

RAMALINA POLLINARIA (Westr.) Ach.
Chalky Ramalina

FAMILY: Ramalinaceae

HABIT: A small, yellow-green fruticose lichen with flattened branches. Tips of branches widened, recurved and usually sorediate.

SIMILAR SPECIES: *R. farinacea*, found on bark or weathered wood; *R. intermedia*, branch tips attenuated; *R. petrina*, different chemistry.

TOTAL RANGE: Boreal and northeastern U.S. Listed as rare by Hale (1979).

STATE RANGE: One pre-1945 record from Cuyahoga County; recent (1993) records from Gallia, Hocking and Meigs counties.

STATE STATUS: 1992-1993: Added, 1994-1997: Threatened, 1998 to present: Endangered.

HABITAT: Listed as rock and bark in sheltered areas. Recent Ohio collections have all been from sandstone, either cliff face or boulders below a cliff. Prefers light shade.

HAZARDS: Habitat destruction.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect several thalli and store in paper herbarium packet.

COMMENTS: Even where apparently good habitat exists this species is found only in small patches.

SELECTED REFERENCES:

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