



▲ *Heterodermia leucomelos* growing among *Teloschistes flavicans* (photo: Lindsay Mahon).

## LICHENS

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There is no doubt about the Lundy lichen highlight of 2024: Lindsay Mahon found *Heterodermia leucomelos* growing among *Teloschistes flavicans* on a horizontal granite outcrop above Constable Rock at the north end of the island. This is the first Lundy record of this rare lichen, which has fewer than 15 recorded British sites since 2000 and has only been seen at one other Devon site since the 1950s. Although its long, black 'whiskers' are distinctive, *Heterodermia* is quite easily overlooked when growing in maritime turf and should be looked for elsewhere on the island. Lindsay recorded 15 lichen species on her visit in March. *Teloschistes flavicans* was also noted by the Battery Steps on 3<sup>rd</sup> July by Thomas Weston.

There is no Bryophytes report this year because nobody recorded any mosses, liverworts or hornworts on Lundy in 2024.