Mesogloiopsis tasmanica
Womersley & Bailey

A SPECIES WITH FEW RECORDS

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MACRO PLANT

multi-seriate

Techniques needed and shape

Classification Phylum: Phaeophyta; Order: Chordariales; Family: Chordariaceae

***Descriptive name** stubby slime strands

Features plants on rock in shallow water or the intertidal, brown, with slimy main branches (axes) 50-100mm long, and short, stout side branches

Special requirements cut a cross section and view microscopically to see:

- a middle layer (medulla) initially of threads initially longitudinal, but later replaced with branched, ***loosely associated*** threads
- surface layer (cortex) with thin, ***colourless*** (phaeophycean) ***hairs*** and chains of about 18 brown-coloured (photosynthetic assimilatory filaments) of only ***one type*** in the cortex
- single-compartmented (unilocular) sporangia at the base of cortical threads

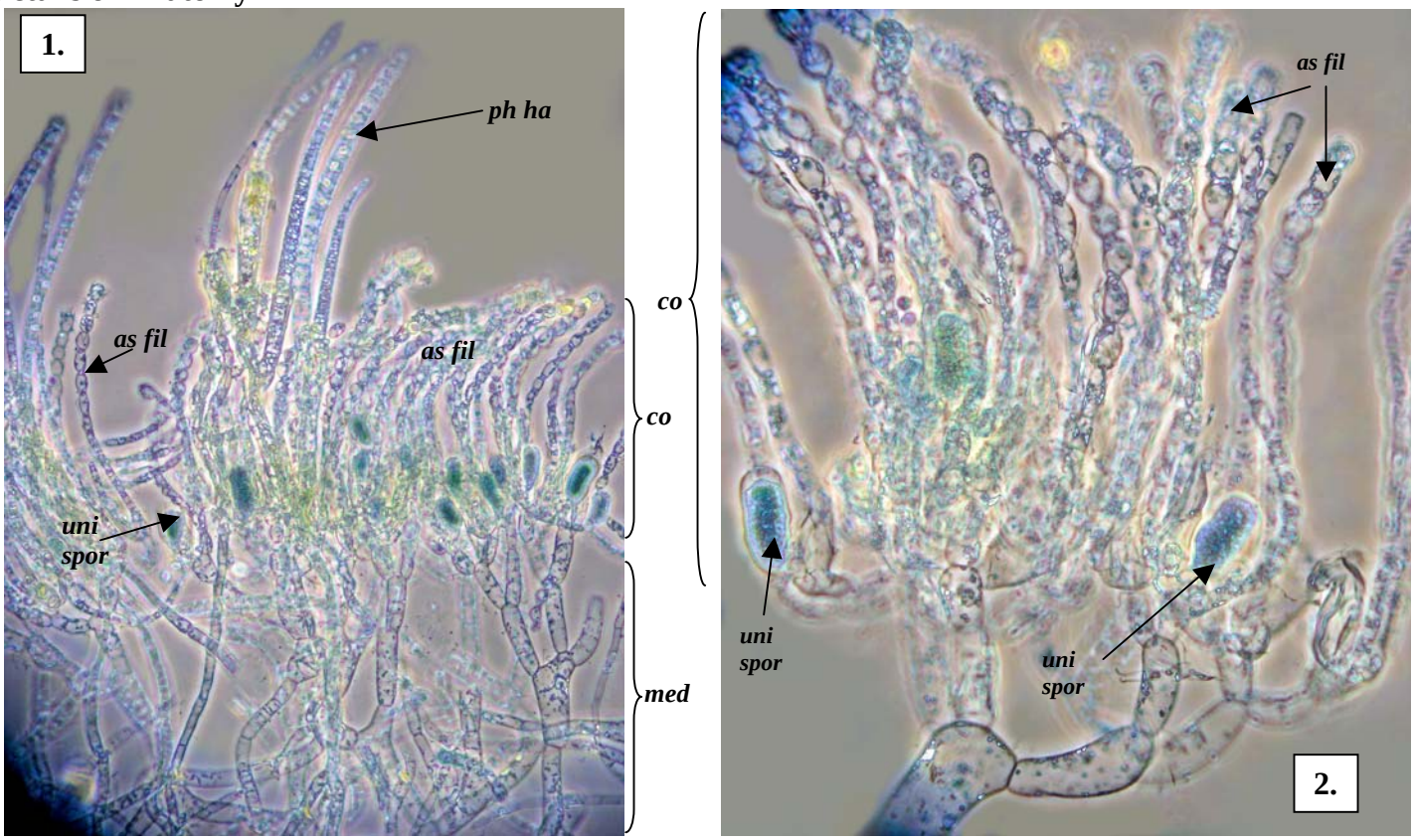
Occurrences known only from Tasmania on the Tessellated Pavement, Eaglehawk Neck

Usual Habitat in shallow water or intertidal

Similar Species other members of the Chordariaceae (*Myriogloea*, *Suringariella*, *Papenfussiella*) but *Mesogloiopsis* differs in that it ***has*** colourless (phaeophycean) hairs and ***lacks*** compact filaments in the middle (medulla) layer

Description in the Benthic Flora Part II, pages 113-116

Details of Anatomy



1, 2. Dissected pieces of *Mesogloiopsis tasmanica*, (A30075, slide 9303) stained blue and viewed microscopically at different magnifications showing:

- mass of loosely associated, branched middle filaments (medulla, *med*)
- outer layer (cortex, *co*) of ***chains*** of coloured, cells (assimilatory filaments**,** *as fil***),** bead-like towards the tips, thin colourless hairs (phaeophycean hairs, *ph ha*) and ***ovoid*** single-compartmented (unilocular) sporangia (*uni* spor)

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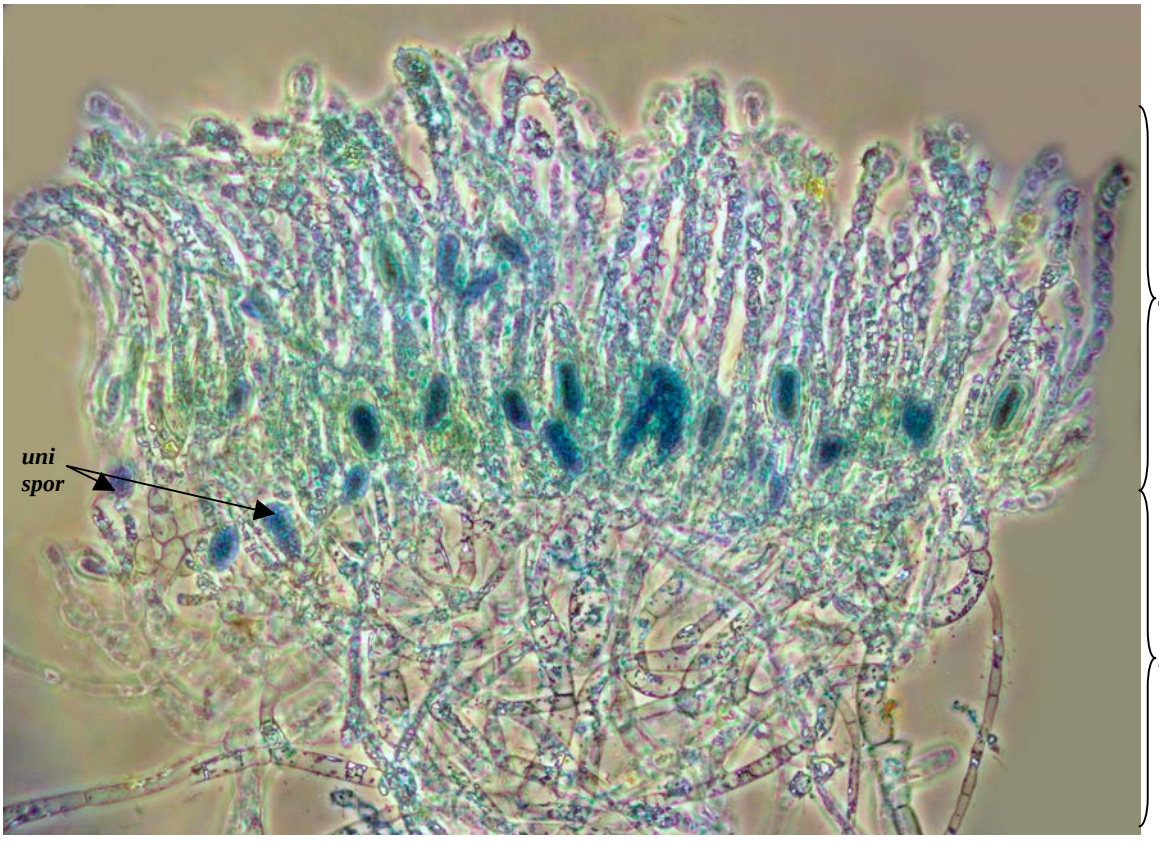
3. *Mesogloiopsis tasmanica* Womersley & Bailey, (A30048)



4. *Mesogloiopsis tasmanica*, (A30075, slide 9303), showing loose, branched filaments of the medulla (*med*), simple chains of cells in the cortex (*co*), and layer of single-compartmented (unilocular) sporangia (*uni spor*)

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