DIBAEIS ABSOLUTA (Tuck.) Kalb & Gierl
Pink Dot Lichen

FAMILY: Icmadophilaceae

HABIT: Pink apothecia born on very short (ca. 1 mm) stalks, arising from a thin greenish crustose primary thallus.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Baeomyces rufus is similar but has grayish primary thallus. Not known from Ohio.

TOTAL RANGE: Appalachian; thought to be fairly rare. (Hale, 1979)

STATE RANGE: Old records (pre-1945) from Adams and Fairfield counties. Recent records and known extant populations in Athens and Hocking counties.


HABITAT: Moist acidic rock or compacted sandy soil. Generally found in open forest or somewhat shaded sites.

HAZARDS: Clearcutting, destruction by stripmining.


INVENTORY GUIDELINES: This species is difficult to collect from rock. Use a hammer and cold chisel. Perhaps a close-up color photograph would be better. If collected from friable sandstone or sandy soil, stabilize the substrate with diluted white glue.

COMMENTS: This species is distinctive but small and easily overlooked. Several populations were discovered in Crane Hollow in 1986 but could not be relocated in 1993.

SELECTED REFERENCES:
