Devriesia xanthorrhoeae
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**Devriesia xanthorrhoeae** Crous, Pascoe & Jacq. Edwards, *sp. nov.*

*Devriesia* *lagerstroemiae* similis, sed ramoconidiis longioribus, 11–20 × 3–4 μm, discernitur.

**Etymology.** Named after the host from which it was collected, *Xanthorrhoea australis*.

**Mycelium** on potato-dextrose agar consisting of smooth, septate, branched hyphae, medium brown, 2–3 μm diam; forming chains of chlamydospore-like cells, ellipsoid, up to 8 μm diam. **Conidiophores** dimorphic, pale brown, smooth, erect. **Macroconidiophores** subcylindrical, straight to flexuous, unbranched or branched, 1–4-septate, 30–80 × 3–4 μm. **Microconidiophores** reduced to conidiogenous cells, doliform to subcylindrical, 3–7 × 3–4 μm. **Conidiogenous cells** integrated, terminal or lateral, pale brown, smooth, proliferating sympodially, 3–25 × 2–3.5 μm; scars somewhat darkened, neither thickened nor refractive, 1–1.5 μm wide. **Conidia** pale brown, smooth, guttulate, in branched chains; ramoconidia subcylindrical to fusoid-ellipsoidal, 0–1-septate, 11–20 × 3–4 μm; intercalary and apical conidia fusoid-ellipsoidal, 0–1-septate, (8–)9–10(–11) × (2–)2.5(–3) μm; hila somewhat darkened, neither thickened nor refractive, 1–1.5 μm wide.

**Culture characteristics —** (in the dark, 25 °C, after 2 wk): Colonies spreading, flat to erumpent; surface folded, margins smooth, even; colonies reaching up to 8 mm diam. On oatmeal agar pale olivaceous-grey with iron-grey margins; on potato-dextrose agar and malt extract agar iron-grey on surface and reverse.


Notes — A megablast search of GenBank using the LSU sequence retrieved as closest sister species *Devriesia hilliana* (GenBank GU214414; Identities = 909/911 (99 %), Gaps = 0/911 (0 %)), *D. lagerstroemiae* (GenBank GU214415; Identities = 836/852 (99 %), Gaps = 6/852 (0 %)) and *Teratosphaeria knoxdaviesii* (GenBank EU707865; Identities = 883/900 (99 %), Gaps = 6/900 (0 %)). Based on DNA sequence data of the ITS gene, *D. xanthorrhoeae* is closely related to *D. lagerstroemiae* (GenBank GU214634), but distinct in that the latter has shorter ramoconidia (9–15 × 3–5 μm), and longer intercalary and terminal conidia, (5–)8–12(–15) × 2–3(–4) μm.

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**Colour illustrations.** *Xanthorrhoea australis* growing in the Grampians; colony on oatmeal agar; conidiophores with conidiogenous cells giving rise to conidia. Scale bar = 10 μm.