Enteromorpha (*Ulva*) *ralfsii*
Harvey

Techniques needed

MACRO PLANT   tubular

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Classification	Phylum: Chlorophyta; Order: Ulvales; Family: Ulvaceae
*Descriptive name	green hair

Features
1. plants form light to dark green tangled masses of threads lying loosely on mangrove and samphire mudflats
2. threads are largely ***unbranched***

Special requirements   view the branches under the microscope in surface view.
1. focus through the thread to see they are ***hollow***, about the ***same thickness*** throughout and 3-15 cells wide
2. cells relatively large (14-20μm long), angular, square or rectangular in ***lines*** along the length of the tubular threads
3. chloroplasts with 3-5 bright bodies (pyrenoids)

⚠ Diagnosis can be difficult

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Occurrences	from Europe, also in New Zealand. In S Australia, at Garden I., Port Adelaide.
Usual Habitat	in S Australia, in the mid- intertidal amongst mangroves and samphires

Similar Species   superficially like loose lying *Chaetomorpha* spp but threads are hollow tubes many cells across in *E. ralfsii*

Description in the Benthic Flora   Part I, pages 152-155
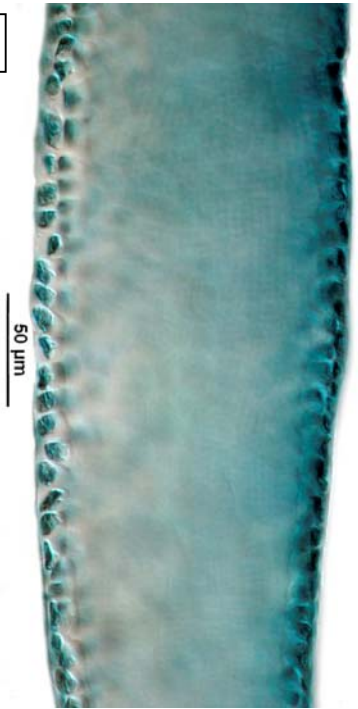
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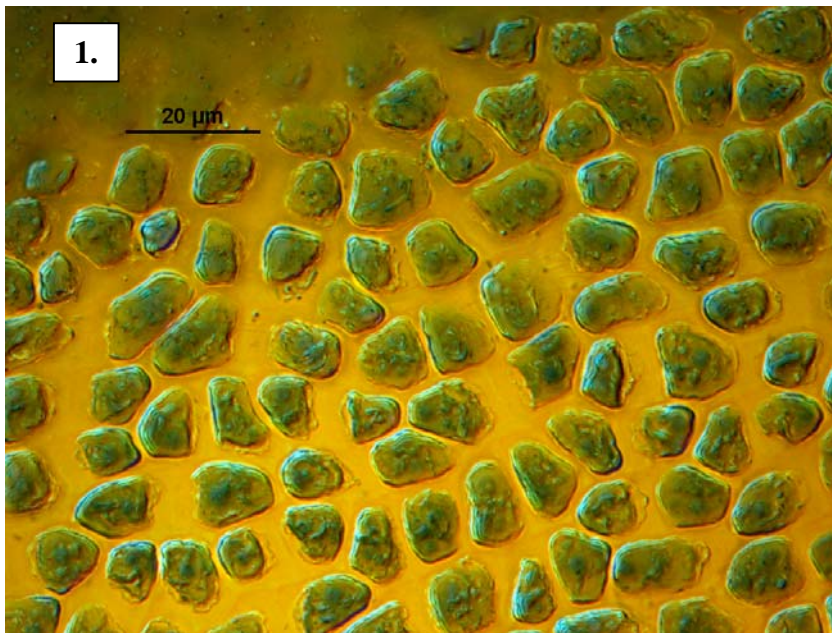
Surface microscope views of *Enteromorpha ralfsii* stained blue showing
1. cells using Nomarski interference microscopy to locate the several bright spots (pyrenoids) in the chloroplast of each cell (A47220 slide 5415)
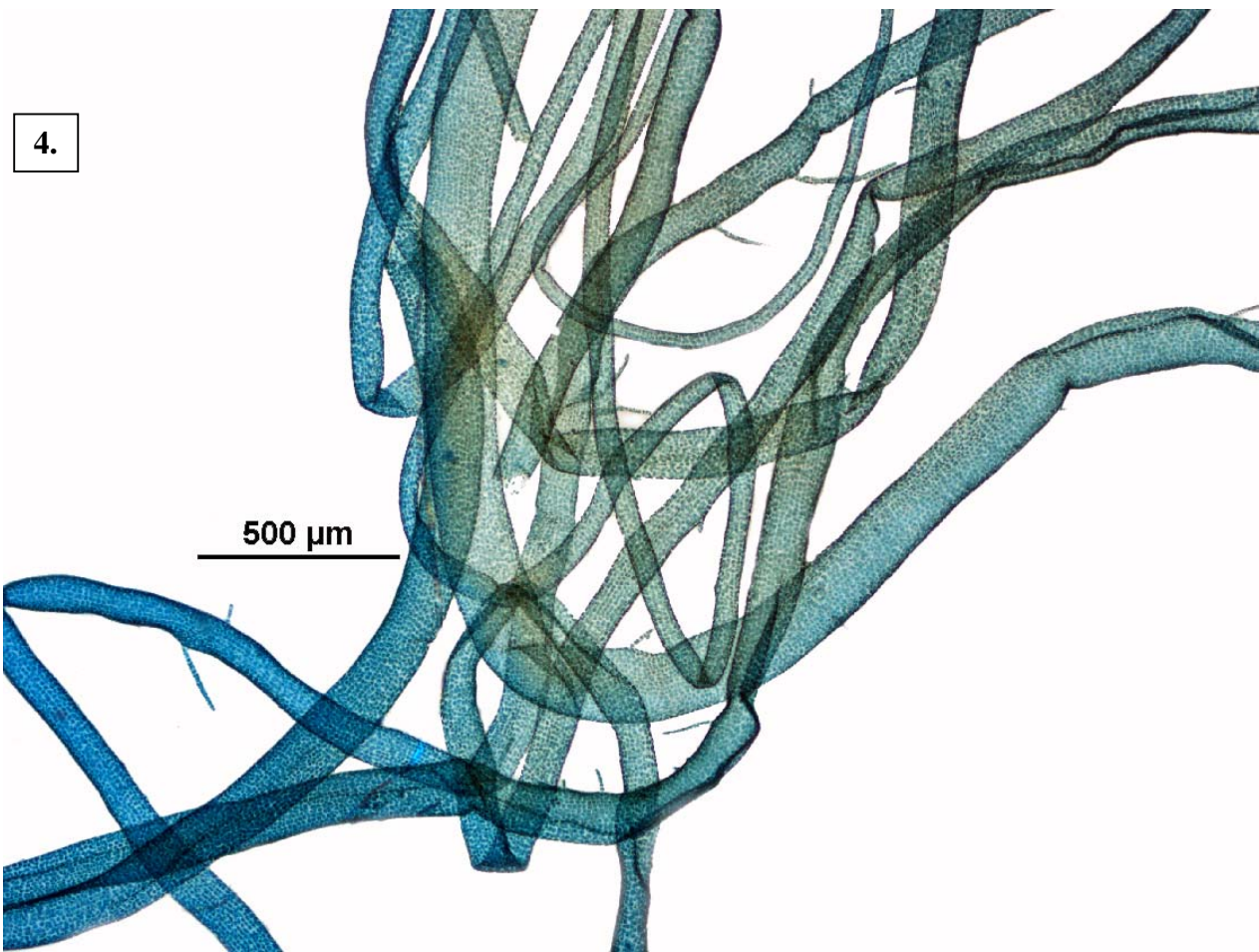2. a thread with lengthwise lines of cells (A47220 slide 5415)

Specimens of *Enteromorpha* (*Ulva*) *ralfsii* Harvey
3.   from Garden I., S Australia, under mangroves (A54642)
4, 5.   (A47220) stained blue and viewed microscopically to show:
        4.   the regular lengthwise lines of cells in threads that are practically un-branched
        5.   focused to show the hollow nature of the threads