

Key to hysterioid fungi on bark and wood in Scandinavia

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ABSTRACT

The lack of useful determination keys is often a major obstacle for naming species of Ascomycota, especially for the amateur mycologist. One group of fungi in need of a key are species of Dothideomycetes with hysteroide ascomata on bark and wood in Scandinavia, and we present such a key encompassing 31 species in 14 genera. Hysterothecia are commonly found on bark and wood, and most species with hysterothecia are saprophytes. Since several lichenized, doubtfully lichenized, and other species have ascomata resembling hysterothecia we also mention several such cases of possible misidentification.

SAMMENDRAG

Mangelen på nyttige bestemmelsesnøkler er ofte et stort hinder for å navngi arter av Ascomycota, spesielt for amatørmykologen. En gruppe sopper som har behov for en nøkkel er arter av Dothideomycetes med hysteroide ascomata på bark og tre i Skandinavia, og vi

presenterer en slik nøkkel som omfatter 31 arter i 14 slekter. Hysteroide ascomata finnes ofte på bark og tre, og de fleste arter med hysteroide ascomata er saprofytter. Siden flere licheniserte, tvilsomt licheniserte og andre arter har ascomata som ligner på hysteroide ascomata, nevner vi også flere slike tilfeller av mulig feilidentifisering.

INTRODUCTION

Most fungal species are Ascomycota, and most of them belong to the class Dothideomycetes. Non-lichenized dothideomycetes are poorly known regarding taxonomy, ecology and distribution, largely because of the lack of comprehensive and recent literature. Another reason is that microscopic identification is often needed to identify a fungus as belonging to the Dothideomycetes rather than to the Sordariomycetes, making surveys more difficult to perform. However, some groups within the dothideomycetes have easily recognizable ascomata and a limited number of species, and one such morphological group consist of species with hysteroide ascomata (hysterothecia). The hysterothecium is a strongly carbonized and thick-walled, elongated, lip-shaped ascoma with a central slit. The ascospores are released through the slit rather than through a pore as in perithecioid ascomata. Hysterothecia have developed independently several times within the Dothideomycetes (Boehm et al. 2009, Jayasiri et al. 2018); in the Hysteriales, Acrogenosporaceae (Minutisphaerales), Anteaaglioniaceae (Pleosporales), Gloniaceae (currently in Mytilinidiales), Patellariales (Boehm et al. 2015), and Stigmatodiscales (Voglmayr et al.

2016), as well as in *Glyphium* (Patellariales) and Mytilinidiaceae (Mytilinidiales), which have upright, shell-, ax-, or chisel-shaped, thin-walled, laterally compressed hysterothecia.

Hysterothecia are commonly found on bark and wood, and most species are probably saprophytes. Many species also occur as endophytes within living trees, and one of the most common ectomycorrhizal fungi (Peter et al. 2016), *Cenococcum geophilum*, belong to the Gloniaceae. Many hysterothecia are long-lived and capable of surviving periods of drought.

We here provide a key to the non-lichenized species with hysterothecia in Scandinavia. Several lichenized, doubtfully lichenized, and saprophytic species of other taxa on wood and bark have ascomata resembling hysterothecia, often referred to as lirellate apothecia. Fungi with lirellate apothecia may sometimes strongly resemble hysterioid fungi.

A possible case of confusion is species of the lichen genus *Opegrapha* (Arthoniales, Arthoniomycetes), e.g. *O. atra*, *herbarum*, *ochrocheila* and *varia*. These species are mainly found on the bark of deciduous trees and the sessile lirellate apothecia have a black true exciple, continuous under the hypothecium, which is not as thick and hard as in a true hysterothecium. Further, the disc is often somewhat exposed, and in some species bear yellow-green, orange or white pruina. The hamathecium consists of septate and branched paraphysoids and the ascospores are multiseptate, fusiform or acicular, hyaline or become ornamented and red-brown when old.

On dead wood, some lichenized fungi with a sometimes indistinct thallus and black lirellate apothecia such as *Xylographa* spp. (Baecomycetales), and *Ptychographa xylographoides* (Trapeliales; Nordén et al. 2019) may also cause confusion. *Xylographa* spp. have unbranched, linear apothecia, while *P. xylographoides* have sometimes branching

ascomata. The exciple of *Xylographa* is brown and the hypothecium is colourless, while the exciple is black and friable and the hypothecium is dark brown in *P. xylographoides*. Both have simple or sparingly branched paraphyses, with brown apices and simple, hyaline ascospores. It may also be possible to confuse ascomata of Rhytismatales (Leotiomycetes) with hysterothecia at a quick glance, for instance ascomata of *Colpoma crispum*, but these are soft-textured apothecia, with filiform paraphyses and hyaline, rod-shaped to filiform ascospores.

Another taxon not included in the key is *Melaspilea lentiginosula* (Dothideomycetes, Eremithallales; Jordal et al. 2017). This doubtfully lichenized species occurs on the bark of old pine trees and has small, black, lirelliform, and sometimes branched apothecia with exposed or slit-like discs. The hamathecium consists of sparsely branched paraphyses and the ascospores are 1-septate, sole-shaped, brown and ± warted. In addition, *Wadeana minuta* (Ascomycota incertae sedis) has lirellate apothecia with glossy margins and simple spores in multispored, non-fissitunicate asci. It occurs on rough bark of old deciduous trees. The mentioned species are all stated to be lichenized with *Trentepohlia* as photobiont in the literature but the thallus can be hard to discern, or is indeed lacking.

Further hysterioid fungi occur on other substrates, for example *Hypoderma* (Rhytismatales; on herbs et c), *Hysteropeltella* (Patellariales; on ferns), *Leptopeltis* (Microthyriales; on ferns), *Lophodermium* (Rhytismatales; on herbs, needles etc).

Determination key to hysterioid fungi on bark and wood in Scandinavia

- 1a. Hysteriothecia higher than broad, shell-, ax-, or chisel-shaped. Peridium thin, almost papery. Ascospores 1–9-septate, or filiform. On conifers, or in the case of *Glyphium*, on deciduous trees.....2
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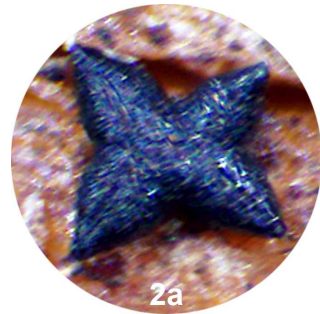
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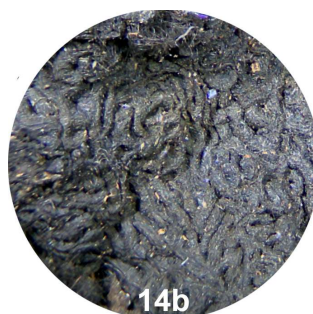
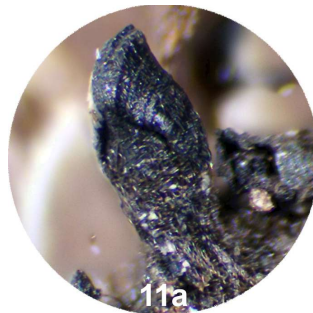
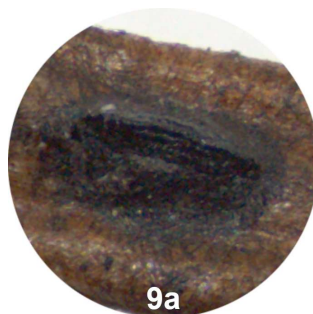
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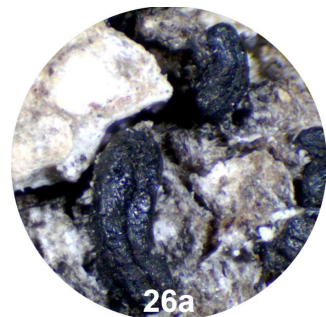
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Other genera not yet found in Scandinavia include *Actidiographium*, *Anteaglonium*, *Ericboehmia*, *Gloniella*, *Hysterocarina*, *Oedohysterium*, *Ostreichnion*, *Rhytidhysterion* and *Stigmatodiscus*.

Notes on the species

Acrogenospora carmichaeliana (Berk.)
Rossman & Crous.

Important synonyms: *Hysterium carmichaelianum* Berk, *Farlowiella carmichaeliana* (Berk.) Sacc.

Substrate: deciduous wood.

Distribution in Scandinavia: a few finds in SW Norway, Denmark, Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 85, Dennis (1981): 473, Ellis & Ellis (1997): 28, Læssøe & Petersen (2019): 1617. Wergen (2017a): 367, as *F. carmichaeliana*.

Actidium hysteroioides Fr.

Substrate: coniferous wood.

Distribution Scandinavia: Rather common in SE, SW and N Norway, Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 124, Dennis (1981): 477, Ellis & Ellis (1985): 185.

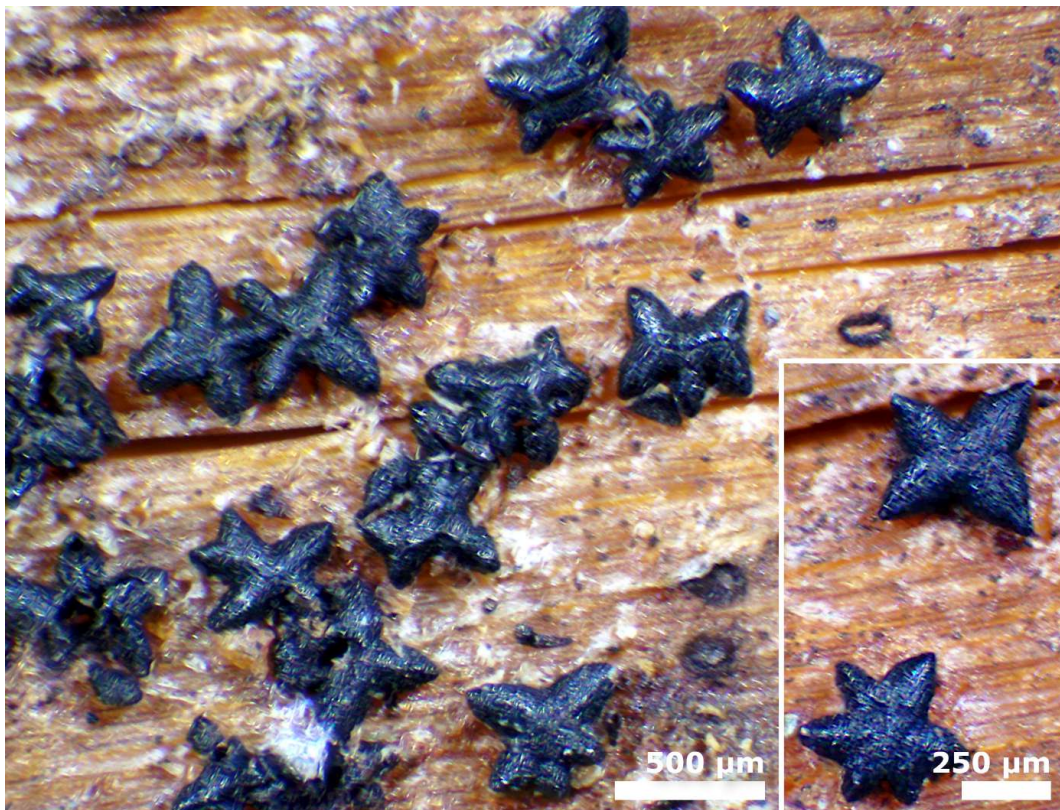


Figure 1. *Actidium hysteroioides* (O-F-88600). Photo: M. Andreasen.

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Gloniopsis praelonga (Schwein.) Underw. & Earle

Important synonyms: *Hysterium praelongum* Schwein., *Hysterographium praelongum* (Schwein.) Sacc.

Substrate: Deciduous wood.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Rare in Norway (SW), Denmark, Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 50, Ellis & Ellis (1985): 238, Mathiassen & Granmo (2012): 22, Læssøe & Petersen (2019): 1619, Wergen (2017b): 707.

(SE), Denmark, Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 69.

Glonium stellatum Muhl.

Substrate: Old wood.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Rare in

Norway (SE), Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 71, Boehm et al. (2009): 466.

Glonium graphicum (Fr.) Duby

Important synonyms: *Hysterium graphicum*

Fr.: Fr.

Substrate: Coniferous wood.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Rare in Norway



Figure 2. *Glonium stellatum* on decayed wood of *Quercus* sp. Photo: Mathias Andreasen.

Glyphium elatum (Grev.) H. Zogg

Important synonyms: *Lophium elatum*

Grev.: Fr.

Substrate: Deciduous wood, mostly on branches.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Common in Norway (SE, SW, N), Denmark, Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Ellis & Ellis (1985): 160, Boehm et al. (2015): 8, Læssøe & Petersen (2019): 1619, Wergen (2017b): 700.

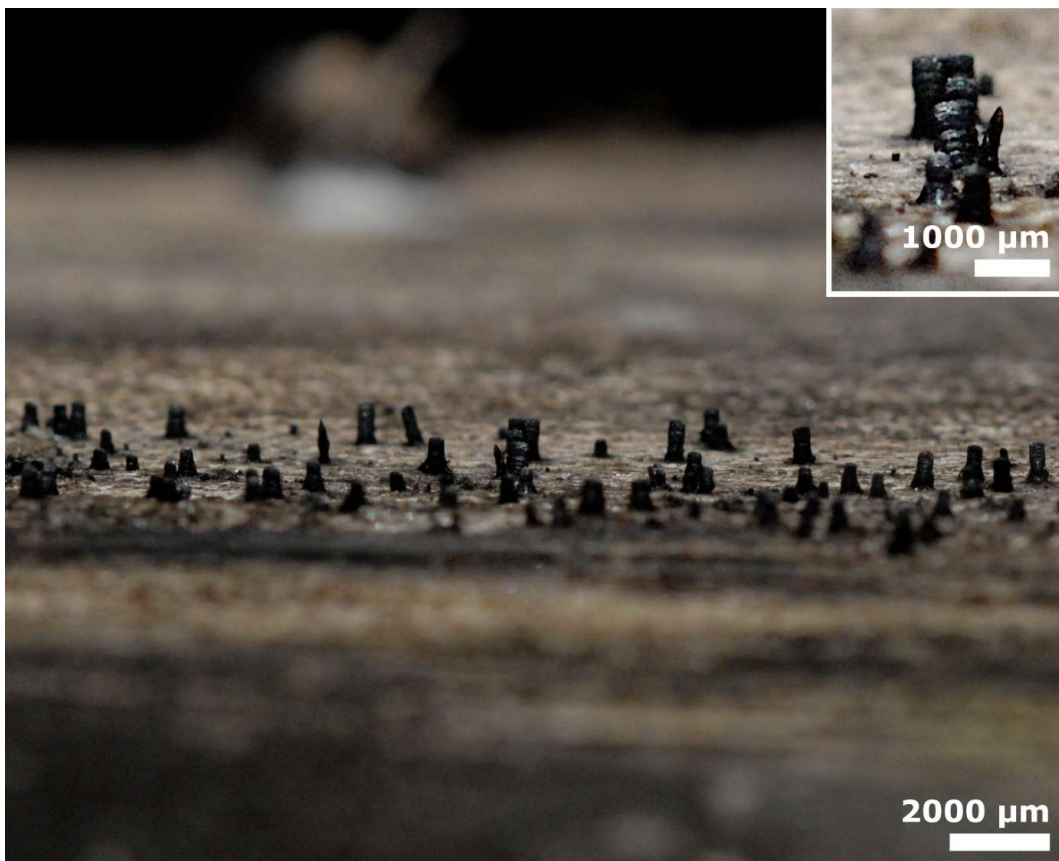


Figure 3. *Glyphium elatum* on *Fraxinus excelsior* branch. Photo: Leif Andersson.

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Glyphium grisonense Math.

Substrate: Deciduous wood.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Quite common in N Norway.

Selected descriptions: Boehm et al. (2015): 9, Mathiassen 1993: 89

Glyphium schizosporum (Maire) H. Zogg

Important synonyms: *Lophium schizosporum* Maire

Substrate: Deciduous wood.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Not yet found in the Scandinavian countries.

Selected descriptions: Boehm et al. (2015): 8.

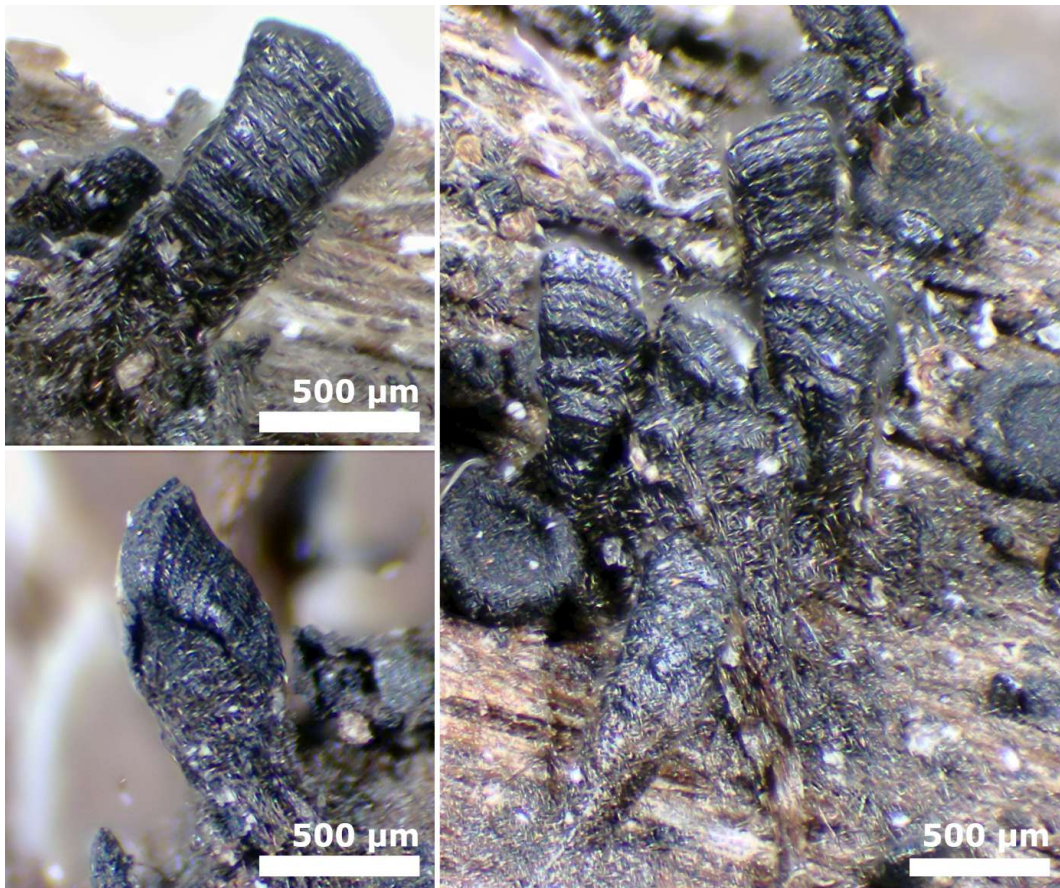


Figure 4. *Glyphium grisonense* on *Salix* sp. Photo: Mathias Andreasen.

Hysterium acuminatum Fr.

Important synonyms: *Hysterium angustatum* Alb. & Schwein.

Substrate: Bark of living deciduous trees.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Common in Norway (SE, SW, N), Denmark, Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 26 (as *H. angustatum*), Dennis (1981): 475 (as *H. angustatum* and *H. acuminatum*, Ellis & Ellis (1985): 31, Læssøe & Petersen (2019): 1617, Wergen (2017b): 495, as *H. angustatum*.

Hysterium pulicare Pers.: Fr.

Important synonyms: *Hysterium biforme* Fr.

Substrate: Bark of living deciduous trees.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Common in Norway (SE, SW, N), Denmark, Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 22, Dennis (1981): 475, Breitenbach & Kränzlin

(1981): 300, Ellis & Ellis (1985): 31, Læssøe & Petersen (2019): 1617, Wergen (2017b): 482.

Hysterium sp.

This probably undescribed species resembles *H. pulicare* in macroscopic appearance. It was found by us a few times in the SW part of Norway. We would be grateful to receive more material of this species. It may or may not be specific to yew *Taxus baccata*.

Hysterobrevium curvatum (Fr.: Fr.) Math. & Granmo

Important synonyms: *Hysterium curvatum* (Fr.).

Substrate: Deciduous wood.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Rare in Norway (SE, SW), Denmark, Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Mathiassen & Granmo 2012: 25, Wergen (2017b): 708, as *H. smilacis*.

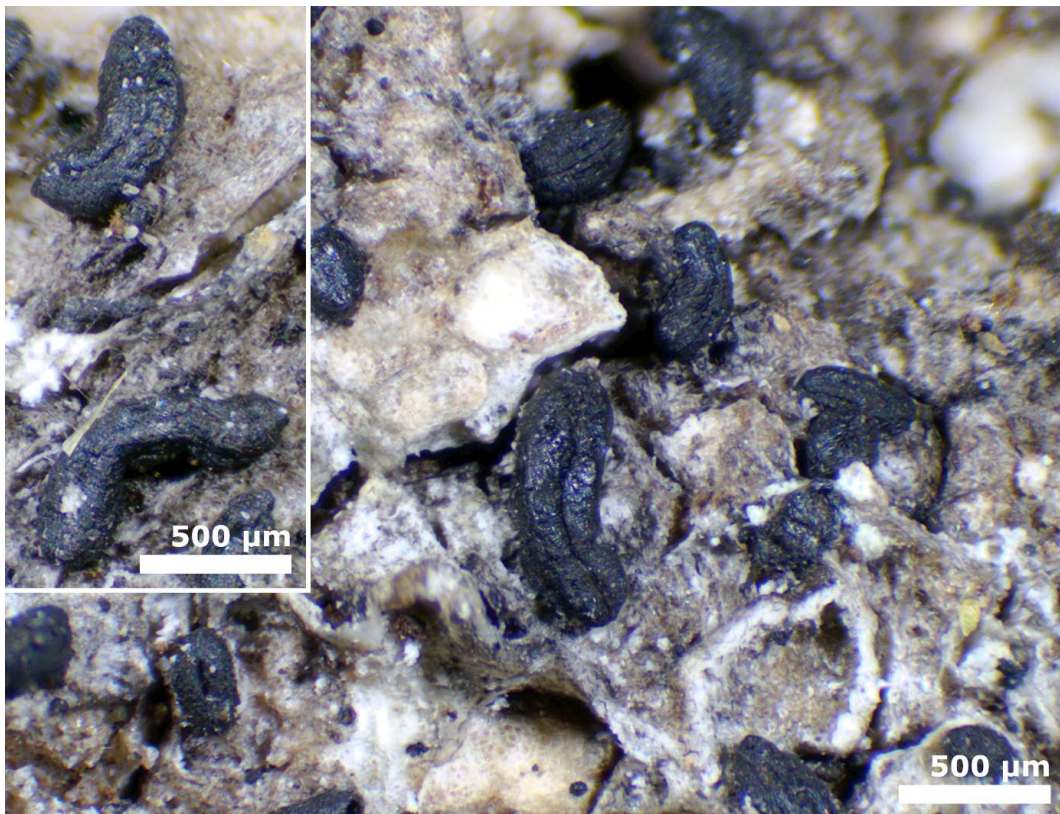


Figure 5. *Hysterobrevium curvatum* on *Populus tremula*. Photo: Mathias Andreassen.

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Hysterobrevium mori (Schwein.) E.W.A.
Boehm & C.L. Schoch
Important synonyms: *Hysterographium mori*
(Schwein.) Rehm, *Hysterium mori* Schwein.
Substrate: Wood.
Distribution in Scandinavia: Rare in Norway,
Denmark, Sweden.
Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 41, Barr
(1990): 14, Ellis & Ellis (1985): 31, Læssøe
& Petersen (2019): 1616.

Hysterobrevium smilacis (Schwein.) E.W.A.
Boehm & C.L. Schoch
Important synonyms: *Hysterium smilacis*
Schwein., *Gloniopsis smilacis* (Schwein.)
Underw. & Earle.
Substrate: Deciduous wood.
Distribution in Scandinavia: Uncertain.

Selected descriptions: Boehm et al. (2009): 63.

Hysterographium elongatum (Wahlenb.: Fr.)
Corda
Important synonyms: *Hysterium elongatum*
Wahlenb.: Fr.
Substrate: Deciduous wood.
Distribution in Scandinavia: Common in
Norway (SE, SW, N), Sweden.
Selected descriptions: Mathiassen (1993):
101, Ellis & Ellis (1985): 251.



Figure 6. *Hysterographium elongatum* on wood of *Populus tremula*. Photo: Mathias Andreasen.

Hysterographium flexuosum (Schwein.: Fr.)
Sacc.

Important synonyms: *Hysterium flexuosum*
Schwein.: Fr.

Substrate: Deciduous wood.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Rare in
Norway(SW), Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 39.

Læssøe & Petersen (2019): 1615, Wergen
(2017b): 768.

Hysterographium fraxini (Pers.: Fr.) De Not.

Important synonyms: *Hysterium fraxini*
Pers.: Fr.

Substrate: Deciduous wood.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Common in
Norway (SE, SW, N), Denmark, Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 35, Dennis
(1981): 476, Breitenbach & Kränzlin (1981):
302, Barr (1990): 12, Ellis & Ellis (1985): 141.

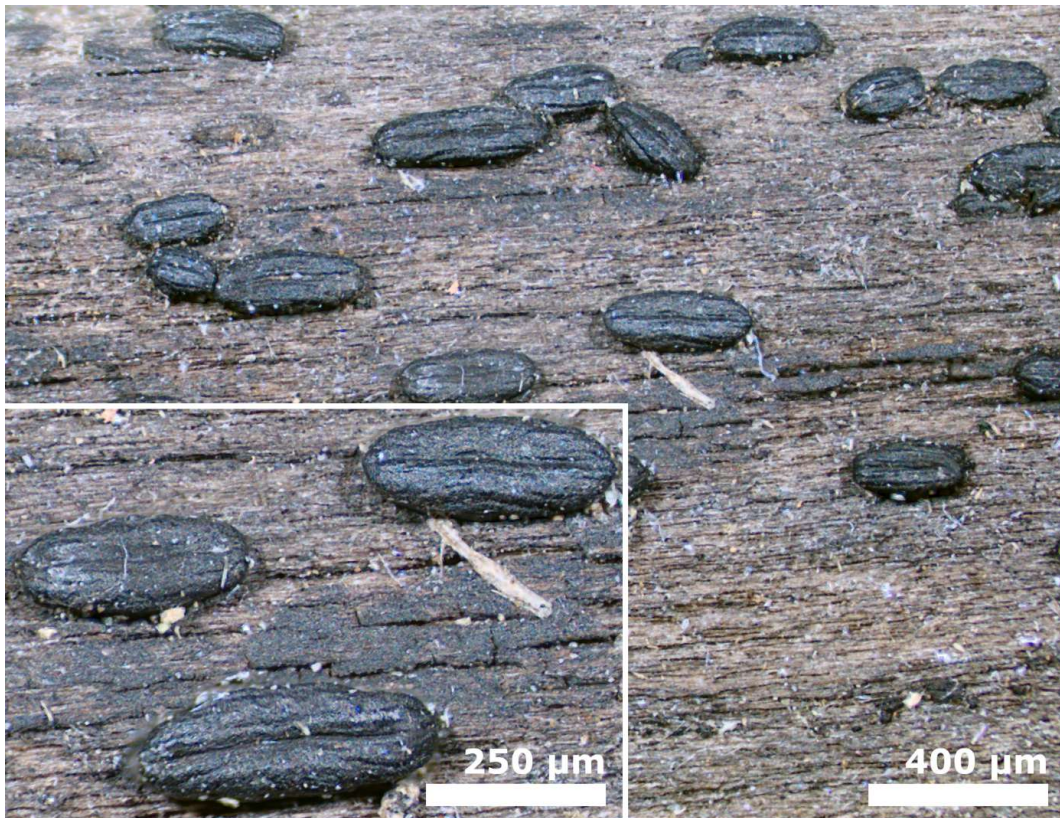


Figure 7. *Hysterographium flexuosum* on *Quercus* sp. Photo: Mathias Andreasen.

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Hysteropatella elliptica (Fr.: Fr.) Rehm

Important synonyms: *Hysterium ellipticum*

Fr.: Fr.

Substrate: Wood.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Rare in Norway (SE), Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Sherwood-Pike (1986): 267.

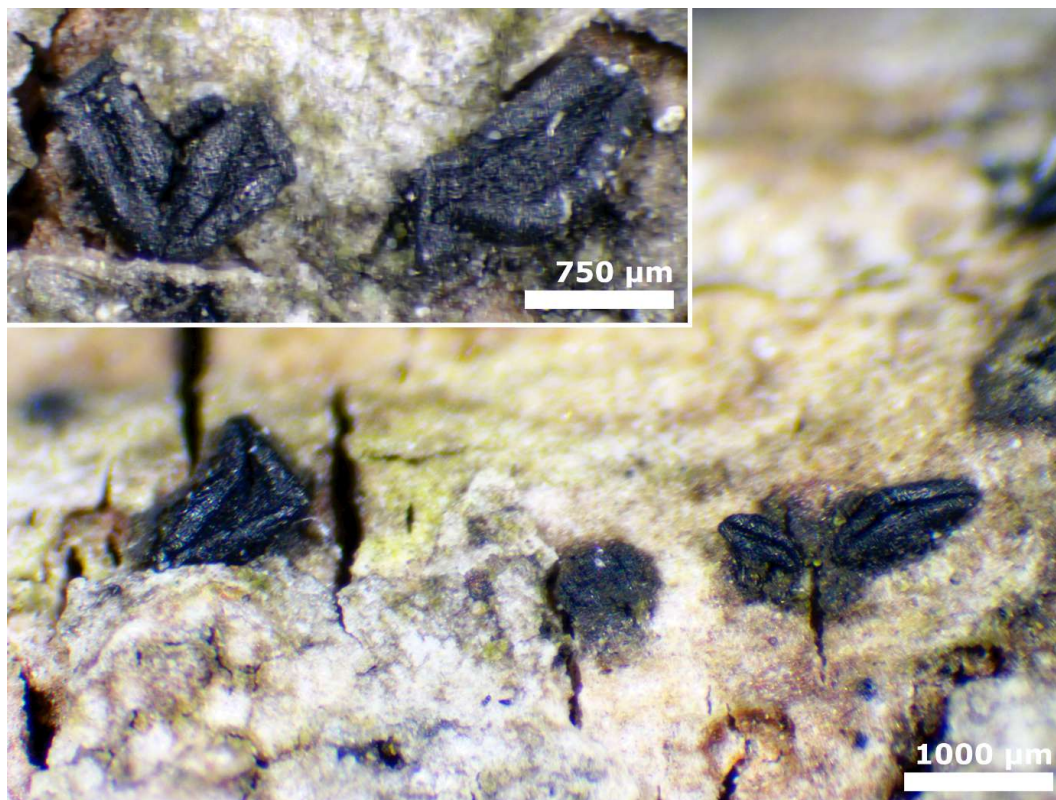


Figure 8. *Hysteropatella elliptica* on *Salix caprea*. Photo: Mathias Andreassen.

Lophium elegans H. Zogg

Substrate: branches of coniferous trees.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Uncommon in Norway (SE, SW, N).

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1954): 141.

Lophium mytilinum Pers.: Fr.

Important synonyms: *Hysterium mytilinum* Pers.

Substrate: Branches of coniferous trees.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Common in Norway (SE, SW, N), Denmark, Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 92, Dennis (1981): 477, Schmid (1990): 43, Ellis & Ellis (1985): 186, Læssøe & Petersen (2019): 1618, Wergen (2017b): 699.

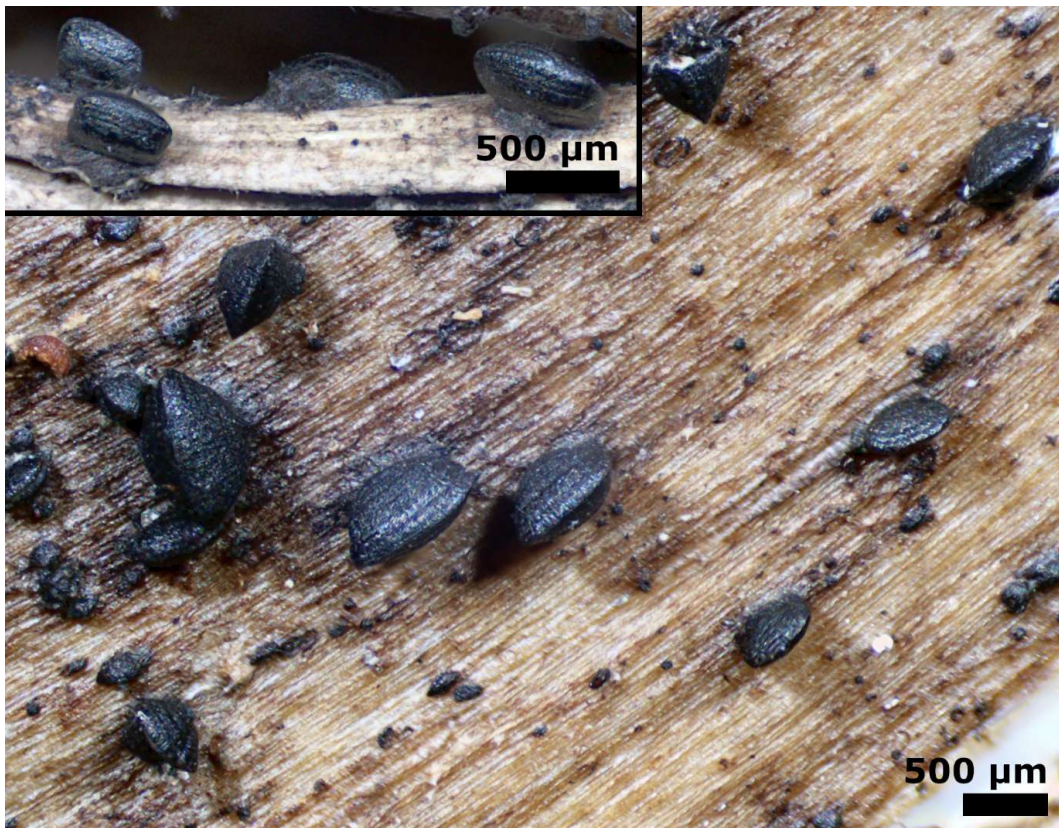


Figure 9. *Lophium mytilinum* on *Picea abies*. Top: on needles; Bottom: on decaying wood. Photo: Mathias Andreassen.

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Mytilinidion acicola G. Winter

Substrate: Needles and bark on coniferous trees including *Juniperus communis*.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Rather common in Norway (SE, SW, N), Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 119, Holm & Holm (1977): 44, Ellis & Ellis (1985): 152, Læssøe & Petersen (2019): 1618, Wergen (2017b): 492.

Mytilinidion gemmigenum Fuckel

Substrate: Coniferous bark, wood.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Rare in Norway (SE, SW), Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 111, Mathiassen & Granmo (2012): 77.

Mytilinidion decipiens (P. Karst.) Sacc.

Important synonyms: *Lophium decipiens* P. Karst.

Substrate: Coniferous bark, wood.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Rare in Norway (SE, N), Denmark.

Selected descriptions: Boehm et al. (2009): 77, Læssøe & Petersen (2019): 1618.



Figure 10. *Mytilinidion acicola* on *Juniperus communis* needles. Photo: Mathias Andreassen.

Mytilinidion mytilinellum (Fr.: Fr.) H. Zogg
Important synonyms: *Lophium mytilinellum*
Fr.: Fr.

Substrate: Coniferous bark, wood.
Distribution in Scandinavia: Rare in Norway
(SW), Sweden.
Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 106,
Breitenbach & Kränzlin (1981): 302, Ellis &
Ellis (1985): 186, Wergen (2017b): 493.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 109,
Ellis & Ellis (1985): 186.

Mytilinidion rhenanum Fuckel
Important synonyms: *Mytilinidion karstenii*
Sacc.
Substrate: Coniferous bark, wood.
Distribution in Scandinavia: Rare in Norway
(two collections from 1840 by Nils Green Moe),
Sweden.

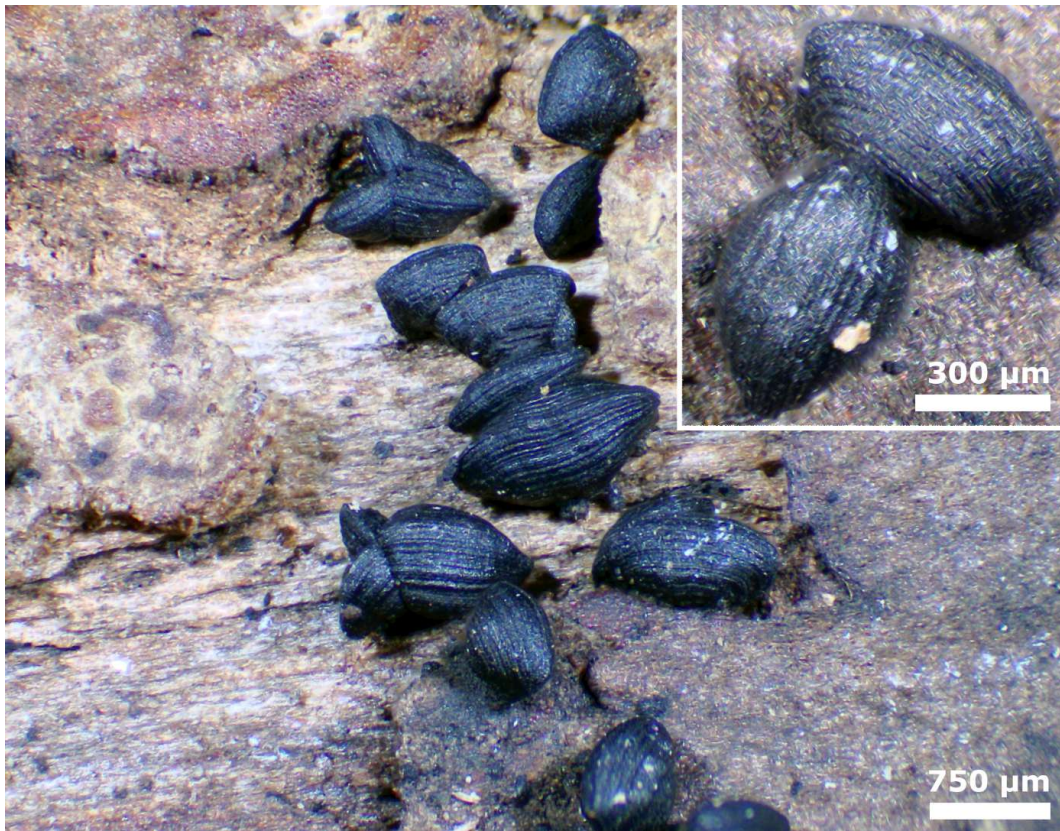


Figure 11. *Mytilinidion mytilinellum* on bark of *Pinus sylvestris*. Photo: Mathias Andreassen.

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Poetschia buellioides Korb.

Substrate: Bark of *Pinus sylvestris*.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Probably rather common in Norway (SE, SW).

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Psilogonium araucanum (Speg.) E.W.A.

Boehm, Marinc. & Schoch

Important synonyms: *Glonium araucanum* Speg.

Substrate: Bark of coniferous tree.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Found once in Denmark.

Selected descriptions: Boehm et al. (2009): 71.

Psilogonium hysterinum (Rehm) E.W.A.

Boehm & Schoch

Important synonyms: *Glonium hysterinum*

Rehm

Substrate: Old wood.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Rare in Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 68.

Psilogonium lineare (Fr.: Fr.) Petr.

Important synonyms: *Hysterium lineare* Fr.:

Fr., *Glonium lineare* (Fr.: Fr.) De Not.

Substrate: Old wood.

Distribution in Scandinavia: Rather uncommon in Norway (SE, SW, N), Denmark, Sweden.

Selected descriptions: Zogg (1962): 63, Dennis (1981): 474, Ellis & Ellis (1985): 28, Boehm et al. (2009): 68.



Figure 12. *Poetschia buellioides* on bark of *Pinus sylvestris*. Photo: Mathias Andreasen.

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