

## GREEN SEAWEEDS EXTRACTED FROM THE MOST RECENT BRITISH SEAWEED CHECK-LIST OF BRODIE.

I have entered notes on identification on various groups in red and also indicated those most likely to be found on quick shore surveys in Scotland. Abbreviations in the notes refer to identification books: Burrows – *Seaweeds of the British Isles* vol 2 1987; GSBI – *Green Seaweeds of Britain and Ireland* 2007; Newton – *Handbook of the British Seaweeds* 1931. FW means freshwater.

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### CHLOROPHYTA Pascher 1914

**Class Trebouxiophyceae** Friedl 1995  
**Order Prasiolales** J.H.Schaffner 1922  
**Family Prasiolaceae** F.F.Blackman & Tansley 1902

**PRASIOLOA** (C.Agardh) Meneghini 1838  
*Prasiola calophylla* (Carmichael ex Greville) Kützing  
*Prasiola crispa* (Lightfoot) Kützing  
*Prasiola furfuracea* (Mertens ex Hornemann) Trevisan  
*Prasiola stipitata* Suhr ex Jessen

**ROSENVINGIELLA** P.C.Silva 1957  
*Rosenvingiella polyrhiza* (Rosenvinge) P.C.Silva  
\**Rosenvingiella radicans* (Kützing) Rindi, McIvor & Guiry  
[Not listed by Hardy & Guiry (2003) but noted in text for *R. polyrhiza* map; later confirmed from Britain by Rindi *et al.* (2004).]

**STICHOCOCCUS** Nägeli 1849  
*Stichococcus bacillaris* Nägeli  
[Included in the Klebsormidiales in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

**Class Ulvophyceae** Mattox & K.D.Stewart 1984  
**Order Cladophorales** Haeckel 1894  
**Family Cladophoraceae** Wille 1884, *nom. cons.*

*Prasiola* may look just like a small foliose plant. You could mistake it for a small *Ulva* or *Monostroma*. But under the microscope there's no mistake. Cells in very regular square grid pattern. A central, axile chloroplast, though that can be hard to see. Monostromatic. On the open coast most common is *P.stipitata* with multicellular stipe. Can be highest seaweed on shore. When reproductive it has rectangular groups of gametangial cells of a different colour dotted around. *P.calophylla* less common on shore. Stipe only one cell thick. Plant elongated like a small strap. *P.furfuracea* rare has short stipe and small (2mm). *P.crispa* is the only one without a stipe but ribbon-like blades can give false impression of one. Can be rounded or ribbon-like to several cm. GSBI excellent pictures and descriptions. *P.stipitata* marine. Other three can be terrestrial and FW as well.

*Rosenvingiella* more common than many think. You need to look for it. Often present in mats of *Prasiola* and in top shore filamentous mixtures with *Ulothrix* etc. and in green mats in estuaries. Traditionally we have called all specimens *R.polyrhiza*. but this is no longer acceptable. Many of past records are *R.radicans*. Can be confused with *Ulothrix* but has axile, stellate chloroplast and false branching. Use GSBI to tell the two species apart. Prasiolales in GSBI written by Fabio Rindi who really knows his stuff.

*Stichococcus* is like a very small, simple *Ulothrix* but you are very unlikely to find it. Not in GSBI but in Burrows without picture. It is really a FW species.

**AEGAGROPILA** Kützing 1843

*Aegagropila linnaei* Kützing

[As *Cladophora aegagropila* (Linnaeus) Trevisan in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

**CHAETOMORPHA** Kützing 1845, *nom. cons.*

*Chaetomorpha aerea* (Dillwyn) Kützing

\**Chaetomorpha ligustica* (Kützing) Kützing

[Requires further investigation; see Guiry (2012).]

*Chaetomorpha linum* (O.F.Müller) Kützing

[*Chaetomorpha crassa* (C.Agardh) Kützing included as a synonym in Leliaert & Boedeker (2007); see Guiry (2012).]

*Chaetomorpha litorea* Harvey

*Chaetomorpha melagonium* (F.Weber & D.Mobr) Kützing

**CLADOPHORA** Kützing 1845, *nom. cons.*

*Cladophora albida* (Nees) Kützing

*Cladophora battersii* Hoek

*Cladophora coelothrix* Kützing

*Cladophora dalmatica* Kützing

*Cladophora flexuosa* (O.F.Müller) Kützing

\**Cladophora fracta* (O.F.Müller ex Vahl) Kützing

[Freshwater species penetrating into brackish waters; see Leliaert & Boedeker (2007).]

*Cladophora globulina* (Kützing) Kützing

\**Cladophora glomerata* (Linnaeus) Kützing

[Freshwater species penetrating into brackish waters; see Leliaert & Boedeker (2007).]

*Cladophora hutchinsiae* (Dillwyn) Kützing

*Cladophora laetevirens* (Dillwyn) Kützing

*Cladophora lehmanniana* (Lindenberg) Kützing

*Cladophora liniformis* Kützing

*Cladophora pellucida* (Hudson) Kützing

*Cladophora prolifera* (Roth) Kützing

*Cladophora pygmaea* Reinke

*Cladophora retroflexa* (Bonnemaison ex P.L.Crouan & H.M.Crouan) Hamel

\**Cladophora rhodolithicola* Leliaert

[Recently described species; see Leliaert *et al.* (2009).]

*Cladophora rupestris* (Linnaeus) Kützing

*Cladophora sericea* (Hudson) Kützing

*Cladophora vagabunda* (Linnaeus) Hoek

**RHIZOCLONIUM** F.T. Kützing 1843

*Rhizoclonium riparium* (Roth) Harvey

**WITTROCKIELLA** Wille 1909

*Wittrockiella amphibia* (Collins) C.Boedeker & G.I.Hansen

[As *Wittrockiella paradoxa* Wille in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

**Class Bryopsidophyceae** Bessey 1907

**Order Bryopsidales** J.H.Schaffner 1922

**Family Chaetosiphonaceae** F.F.Blackman & Tansley 1902

**BLASTOPHYSA** Reinke 1889

[Taxonomic placement uncertain.]

*Blastophysa rhizopus* Reinke

**Family Bryopsidaceae** Bory de Saint-Vincent 1829

**BRYOPSIS** J.V.Lamouroux 1809

*Bryopsis hypnoides* J.V.Lamouroux

*Bryopsis plumosa* (Hudson) C.Agardh

*Chaetomorpha* and *Cladophora* have similar cells. They have a reticulate chloroplast (netlike) but the reticulum can be so dense that it looks like a solid green block in the cell. They have numerous pyrenoids per cell. Larger specimens may have different layers of cellulose visible in the cell wall under good microscopy. These layers may allow other green endophytic species to live in the cell wall so look for them. They may also have microscopic red epiphytes so always look for these under the microscope even if you can identify the plant with the naked eye.

*Chaetomorpha* is always unbranched. *Cladophora* is always branched but beware that the straggling freshwater species that occur in estuaries, *C.glomerata* and *C.fracta* can have long unbranched sections between branched portions.

*Chaetomorpha* is relatively straightforward.

*C.melagonium* has giant (1mm length or diam) cells visible to naked eye. In rock pools as single filaments so need to search. *C.linum* has filaments 100 to 300 um diam often in tough woolly masses like steel wool on rock surface. *C.ligustica* is 40-80 um thick and forms soft cotton-wool like masses on other algae in summer. Used to be called *C.mediterranea*. For other forms and *C.aerea* see GSBI.

*Cladophora* – a minefield. Beware of overidentification. Just because something is in a book you don't have to find it on every shore. Pp146-148 of GSBI have summary table of species and there is a simple table from Juliet Brodie. The most likely ones for you to find are:

*C.albida* - very small cells (down to 20um) at least in ultimate branches. Often weakly green

*C.laetevirens* - see GSBI

*C.pellucida* – commoner in west – gigantic basal cells visible to naked eye are giveaway

*C.rupestris* – harsh, dark green, multidichotomous branching (up to 6 bches) most common one in rock pools, can be done with naked eye

*C.sericea* – second most common, second (comb-like) branching.

*Rhizoclonium* – commonest green in estuaries. Only occasionally branched. Bches 1-3 cells only. Open reticulate chloroplast.

*Bryopsis* – both species have feather like branching.

*B.plumosa* is flattened in one plane like a feather

*B.hypnoides* has bches all around axis

Need to search in pools. On most open coast shores in small amounts in summer. Likes disturbed shores.

**Family Codiaceae Kützting 1843**

**CODIUM Stackhouse 1797**

*Codium adhaerens* C.Agardh

*Codium bursa* (Olivi) C.Agardh

*Codium fragile* subsp. *atlanticum* (Cotton) P.C.Silva

[Previously considered to be non-native, but recently shown to be native.]

*Codium fragile* (Sturingar) Hariot subsp. *fragile* (Maggs & Kelly, 2007)

[Non-native; Table 3.]

*Codium tomentosum* Stackhouse

*Codium vermilara* (Olivi) Delle Chiaje

**Family Derbesiaceae Hauck 1884**

**DERBESIA Solier 1846**

*Derbesia marina* (Lyngbye) Solier

*Derbesia tenuissima* (Moris & De Notaris) P.L.Crouan & H.M.Crouan

**Family Ostreobiaceae P.C.Silva ex Maggs & J.Brodie 2007**

**OSTREOBIUM Bornet & Flahault 1889**

*Ostreobium quekettii* Bornet & Flahault

**CHARACIUM A.Braun 1849**

*Characium marinum* Kjellman

**CHLOROCHYTRIUM Cohn 1872**

*Chlorochytrium cohnii* E.P.Wright

[Listed with the Chlorococcales in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

*Chlorochytrium dermatocolax* Reinke

[Listed with the Chlorococcales in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

**CHLOROCOCCUM Meneghini 1842**

*Chlorococcum submarinum* Ålvik

**SYKIDION E.P.Wright 1881**

*Sykidion dyeri* E.P.Wright

**Order Ulotrichales Borzi 1895**

**Family Chlorocystidaceae Kornmann & Sahling 1983**

**HALOCHLOROCOCCUM P.J.L.Dangeard 1965, nom. inval.**

*Halochlorococcum moorei* (N.L.Gardner) Kornmann & Sahling, nom. inval.

[Included in the Chlorocystidales in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

**Family Ulotrichaceae Kützting 1843**

**ACROSIPHONIA J.Agardh 1846**

*Acrosiphonia arcta* (Dillwyn) Gain

[Included in the Acrosiphoniales in Hardy & Guiry (2003); see Brodie & Bunker (2007).]

**SPONGOMORPHA Kützting 1843**

*Spongomorpha aeruginosa* (Linnaeus) Hoek

[Included in the Acrosiphoniales in Hardy & Guiry (2003); see Brodie & Bunker (2007).]

*Codium* should be no problem to identify to genus level. But to take to species level.

*C.bursa* and *C.adhaerens* have distinctive forms – see GSBI photos – but you still need to look at filaments under microscope to verify it is *Codium* with coenocytic filaments.

All other species are erect branched ones made up of intertwined coenocytic filaments and to tell these apart you must look at filaments under microscope. You need to see size and nature of utricles (club-shaped branches) and see whether they are mucronate (have pointed or blunt ends) and how long is the point (Mucron). See GSBI or Burrows. Basic taxonomy hasn't changed since Silva in 1955 except for a difference in name of subspecies. Subsp. *tomentosoides* in Burrows is subsp. *fragile* in GSBI.

*Derbesia* – not common

*Ostreobium* – coenocytic shell-borer with irregular outline in dead shells, usually sublittoral and can be in very deep water. Not the commonest shell-borer but can be found.

***Characium, Chlorochytrium, Sykidion, Halochlorococcum***

These are four genera of unicells which are large – from about 30um to 1mm and may occur as turfs on the rock surface or as endophytes in other algae. Not the commonest on the shore but worth searching for. Look for *H.moorei* in *Blidingia*. These periodically vanish from check-lists because some of their species may be sporophyte phases of larger greens. See GSBI

***Acrosiphonia* and *Spongomorpha***

Superficially like *Cladophora* with branched filaments made of large cells with many pyrenoids and reticulate chloroplasts. But chloroplast is much more open and pale green, it can even falsely appear discoid because swellings around pyrenoids can be seen but linking fibrils are faint.

*A.arcta* has two forms. Early in season it may be very bright green with smooth axes. As the season advance it becomes the dark green colour of *Cladophora rupestris* and branches become rough and main axes knotted into ropes. This is because it produces two abnormal branch types. Downgrowing rhizoidal branches with little colour latch onto the rock. Recurved hook like crampons, only a few cells long, bind the axes into ropes.

*S. aeruginosa* lacks the rhizoids and crampons but has the open cells with false discoid chloroplasts. It forms turfs on rocks and grows epiphytically on other algae.

**ULOTHRIX** Kützing 1833

*Ulothrix flacca* (Dillwyn) Thuret

*Ulothrix implexa* (Kützing) Kützing

*Ulothrix speciosa* (Carmichael) Kützing

*Ulothrix subflaccida* Wille

**UROSPORA** J.E.Areschoug 1866, *nom. cons.*

*Urospora penicilliformis* (Roth) J.E.Areschoug

*Urospora wormskioldii* (Mertens ex Hornemann)

Rosenvinge

**Order Scotinosphaerales** Škaloud, Kalina, Nemjová, De Clerck & Leliaert 2013

**Family Scotinophaeaceae** Škaloud, Kalina, Nemjová, De Clerck & Leliaert 2013

**SCOTINOSPHAERA** Klebs 1881

*Scotinosphaera paradoxa* Klebs

[Included in the Chlorococcales as *Chlorochytrium facciolae* (Borzi) Bristol in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

**Order Ulvales** F.F.Blackman & Tansley 1902

**Family Bolbocoleaceae** [*Bolbocoleonaceae*] O'Kelly & Rinkel 2007

**BOLBOCOLEON** N.Pringsheim 1863

*Bolbocoleon piliferum* N.Pringsheim

[Included in the Chaetophorales in Hardy & Guiry (2003); see O'Kelly *et al.* (2007).]

**Family Capsosiphonaceae** V.J.Chapman 1952

**CAPSOSIPHON** Gobi 1879

*Capsosiphon fulvescens* (C.Agardh) Setchell & N.L.Gardner

**Family Gayraliaceae** K.L.Vinogradova 1969

**GAYRALIA** K.L.Vinogradova 1969

*Gayralia oxysperma* (Kützing) K.L.Vinogradova ex Scagel *et al.*

[As *Monostroma oxyspermum* (Kützing) Doty in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

**PROTOMONOSTROMA** K.L.Vinogradova 1969

*Protomonostroma undulatum* (Wittrock) K.L. Vinogradova

**Family Gomontiaceae** De Toni 1889

**EUGOMONTIA** Kornmann 1960

*Eugomontia sacculata* Kornmann

[Included in the Ulotrichales in Hardy & Guiry (2003); see John (2007).]

**GOMONTIA** Bornet & Flahault 1888

*Gomontia polyrhiza* (Lagerheim) Bornet & Flahault

[Included the Chlorococcales in Hardy & Guiry (2003); see John (2007).]

**MONOSTROMA** Thuret 1854

*Monostroma grevillei* (Thuret) Wittrock

*Ulothrix* - uniseriate unbranched filaments with a single interrupted band-shaped. One or more pyrenoids in cell. Spp differ in size and length/breadth ratio of cell, number of pyrenoids, whether surface appears rough or smooth because of adhering small particles, filaments straight or curved, and unusual wall thickening. Ian Fuller's typescript key better than GSBI or Burrows. Beware that cells dividing contents into spores may falsely appear to have reticulate chloroplasts and to be bigger, giving possible confusion with *Urospora* (see below).

*Urospora* – do not confuse with reproductive *Ulothrix* (see above). Has reticulate chloroplast. The two species are really different – see GSBI

*U.penicilliformis* is the commoner one.

*U.wormskioldii* is so much bigger with distinctive barrel-shaped cells. Both form strata on the upper shore but wormskioldii can also be primary coloniser of new concrete. Has unicellular *Codiolium* phase in life cycle which can form green strata on upper shore.

*Bolbocoleon* is an endophyte in fleshy larger algae such as *Chorda*. It has hairs with a distinctive type of base which separates it from other endophytes – GSBI

*Capsosiphon* superficially like *Enteromorpha* - not common but when it occurs can sometimes be in a dense, short-lived stand. Tubular but highly characteristic is the packaging of the cells into gelatinous packets of 2, 4 or 8 cells. They may be arranged spirally around the tube – See GSBI.

*Gayralia oxysperma* is a monostromatic foliose green, formerly known as *Monostroma oxyspermum* or *Ulvaria oxysperma*. It is common in mid-reaches of estuaries and can occur very rarely on the open coast. It differs from *Monostroma* in developing from a single cell attached by rhizoids (like *Enteromorpha*) rather than upwelling from a basal disc. This means the base will have long rhizoidal cells. See GSBI for photographs of the distinctive types of cell which confirm this species.

*Monostroma grevillei* very thin and filmy, one cell thick, upwells from basal disc which you may see if you get the base. See GSBI for distinctive types of cell along plant. Only on shore in spring. Rest of year as shell-boring *Codiolium* phase. Appears first in upper shore pools and migrates down as spring progresses.

*Eugomontia* and *Gomontia* – shell bores. See intro in GSBI

**Family Kornmanniaceae Golden & K.M.Cole 1986**

**BLIDINGIA Kylin 1947**

*Blidingia marginata* (J.Agardh) P.J.L.Dangeard ex Bliding

*Blidingia minima* (Nägeli ex Kützing) Kylin

**PSEUDENDOCLONIUM Wille 1901**

\**Pseudendoclonium dynamenae* R.Nielsen

[Now confirmed for Britain; see Nielsen (2007).]

*Pseudendoclonium fucicola* (Rosenvinge) R.Nielsen

[Included in the Chaetophorales in Hardy & Guiry (2003); see Maggs (2007).]

*Pseudendoclonium submarinum* Wille

[Included in the Chaetophorales in Hardy & Guiry (2003); see Maggs (2007).]

**TELLAMIA Batters 1895**

*Tellamia contorta* Batters

[Included in the Chaetophorales in Hardy & Guiry (2003); see Maggs (2007).]

**Family Phaeophilaceae Chappell, O'Kelly, L.W.Wilcox & G.L.Floyd 1990**

**PHAEOPHILA Hauck 1876**

*Phaeophila dendroides* (P.L.Crouan & H.M.Crouan) Batters

[Included in the Phaeophilales in Hardy & Guiry (2003); see Maggs (2007).]

**Family Ulvaceae J.V.Lamouroux ex Dumortier 1822**

**OCHLOCHAETE Thwaites 1849**

*Ochlochaete hystrix* Thwaites

**PERCURSARIA Bory de Saint-Vincent 1823**

*Percursaria percursa* (C.Agardh) Rosenvinge

**RUTHNIELSENIA O'Kelly, Wysor & Bellows 2004**

\**Ruthnielsenia tenuis* (Kylin) O'Kelly, Wysor & Bellows

[Not listed by Hardy & Guiry (2003); see also Nielsen (2007).]

**ULVA Linnaeus 1753, nom. et typ. cons.**

\**Ulva californica* Wille

[Not listed in Hardy & Guiry (2003); reported from Scotland by Hayden & Waaland (2004); potentially non-native; Table 3.]

*Ulva clathrata* (Roth) C.Agardh

[Included as a synonym of *Enteromorpha muscoides* (Clemente) Cremades in Hardy & Guiry (2003); see Maggs et al. (2007).]

*Ulva compressa* Linnaeus

[As *Enteromorpha compressa* (Linnaeus) Nees in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

*Ulva flexuosa* Wulfen

[As *Enteromorpha flexuosa* (Wulfen) J.Agardh in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

*Ulva intestinalis* Linnaeus

[As *Enteromorpha intestinalis* (Linnaeus) Nees in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

\**Ulva intestinaloides* (Koeman & Hoek) Hayden, Blomster, Maggs, P.C.Silva, M.J.Stanhope & J.R.Waaland

*Blidingia* – superficially like ac small *Enteromorpha*. It's tubular but with very small cells – less than about 8µm. This means that chloroplast cannot usually be distinguished. Upwells from basal disc which you might find if you get whole plant off rock. Otherwise it's the small cells and lack of basal rhizoidal cells that will distinguish from *Enteromorpha*. The two species are quite distinct – *marginata* has distinct margins and regularly arranged cells, *minima* is bullate in outline, not marginate and with irregular cells. Unfortunately there can be intermediates which has given rise to var. *subsalsa* in British Columbia but not recognized here. Occurs as turfs in estuaries, on upper shore in turfs, on limpet shells. Beware of confusing with small *Enteromorpha prolifera*, especially on limpet shells.

*Pseudendoclonium dynamenae* occurs in hydroids along with two other greens. See Martin's notes to separate these and Ruth Nielsen in GSBI.

*Tellamia* is a shell borer which does not bore through the calcium carbonate but lodges between the protein periostracum and the calcareous layer almost always in flat periwinkles. Has distinctive spindle shaped cells. Although different forms exist they are now all the one species. See MS's shell-borer notes and Ruth Nielsen's species description in GSBI.

*Phaeophila* and *Ochlochaete* are endophytes in other fleshy algae. See distinctive features in GSBI.

*Percursaria* is not uncommon but is so easily confused. It is a biserial filament. It has square or rectangular cells with a single parietal chloroplast. The cells may often be a little offset in the two filaments, not occurring exactly side by side. Beware of confusing with early stages of *Enteromorpha (Ulva) prolifera* or *torta*. Occurs in estuaries and salt-marshes including ones just at top of rocky shore. Often just as isolated filaments.

*Ruthnielsenia* is an endophyte and a shell-borer. Only found a few times in Scotland as *Entocladia tenuis* but known under this name from Sweden in 1930s as a common shell-borer.

[Previously confused with other species of the genus; see Maggs *et al.* (2007).]

*Ulva lactuca* Linnaeus<sup>iii</sup>

[This name has been erroneously applied to other species of the genus.]

*Ulva linza* Linnaeus

[As *Enteromorpha linza* (Linnaeus) J. Agardh in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

*Ulva prolifera* O.F. Müller

[As *Enteromorpha prolifera* (O.F. Müller) J. Agardh in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

*Ulva pseudocurvata* Koeman & Hoek

[Previous confusion based on a misidentification of original material; see Maggs *et al.* (2007).]

*Ulva ralfsii* (Harvey) Le Jolis

[As *Enteromorpha ralfsii* Harvey in Hardy & Guiry (2006).]

*Ulva rigida* C. Agardh

[This name has been erroneously applied to other species of the genus.]

*Ulva tortu* (Mertens) Trevisan

[As a synonym of *Enteromorpha prolifera* (O.F. Müller) J. Agardh in Hardy & Guiry (2006).]

- many not appear tubular because sides so closely pressed together. look at edge under HI<sup>1</sup> and check cells wrap round tube edge

- very common, immensely variable

- usually recorded previously as *U. lactuca* but look at description in G.S.B.I.

- absolutely same number of cells wide along its length. very regularly arranged large rectangular cells!

ULVARIA Ruprecht 1850

*Ulvaria obscura* (Kützting) Gayral ex Bliding

[As *Monostroma obscurum* (Kützting) J. Agardh in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

*Ulvaria splendens* (Ruprecht) K.L. Vinogradova

[As *Ulvaria fusca* Postels & Ruprecht in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

epiphytes, monostromatic form

UMBRAULVA E.H. Bae & I.K. Lee 2002

*Umbraulva dangeardii* M.J. Wynne & G. Furnari

[As *Umbraulva olivascens* (P.J.L. Dangeard) E.H. Bae & I.K. Lee, *nom. inval.*, in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

Non-native; Table 3.]

not common

Family Ulvellaceae Schmidle 1899

EPICLADIA Reinke 1889

*Epicladia flustrae* Reinke

*Epicladia perforans* (Huber) R. Nielsen

*Epicladia phillipsii* R. Nielsen.

[See Nielsen (2007).]

in hydroids

PSEUDOPRINGSHEIMIA Wille 1909

*Pseudopringsheimia conflucens* (Rosenvinge) Wille.

[Listed in the Chaetophorales in Hardy & Guiry (2003); see Nielsen (2007).]

<sup>iii</sup>The type of *Ulva lactuca* Linnaeus (Linnaeus 1753) has been reported to be identical molecularly to the species currently known as *Ulva fasciata* Delile (see O'Kelly *et al.* 2010, and included references), a species originally described from Alexandria in Egypt (Delile 1813) that is not known in Britain. However, the species routinely determined as *U. lactuca* in the north-eastern Atlantic is clearly not the same as what is known as *U. fasciata* in the Mediterranean (Cormaci *et al.* 2014). While O'Kelly *et al.* (2010) have treated *U. fasciata* as a 'junior synonym' [heterotypic later synonym] of *U. lactuca*, this is only in terms of the molecular identity of the type of *U. lactuca*. The taxonomic issue may be best resolved by nomenclatural conservation of *Ulva lactuca* Linnaeus with a neotype consistent with its long-term morphotaxonomic identity in the north-eastern Atlantic.

SYNCORYNE R.Nielsen & P.M.Pedersen 1977

— not common

\**Syncoryne reinkei* R.Nielsen & P.M.Pedersen  
[Previously confused with *Ulvella scutata* (Reinke)  
R.Nielsen; see Nielsen (2007).]

ULVELLA P.L.Crouan & H.M.Crouan 1859

[See Nielsen *et al.* (2013).]

*Ulvella heteroclada* (J.A.Correa & R.Nielsen) R.Nielsen,  
C.J.O'Kelly & B.Wysor

— not common

[As *Acrochaete heteroclada* J.A.Correa & R.Nielsen in  
Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

\**Ulvella inflata* (Ercegovic) R.Nielsen, C.J.O'Kelly & B.Wysor  
[Not included in Hardy & Guiry (2003); recorded from  
Britain; see Nielsen *et al.* (2007).]

— not common

*Ulvella lens* P.L.Crouan & H.M.Crouan

*Ulvella leptochaete* (Huber) R.Nielsen, O'Kelly & B.Wysor  
[As *Entocladia leptochaete* (Huber) Burrows in Hardy &  
Guiry (2003).]

distinctive lens shaped  
epiphytic disc - not  
uncommon

*Ulvella operculata* (J.A.Correa & R.Nielsen) R.Nielsen, O'Kelly  
& B.Wysor

not uncommon - hard to  
separate from *viridis* &  
*wittrockii* see Burrows and GSB I

[As *Acrochaete operculata* J.A.Correa & R.Nielsen in Hardy  
& Guiry (2003).] *Ulvella repens* (Pringsheim) R.Nielsen,  
O'Kelly & B.Wysor

not un-  
common. Can be with  
or without hairs.  
see GSB I

[As *Acrochaete repens* Pringsheim in Hardy & Guiry  
(2003).]

*Ulvella scutata* (Reinke) R.Nielsen, O'Kelly & B.Wysor  
[As *Pringsheimiella scutata* (Reinke) Marchewianka in  
Hardy & Guiry (2003).]

very thin epiphytic form -  
not lens shaped like *U. lens*  
quite common

\**Ulvella setchellii* P.J.L.Dangeard  
[Confirmed in Britain by Nielsen (2007).]

not common

*Ulvella viridis* (Reinke) R.Nielsen, O'Kelly & B.Wysor  
[As *Acrochaete viridis* (Reinke) R.Nielsen in Hardy & Guiry  
(2003).]

2 commonest endophytic  
filamentous greens.  
See GSB I for how to  
separate.

*Ulvella wittrockii* (Wille) R.Nielsen, O'Kelly & B.Wysor  
[As *Acrochaete wittrockii* (Wille) R.Nielsen in Hardy &  
Guiry (2003).]

Order Sphaeropleales Luerksen 1877

Family Microsporaceae Bohlin 1901

MICROSPORA Thuret

*Microspora ficulinae* P.J.L.Dangeard

— not common

[Listed with the Microsporales in Hardy & Guiry (2003).]