

# Crottle<sup>or</sup> Salted Shield Lichen

*Parmelia saxatilis.*

## Lichens may be immortal!

see [www.smithsonianmag.com](http://www.smithsonianmag.com) "lichens do not age".

*Parmelia* = "Embedded fruit bowl"

*Saxi* = Latin *Saxum* = Stone or rock

*Saxatilis* = "dwelling or found among rocks".



*"Specimens growing on human bones used to be considered to have medicinal properties. The most prized were said to grow on the skull of a hanged man.*

*This species was also much used to produce reddish brown dye".* F. Dobson

*"Occurs in area with mean winter SO<sub>2</sub> ug/m<sup>3</sup> of about 70".*  
(170 is a desert of Lichens. 0 is pure air).

Hawksworth and Rose.

*"The beauty of Lichens, how they flourish...  
I sympathize with their growth".* H. D. Thoreau.