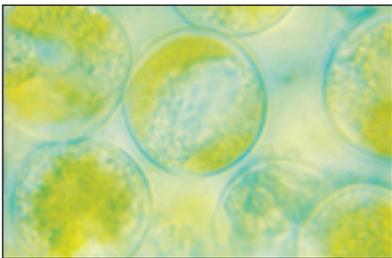
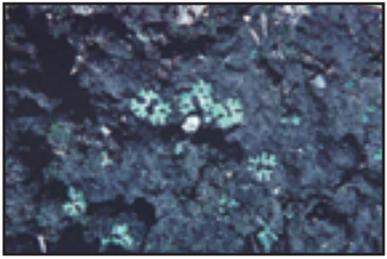


Table 1.1 Morphological groups for biological soil crust components with examples of common taxa or groups.

Morphological Group	Description and Representative Taxa	
cyanobacteria		colonies are black to blue-green and visible primarily when moist ( <i>Microcoleus vaginatus</i> )
algae		primarily occur as single-celled organisms; difficult to detect (coccoids)
BRYOPHYTES: short moss		mosses <10mm in height ( <i>Bryum</i> spp., <i>Ceratodon purpureus</i> )
tall moss		mosses >10mm in height ( <i>Tortula ruralis</i> )
liverwort		flat, narrow ribbon or green-black dichotomously branching material on the soil surface ( <i>Riccia</i> )