

BLS Identification Crib sheet

Category	Examples	
Overall appearance ("jizz")	large and leafy covering trunk	
Habitat	What is it growing on- tree or earth or rock? Tree species? Rock type?	
Detailed habitat (micro-habitat)	Where on the tree/ earth/rock? Damp/shade, vertical/horizontal? Aspect/way is it facing?	
Thallus type	Foliose, fruticose, crustose, leprose, squamulose, or...	
Thallus size	Dimensions of whole thallus Dimensions of lobe Is there "lots of it"?	
Thallus colour	Wet and dry Upper and underside	
Thallus edge	Shape Prothallus (crustose) Thickness (crustose)	
Thallus features	Are there areoles? Are there squamules?	
Rhizines	Appearance. Where?	
Cilia	Appearance. Where?	
Soredia	Appearance. Where?	
Isidia	Appearance. Where?	
Pseudocyphellae & cyphellae	Appearance. Where?	
Apothecia	Lecanorine (jam tarts) Lecideine (wine gums) Arthonioid Lirellate Or are they perithecia?	
Any other surface features?	Shiny? Tomentose (hairy)? Bullate? Cracked? Pruinose?	
Reaction with K		
Reaction with C		
Other		