

***THOLURNA DISSIMILIS* (CALICIACEAE, ASCOMYCOTA) IN RUSSIA**

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Tholurna dissimilis, a rare corticolous dwarf fruticose lichen with a specific ecology, was discovered in Russia for the first time since 1936 in the Sallatunturi Ridge in the southwestern part of the Murmansk Region. *Tholurna* has a specialized ecology occurring in extremely exposed habitats, on decaying twigs in the uppermost parts of low spruce trees growing above the tree-line. Information on all early findings of *T. dissimilis* in the territory of Russia is provided. For the first time, a complete description of the species in Russian, its ecology and distribution in Russia and the world are presented.

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