**Codium fragile**
Dead Man's Fingers, Green Fleece, Oyster Thief

**Growth Pattern**

- Look for an alga that grows dichotomously, meaning each branch divides into two over and over and over. See the diagram below.

**Thallus (Body)**

- Look for pencil-thick growth with a firm, sponge-like texture. The alga can grow up to 40 cm long.

**Color**

- Look for an alga that is dark green, the color of cooked spinach.

**Other Information**

- When Dead Man's Fingers dies, its thallus (body) fades to a pale grey-tan color. It can grow on shells or rocks or any other hard surface.

**Similar Species**

- Dead Man's Fingers is unlike any other native or invasive algae in Maine.

**Did You Know?**

- Each individual Dead Man's Fingers is a single (multinucleate) cell! When you cut it, it oozes because it has no cell walls to hold in its cytoplasm (cell fluid). A cut off branch can grow into a new individual.

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