

## Nigrospora

Mitosporic fungus. Hyphomycetes. Teleomorph (sexual state): Khuskia (ascomycete).

#### Characteristics

**Distribution** Especially abundant in warm climates. Approx. 4-5 species.

Where Found Decaying plant material and soil.

**Mode of Dissemination** Active discharge mechanism. Does not require wind or rain.

**Growth Indoors** Rarely found growing indoors.

### **Potential Health Effects**

**Allergens** Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma).

**Potential Opportunist or Pathogen** Very rare report of human infection.

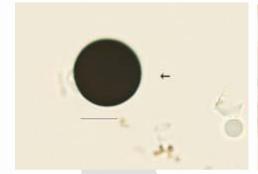
Potential Toxin Production Not known.

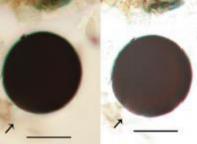
#### Laboratory Notes

Growth/Culture Characteristics White, floccose, spreading. Develops black spore clusters with time.

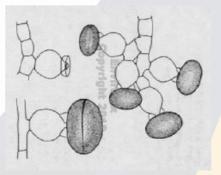
**Spore Trap Recognition** A distinctive large, dark brown (nearly black), globose spore is readily identifiable on spore trap slides.

Tape Lift Recognition Distinctive, but rarely found.





Two exposure levels



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