

*Nimba saxatilis* Hayward & Ryland, 1995. Tilbrook, Hayward & Gordon, 2001, p.83, fig.8D.

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(Fig. 8D)

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*Description*

Colony encrusting; autozooids in uniserial chains which branch at irregular intervals. Autozooids elongate, oval, broadest at the distal end; 0.6–0.7 × 0.3–0.4 mm. Primary orifice about as wide as long; poster broadly concave, separated from anter by small, knob-like condyles. Peristome well developed, forming an erect tube completely encircling the orifice, its rim thin and evenly flared. Frontal shield convex, thick, nodular; bordered by a single or double series of small marginal pores. No spines or avicularia found. The structure of the ovicell is still not known.

*Remarks*

*Nimba saxatilis* appears to be rather common on coral rubble, but is easily overlooked because of its cryptic habitat, uniserial growth form, and hyaline calcification.

*Distribution*

Described from Heron Island, Great Barrier Reef, *Nimba saxatilis* was found in Port Vila Harbour, Efate. This species is probably commoner in shallow reef habitats than these records suggest.

