not containing lichenanthonine .....	6
6	Thallus containing perlatalic and confluentic acids (5:) .....	<b>13. <i>P. coniophora</i></b>
6:	Thallus not containing perlatalic and confluentic acids .....	7
7	Thallus containing 4,5-dichlorolichexanthone and 2-O-methylperlatalic acid; stictic acid absent (6:).....	<b>26. <i>P. georgeana</i></b>
7:	Thallus containing stictic acid.....	8
8	Thallus lacking lichenanthonines (7:).....	<b>61. <i>P. muricata</i></b>
8:	Thallus containing chlorolichexanthones.....	9
9	Thallus containing di- and tri-chlorolichexanthones (8:).....	<b>93. <i>P. subisidiosa</i></b>
9:	Thallus containing 4,5-dichlorolichexanthone .....	10

- 10 Thallus containing skyrin (9:) ..... 60. *P. montpittensis*  
 10: Thallus containing 2'-*O*-methylperlatolic acid ..... 74. *P. pilosula*

## Group B

[Thallus corticolous; apothecia verruciform; asci 8-spored]

- 1 Ascospores predominantly uniseriate in the ascus ..... 2  
 1: Ascospores predominantly biseriate in the ascus ..... 22  
   2 Thallus K+ yellow → red; norstictic acid present (1) ..... 63. *P. norstictica*  
   2: Thallus K- or K+yellow; norstictic acid absent ..... 3  
   3 Thallus KC+ orange; thiophaninic acid present (2:) ..... 4  
   3: Thallus KC-; thiophaninic acid absent ..... 7  
     4 Verrucae C+ violet; 4-*O*-methylisocryptochlorophaeic and stictic acids present (3) .....  
       ..... 68. *P. paradoxica*  
     4: Verrucae C- ..... 5  
   5 Stictic acid present (4:) ..... 44. *P. leioplacella*  
   5: Stictic acid absent (but see 28. *P. gundermanica*) ..... 6  
     6 2-*O*-Methylperlatolic acid present (5:) ..... 119. *P. xylophyes*  
     6: Perlatolic acid present ..... 35. *P. injuneana*  
   7 Thallus UV+ yellow; lichenanthone present (3:) ..... 8  
   7: Thallus UV- or UV+ orange; lichenanthone absent ..... 9  
     8 Ascospores 75–105 µm long; 2-*O*-methylperlatolic acid present (7) ..... 46. *P. leucostigma*  
     8: Ascospores 50–67 µm long; 2,2-di-*O*-methylstenosporic and stictic acids present .....  
       ..... 112. *P. verruculifera*  
   9 Chlorolichexanthones absent (7:) ..... 10  
   9: Chlorolichexanthones present ..... 11  
     10 Lichen compounds absent (9) ..... 96. *P. subrigida*  
     10: 2-*O*-Methylperlatolic acid present ..... 53. *P. mattogrossensis*  
   11 2-Chlorolichexanthone present (9:) ..... 12  
   11: Di- and/or trichlorolichexanthones present ..... 13  
     12 Ascospores 60–70 µm long; 2'-*O*-methylstenosporic acid present (11) ..... 7. *P. boweniana*  
     12: Ascospores 70–92 µm long; divaricatic acid present ..... 66. *P. orarensis*  
   13 Di- and trichlorolichexanthones present (11:) ..... 14  
   13: 4,5-Dichlorolichexanthone present ..... 15  
     14 Stictic acid present (13) ..... 28. *P. gundermanica*  
     14: Stictic acid absent ..... 12. *P. complanata*  
   15 Ascospores 32–70 µm long (13:) ..... 16  
   15: Ascospores more than 70 µm long ..... 18  
     16 Ostioles pale brown to black, 1–4 per verruca (15) ..... 27. *P. gibberosa*  
     16: Ostioles white to pale grey, usually 1 per verruca ..... 17  
   17 Apothecial verrucae 0.8–1.2 mm diam.; thallus containing 2-*O*-methylperlatolic acid (16:) .....  
       ..... 118. *P. xenismota*  
   17: Apothecial verrucae 0.8–1.2 mm diam.; thallus containing 2-*O*-methylperlatolic acid .....  
       ..... 47. *P. leucostomoides*  
     18 2'-*O*-Methylstenosporic acid present (15:) ..... 77. *P. praetermissa*  
     18: 2'-*O*-Methylstenosporic acid absent ..... 19  
   19 Ostioles at least slightly mammiform (18:) ..... 20  
   19: Ostioles not mammiform ..... 21

20	2'- <i>O</i> -Methylperlatolic acid present (19) .....	<b>69. <i>P. paragibberosa</i></b>
20:	Miriiquidic acid present .....	<b>64. <i>P. novachollandiae</i></b>
21	Planaic acid present (19:) .....	<b>75. <i>P. planaica</i></b>
21:	2,2'-di- <i>O</i> -Methylstenosporic acid present .....	<b>95. <i>P. subplanaica</i></b>
22	Thallus K+ yellow → red, containing norstictic acid (1:) .....	<b>110. <i>P. undulata</i></b>
22:	Thallus K-, not containing norstictic acid .....	23
23	Thallus Pd+ orange-red; protocetraric acid present; ascospores 70–95 µm long (22:) .....	<b>20. <i>P. errinundrensis</i></b>
23:	Thallus Pd-; protocetraric acid absent .....	24
24	Thallus sorediate; soralia yellow; thiophaninic and stictic acids present (23:) .....	<b>117. <i>P. xanthosorediata</i></b>
24:	Thallus esorediate .....	25
25	Thallus UV+ yellow; lichenanthone and stictic acid present (24:) .....	26
25:	Thallus UV+ orange or UV-; lichenanthone absent .....	27
26	2,2'-di- <i>O</i> -Methylstenosporic acid present (25) .....	<b>2. <i>P. alboaspera</i></b>
26:	2,2'-di- <i>O</i> -Methylstenosporic acid absent .....	<b>15. <i>P. dehiscens</i></b>
27	4,5-Dichlorolichexanthone present (25:) .....	28
27:	4,5-Dichlorolichexanthone absent .....	30
28	Divaricatic acid present (27) .....	<b>80. <i>P. pseudothwaitesii</i></b>
28:	Divaricatic acid absent .....	29
29	Stictic acid present (28:) .....	<b>43. <i>P. leiocarpella</i></b>
29:	Stictic acid absent .....	<b>86. <i>P. rigida</i></b>
30	Thallus KC+ yellow-orange (27:) .....	31
30:	Thallus KC- .....	32
31	Thiophaninic acid present (30) .....	<b>100. <i>P. thiophaninica</i></b>
31:	Arthothelin and 6- <i>O</i> -methylarthothelin present .....	<b>33. <i>P. howeana</i></b>
32	Chlorolichexanthones present (30:) .....	<b>49. <i>P. limbata</i></b>
32:	Chlorolichexanthones absent .....	33
33	2- <i>O</i> -Methylstenosporic acid present (32:) .....	<b>45. <i>P. leucoplaca</i></b>
33:	Divaricatic and stictic acids present .....	<b>98. <i>P. sydneyensis</i></b>

## Group C

[Thallus corticolous; apothecia verruciform; asci (3-) 4-spored]

1	Ascospores with a rough inner wall .....	2
1:	Ascospores with a smooth inner wall .....	7
2	Thallus isidiate (1) .....	<b>93. <i>P. subisidiosa</i></b>
2:	Thallus lacking isidia .....	3
3	Ostioles inconspicuous, pale (2:) .....	4
3:	Ostioles conspicuous, black .....	6
4	Stictic acid present (3:) .....	<b>67. <i>P. pallida</i></b>
4:	Stictic acid absent .....	5
5	Lichenanthone present (4:) .....	<b>91. <i>P. subcerrusata</i></b>
5:	4,5-Dichlorolichexanthone and planaic acid present .....	<b>48. <i>P. leucothelia</i></b>
6	4,5-Dichlorolichexanthone present (3:) .....	<b>57. <i>P. microstoma</i></b>
6:	Chlorolichexanthones present .....	<b>18. <i>P. elliptica</i></b>
7	Ostioles usually pale (1:) .....	<b>32. <i>P. hermaka</i></b>
7:	Ostioles black .....	8

8	Thiophanic acid present (7:)	9
8:	Thiophanic acid absent	11
9	Stictic acid absent (8)	<b>106. P. trimera</b>
9:	Stictic acid present	10
10	Ascospores 75–87 µm long; 4-O-methylisocryptochlorophaeic acid absent (9:)	<b>1. P. aberrans</b>
10:	Ascospores 95–145 µm long; 4-O-methylisocryptochlorophaeic acid present	<b>68. P. paradoxica</b>
11	Di- and trichlorolichexanthones present (8:)	12
11:	2-Chlorolichexanthone or planaic acid present	14
12	Stictic acid absent; 2-O-methylperlatolic acid present (11)	<b>3. P. aquilonia</b>
12:	Stictic acid present	13
13	Ascospores 64–75 µm long; confluentic acid present (12:)	<b>23. P. ewersii</b>
13:	Ascospores 75–135 µm long; confluentic acid absent	<b>8. P. ceylonica</b>
14	Stictic acid absent (11:)	15
14:	Stictic acid present	16
15	Thallus off-white, containing planaic acid; verrucae 1.0–1.5 mm diam. (14)	<b>17. P. doradorensis</b>
15:	Thallus pale olive-green, not containing planaic acid; verrucae 0.4–1.0 mm diam.	<b>59. P. modesta</b>
16	Lichexanthone present (14:)	<b>5. P. atromaculata</b>
16:	Lichexanthone absent; 2-O-methylhyperlatolic and 2-O-methylsuperlatolic acids present	<b>25. P. follmanniana</b>

## Group D

[Thallus corticolous; apothecia verruciform; asci 2-spored]

1	Ascospores with a rough inner wall	2
1:	Ascospores with a smooth inner wall	5
2	Thallus Pd+ orange; protocetraric acid present (1)	<b>103. P. thwaitesii</b>
2:	Thallus Pd-; protocetraric acid absent	3
3	Stictic acid present with di- and tri-dichlorolichexanthones (2:)	<b>9. P. cicatricosa</b>
3:	Stictic acid absent	4
4	4,5-Dichlorolichexanthone and 2'-O-methylperlatolic acid present (3:)	<b>104. P. trachyspora</b>
4:	Di- and trichlorolichexanthones, 2-O-methyl- and 2'-O-methylperlatolic acids present	<b>18. P. elliptica</b>
5	Thallus K+ yellow → red, Pd+ yellow, containing norstictic acid (1:)	<b>31. P. hartmannii</b>
5:	Thallus K-, lacking norstictic acid	6
6	KC+ orange; thiophanic or thiophanic acids present (5:)	7
6:	KC-; thiophanic and thiophanic acids absent	9
7	Thiophanic acid present (6)	<b>88. P. saltuensis</b>
7:	Thiophanic and stictic acids present	8
8	Ascospores 80–110 (~120) µm long, ellipsoidal (7:)	<b>101. P. thiospoda</b>
8:	Ascospores 125–150 (~180) µm long, fusiform	<b>19. P. epacrospora</b>
9	Thallus and verrucae isidiate (6:)	<b>37. P. isidiosa</b>
9:	Thallus and verrucae not isidiate	10
10	Stictic acid absent (9:)	11
10:	Stictic acid present	15
11	Thallus lacking lichen compounds (10:)	<b>55. P. melaleuroides</b>
11:	Thallus with chlorolichexanthones	12
12	Thallus with di- and trichlorolichexanthones (11:)	<b>115. P. xanthonaria</b>
12:	Thallus with 4,5-dichlorolichexanthone	13

13	Thallus with 4,5-dichlorolichehexanthone alone (12:)	36. <i>P. irregularis</i>
13:	Thallus with 4,5-dichlorolichehexanthone and orcinol <i>p</i> -depsides	14
14	2'- <i>O</i> -Methylperlatic acid present (13:)	84. <i>P. pycnothelia</i>
14:	2- <i>O</i> -Methylperlatic acid present	54. <i>P. meeana</i>
15	Thallus lacking chloroxanthones, with or without lichehexanthone (10:)	76. <i>P. porinella</i>
15:	Thallus with chloroxanthones	16
16	Ostioles inconspicuous, 1–5 per verruca, pale to dark brown (15:)	72. <i>P. pertusella</i>
16:	Ostioles conspicuous, 1 (or 2) per verruca, black	17
17	Thallus containing 2-chloro-6- <i>O</i> -methylnorlichehexanthone (16:)	83. <i>P. pustulata</i>
17:	Thallus not containing 2-chloro-6- <i>O</i> -methylnorlichehexanthone	78. <i>P. pseudococcodes</i>

## Group E

[Thallus saxicolous, sorediate or isidiate, sterile]

1	Thallus isidiate; stictic acid present	2
1:	Thallus sorediate	3
2	4,5-Dichlorolichehexanthone present (1)	60. <i>P. montpittensis</i>
2:	Thiophaninic acid present	114. <i>P. xanthodactylina</i>
3	Thiophaninic acid absent (1:)	4
3:	Thiophaninic acid present	5
4	Chlorolichehexanthones and stictic acid present (3)	82. <i>P. puffina</i>
4:	Perlatic acid homologues present	87. <i>P. salebrosa</i>
5	Thallus C+ orange, with stictic and constictic acids; eastern Australia (3:)	116. <i>P. xanthoplaca</i>
5:	Thallus C-, with stictic and hypostictic acids; tropical W.A. and N.T.	85. <i>P. remota</i>

## Group F

[Thallus saxicolous; apothecia verruciform; asci 8-spored]

1	Ascospores predominantly uniseriate	2
1:	Ascospores predominantly biseriate	7
2	Thiophaninic acid absent (1)	3
2:	Thiophaninic acid present	4
3	Thallus UV+ yellow; lichehexanthone present (2)	14. <i>P. consanguinea</i>
3:	Thallus UV+ dull orange; 4,5-dichlorolichehexanthone present	50. <i>P. lophocarpa</i>
4	Stictic acid absent (2:)	73. <i>P. petrophytes</i>
4:	Stictic acid present	5
5	Thallus dull yellowish green to pale olive-green; northern N.T. (4:)	16. <i>P. dissita</i>
5:	Thallus yellow; eastern Australia	6
6	Thallus isidiate, rarely fertile (5:)	114. <i>P. xanthodactylina</i>
6:	Thallus lacking isidia, usually fertile	34. <i>P. hypoxantha</i>
7	Most or all ascospores less than 50 µm long (1:)	8
7:	Ascospores more than 60 µm long	9
8	Thallus lacking lichen compounds (7:)	70. <i>P. paratropa</i>
8:	Thallus containing stictic acid	51. <i>P. macra</i>
9	Thallus UV+ yellow; lichehexanthone present (7:)	30. <i>P. hadrocarpa</i>
9:	Thallus UV- or UV+ dull orange; lichehexanthone absent	10
10	Ascospores 85–105 µm long; thallus KC- (9:)	42. <i>P. lavata</i>
10:	Ascospores 60–80 µm long; thallus KC+ orange	11

- 11 Ascospores always hyaline; thallus containing thiophanic acid (10:) ..... **102. *P. thula***  
 11: Ascospores sometimes blue-grey or brown; thallus containing arthothelin ..... **56. *P. melanospora***

### Group G

[Thallus saxicolous; apothecia verruciform; asci 2- or 4-spored]

- 1 Asci 4-spored; inner ascospore wall smooth; ascospores 80–105 µm long ..... **105. *P. trevethensis***  
 1: Asci 2-spored; inner ascospore wall smooth or rough; ascospores 140–200 µm long ..... 2  
   2 Inner ascospore wall smooth; thallus K+ weak yellow; stictic acid present (1:) ..... **113. *P. vulpina***  
   2: Inner ascospore wall rough; thallus K+ yellow → red; norstictic acid present ..... **39. *P. knightiana***

### Group H

[Thallus isidiate, usually with terminal apothecia; asci usually 1- or 2-spored]

- 1 Thallus corticolous or muscicolous, containing protocetraric acid ..... **29. *P. gymnospora***  
 1: Thallus saxicolous, not containing protocetraric acid ..... 2  
   2 Thallus P-, K+ violet; hypothamnolic acid present (1:) ..... **92. *P. subdactylina***  
   2: Thallus Pd+ orange, K+ yellow → red; salazinic acid present ..... **79. *P. pseudodactylina***

### Group I

[Thallus corticolous, sterile, sorediate (soralia white) or isidiate]

- 1 Thallus isidiate ..... **6. *P. barbatica***  
 1: Thallus sorediate ..... 2  
   2 Soralia K- (1:) ..... **81. *P. psoromica***  
   2: Soralia K+ yellow, red or purple ..... 3  
   3 Soralia K+ wine-red or reddish violet, Pd-; hypothamnolic acid present (2:) ..... 4  
   3: Soralia K+ yellow or red ..... 5  
     4 Soralia UV+ yellow; lichenanthone present (3) ..... **107. *P. tropica***  
     4: Soralia UV-; lichenanthone absent ..... **65. *P. novaezelandiae***  
   5 Soralia K+ yellow → red; norstictic acid present (3:) ..... **22. *P. erythrella***  
   5: Soralia K+ yellow; thamnolic acid present ..... **89. *P. scaberula***

### Group J

[Thallus corticolous, pustulate or with sterile apothecial discs]

- 1 Thallus pustulate, usually with the medulla exposed within the pustules ..... 2  
 1: Thallus with sterile apothecial discs ..... 4  
   2 Thallus Pd-, KC+ violet, containing picrolichenic acid (1) ..... **40. *P. lacerans***  
   2: Thallus Pd+ yellow or orange, KC- ..... 3  
   3 Thallus K+ yellow → red, Pd+ yellow, containing norstictic acid (2:) ..... **94. *P. sublacerans***  
   3: Thallus K-, Pd+ orange, containing protocetraric acid ..... **41. *P. lacericans***  
     4 Apothecial disc K+ yellow or violet (1:) ..... 5  
     4: Apothecial disc K-, KC+ violet or orange-red ..... 8  
   5 Apothecial disc K+ violet, Pd-; hypothamnolic acid present (4) ..... **65. *P. novaezelandiae***  
   5: Apothecial disc K+ yellow, Pd+ yellow ..... 6

6	Apothecial disc UV-; lichexanthone absent; thamnolic acid present (5:)	<b>99. <i>P. thamnolica</i></b>
6:	Apothecial disc yellow; lichexanthone present	7
7	Thallus containing thamnolic acid (6:)	<b>58. <i>P. miscella</i></b>
7:	Thallus containing haemathamnolic acid	<b>11. <i>P. commutata</i></b>
8	Apothecial disc KC+ orange-red; lecanoric acid present (4:)	<b>111. <i>P. velata</i></b>
8:	Apothecial disc KC+ violet; picrolichenic acid present	9
9	Apothecial disc UV+ yellow; lichexanthone present (8:)	<b>10. <i>P. clarkeana</i></b>
9:	Apothecial disc UV-; lichexanthone absent	<b>108. <i>P. truncata</i></b>

## Group K

[Thallus corticolous; apothecia disciform; asci 1- or 2-spored]

1	Ascospores 2 per ascus	<b>4. <i>P. asiana</i></b>
1:	Ascospores 1 per ascus	2
2	Thallus Pd+ yellow or orange (1:)	3
2:	Thallus Pd-	6
3	Thallus K-, Pd+ orange; protocetraric acid present (2)	<b>41. <i>P. lacericans</i></b>
3:	Thallus K+ yellow or K+ yellow → red, Pd+ yellow	4
4	Thallus K+ yellow → red, Pd+ yellow; norstictic acid present (3:)	<b>94. <i>P. sublacerans</i></b>
4:	Thallus K+ yellow	5
5	Apothecial discs adnate on the thallus; haemathamnolic acid present (4:)	<b>11. <i>P. commutata</i></b>
5:	Apothecial discs on verruca-like swellings; thamnolic acid present	<b>58. <i>P. miscella</i></b>
6	Thallus KC-, K+ violet; hypothamnolic acid present (2:)	<b>65. <i>P. novaezelandiae</i></b>
6:	Thallus KC+ orange-red or violet, K-; hypothamnolic acid absent	7
7	Thallus KC+ orange-red; lecanoric acid present (6:)	<b>111. <i>P. velata</i></b>
7:	Thallus KC+ violet; picrolichenic acid present	8
8	Apothecial disc 0.5–1.5 mm diam., plane; thallus containing lichexanthone (8:)	<b>10. <i>P. clarkeana</i></b>
8:	Apothecial disc 1–3 mm diam., deeply concave; thallus containing atranorin	<b>71. <i>P. patellifera</i></b>

## Group L

[Thallus corticolous; apothecia disciform; asci 8-spored]

1	Apothecial disc K-, KC-; no lichen compounds present	<b>38. <i>P. jamesii</i></b>
1:	Apothecial disc K+ yellow or KC+ violet	2
2	Thallus K+ yellow, KC-, containing thamnolic acid (1:)	<b>99. <i>P. thamnolica</i></b>
2:	Thallus K+ weak orange-brown, KC+ violet, containing picrolichenic acid	<b>108. <i>P. truncata</i></b>

## Group M

[Thallus saxicolous, sorediate or isidiate, sterile]

1	Thallus isidiate; squamatic acid present	<b>62. <i>P. nerrigensis</i></b>
1:	Thallus sorediate; squamatic acid absent	2
2	Thallus UV+ yellow; lichexanthone present (1:)	<b>97. <i>P. subventosa</i></b>
2:	Thallus UV-; lichexanthone absent	<b>90. <i>P. sordida</i></b>