

STICTA BEAUVOISII Delise
Fringed Moon Lichen

FAMILY: Lobariaceae

HABIT: A large foliose lichen; upper surface greenish-gray to brown, lower surface dark brown with circular white spots. Usually has marginal isidia.

SIMILAR SPECIES: *Nephroma heloeticum* has uniform brown underface, *Peltigera* spp. have undersurface with lighter netlike veins.

TOTAL RANGE: Southeastern U.S., listed as most common in the south. (Hale, 1979)

STATE RANGE: Southern Ohio. Pre-1945 records from Fairfield, Hamilton, Highland and Hocking counties; one 1967 record from Ross County and one recent (1985) record from Gallia County.

STATE STATUS: 1992-1993: Added, 1994 to present Endangered.

HABITAT: This species grows on soil, rock and tree bases, frequently over moss. Generally prefers dry, open woods.

HAZARDS: Habitat destruction.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect a portion of the thallus, store in paper herbarium packet.

COMMENTS: This is a large, conspicuous lichen but not frequently collected in Ohio. The Gallia County site was revisited in 1993 and an extant population could not be relocated.

SELECTED REFERENCES:

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