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## **Names of Lichens**

Sunken Bloodspot,  
Rock Gnome, Gold Dot,  
Trumpet, Wanderlust,

Black-eyed Boulders,  
Southern Soldiers,  
Grainy Shadow Crust,

Shag, Quilt, Dixie,  
Wolf, Yolk, Pixie,  
Monk's Hood, Witches Hair

Bramble, Bull's Eye,  
Bootstrap, Cowpie,  
Dimple, Wooly Bear;

Specklebelly,  
Whiskered Jelly,  
Lipstick Powderhorn;

Sinewed, Pimpled,  
Bumpy, Dimpled,  
Bearded, Granite Thorn—

*Max Stephan*

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