

**Melanaria Erichsen**

(PERTSUARIACEAE)

After Poelt

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Thallus and apothecial construction similar to that of Pertusaria. Thallus often K+ red. Apothecia ordinarily aggregated, yet seldom set off in definite furiting wars, deeply sunken, peritheciallike. Asci 12spored (or more?); spores large, nonseptate, above all when mature with dark brown contents, K+ violet. On rock (probably always limepoor).

On rocks, coast of California (Channel Islands). Recently discovered, being described as new by Hafellner. .... M. sp.

**Literature**

Poelt, J. 1969. Bestimmungsschlssel europischer Flechten.