**BLS Identification Crib sheet**

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| **Category** | **Examples** |  |
| Overall appearance (“jizz”) | large and leafy covering trunk |  |
| Habitat | What is it growing on- tree or earth or rock?Tree species? Rock type? |  |
| Detailed habitat (micro-habitat) | Where on the tree/ earth/rock? Damp/shade, vertical/horizontal?Aspect/way is it facing? |  |
| Thallus type | Foliose, fruticose, crustose, leprose, squamulose, or... |  |
| Thallus size | Dimensions of whole thallusDimensions of lobeIs there “lots of it”? |  |
| Thallus colour | Wet and dryUpper and underside |  |
| Thallus edge | Shape Prothallus (crustose)Thickness (crustose) |  |
| Thallus features | Are there areoles?Are there squamules? |  |
| Rhizines | Appearance. Where? |  |
| Cilia | Appearance. Where? |  |
| Soredia | Appearance. Where? |  |
| Isidia | Appearance. Where? |  |
| Pseudocyphellae & cyphellae | Appearance. Where? |  |
| Apothecia | Lecanorine (jam tarts)Lecideine (wine gums)ArthonioidLirellateOr are they perithecia? |  |
| Any other surface features? | Shiny? Tomentose (hairy)? Bullate? Cracked? Pruinose? |  |
| Reaction with K |  |  |
| Reaction with C |  |  |
| Other |  |  |