RAMALINA INTERMEDIA (Delise ex Nyl.) Nyl.
Rock Ramalina

FAMILY: Ramalinaceae

HABIT: A tiny, yellow-green fruticose lichen with flattened branches. Thallus sorediate, tips of branches very attenuate.

SIMILAR SPECIES: R. farinacea, found on bark or old wood; R. petrina, different chemistry; R. pollinaria, branch tips widened, recurved, sorediate.

TOTAL RANGE: Eastern U.S. and Rocky Mountains.

STATE RANGE: Generally eastern and southern. One pre-1945 record from Cuyahoga County, recent records from Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Licking and Meigs counties.


HABITAT: Reported to grow on a variety of rock and bark types. Ohio collections are restricted to sandstone, generally in light shade.

HAZARDS: Unknown.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect several whole thalli. Store in paper herbarium packet.

COMMENTS: Even where apparently good habitat exists, this lichen is found only in small areas. Many of the extant populations are already under some form of protection.

SELECTED REFERENCES:

