

*Nellia tenuis* (Harmer, 1926). Tilbrook, Hayward & Gordon, 2001, p.45, fig.2C.

*NELLIA TENUIS* HARMER

(Fig. 2C)

*Nellia tenuis* Harmer, 1926: 245, pl. 14, figs 16, 17.

*Nellia tenuis*: Hayward, 1988: 286, pl. 1, fig. a; Gordon, 1989: 450, fig. 3; Ryland & Hayward, 1992: 231, fig. 10c.

*Remarks*

This species appears to be common in shallow reefal habitats where it forms part of the bryozoan sward on the undersides of coral rubble; however, its delicate spindly colonies may easily be overlooked.

*Distribution*

Originally described by Harmer (1926) from localities in Indo-Malaysia and the South China Sea, it has since been reported from the Great Barrier Reef, Fiji, Samoa and Mauritius.

In Vanuatu it was a common member of the cryptic bryozoan sward found on the larger pieces of coral rubble, particularly from Erakor Island reef flat.

