

Neuropogon Nees & Flotow
(LECANORALES)

Egan treats this as under Usnea, but some authors accept it as a distinct genus.

Thallus fruticose, tufted, erect or ± pendulous and straggling, to 15 cm long, attached by a basal holdfast. Branches terete, radial in structure, consisting of a central chondroid axis, medulla dn cortex, ± branched, with or without lateral fibrils. Surface yellow or greenish yellow, ± variegated with black or purplish black. Medulla lax and arachnoid or compact, K+ or . Chondroid axis hard, opaque or corneous, cylindrical or irregular. Isidia absent. Soredia present or absent, when present in rounded or irregular soralia, concaveeroded to convexpulvinate, pulverulent to compacted or granular, yellow to blackish.

Apothecia when present geniculate, lateral on branches, lecanorine, with or without raylike branchlets; thalline exciple smooth or warted or wrinkled, concolorous with thallus; disk black or bluish black, matt or slightly shining, never pruinose. Spores 8, simple, ellipsoid to subglobose, colorless, 58(10) x 35 um. On rock, arcticalpine.

Galloway, D. 1985. Flora of New Zealand Lichens.