## Roya closterioides Coesel, 2007

Most likely ID: n.a.

Synonym: n.a.

Sampling location: Schwemm Moor (Austria), Simmelried

Phylogenetic tree: Roya closteroides

## **Diagnosis:**

- cells slender rods, sometimes weakly bent
- apices truncated
- length 60–120  $\mu m$ , width 2.5–3.5  $\mu m$
- single, plate-shaped chloroplast
- chloroplast with notch in center
- several pyrenoids
- nucleus central



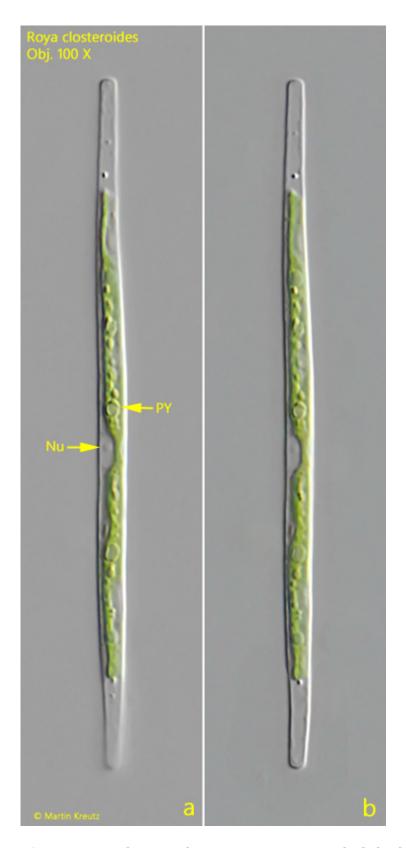
Roya closteroides

So far, I have only found a few specimens of Roya closteroides in the Simmelried and the Schwemm Moor. When examining samples under low magnification, Roya closteroides is easily confused with other small, rod-shaped algae, such as *Haplotaenium minutum*.

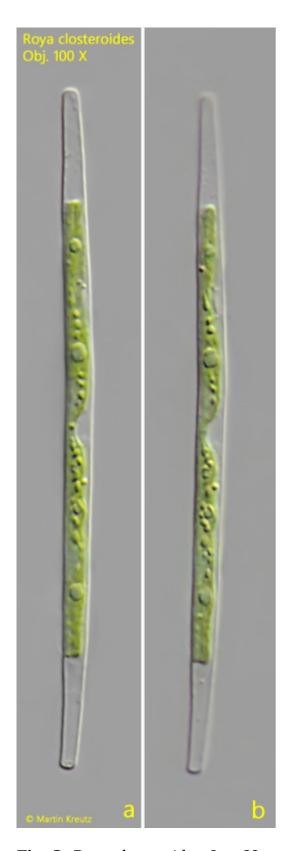
The cells in my population were all between  $50-70 \ \mu m$  long. Some cells were slightly curved (s. fig. 1). The number of pyrenoids was always 4-6. The cells narrowed slightly towards the ends. The cell wall was always smooth and without structure or coloration.



**Fig. 1:** Roya closteroides. L =  $58\text{-}66~\mu m$ . Three slightly bent specimens found in April 2015 in the Simmelried. Obj. 100~X.



**Fig. 2:** Roya closteroides.  $L=71~\mu m$ . Two slightly different focal planes of a specimen found in the Schwemm Moor. Nu = nucleus, PY = pyrenoid. Obj. 100 X.



**Fig. 3:** Roya closteroides. L = 68  $\mu$ m. A second specimen found in the Schwemm Moor. Obj. 100 X.