

Dievernina

(LECANORALES: RAMALINACEAE)

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Thallus fruticose, greenish yellow. Branches complanate, often broad, decumbent. Cortex with single layer of gelatinous matrix; mechanical tissues absent; ca. 3080 um thick; paraplectenchymatous, with netlike branching, similar to the outer layer of a Ramalina cortex. Supportive chondroid strands absent. Pseudocyphellae present. Pored epicortex present. Medullary hyphae thin (often less than 3 um).

Apothecial margin concolorous with thallus. Pycnidia pale. Bourgeanic acid is the only substance other than usnic acid. In coastal Mediterranean areas.

Similar to Ramalina but thallus without mechanical cords under the cortex, soft, not rigid.

The genus is not reported from N. America, and I don't know anything about it except rumors that some of the species of Ramalina s. lato from the southwest coast may belong to this genus.

1. **Sorediate.** D. sp.

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Literature: Poelt & Vezda. 1981. Erg. II.