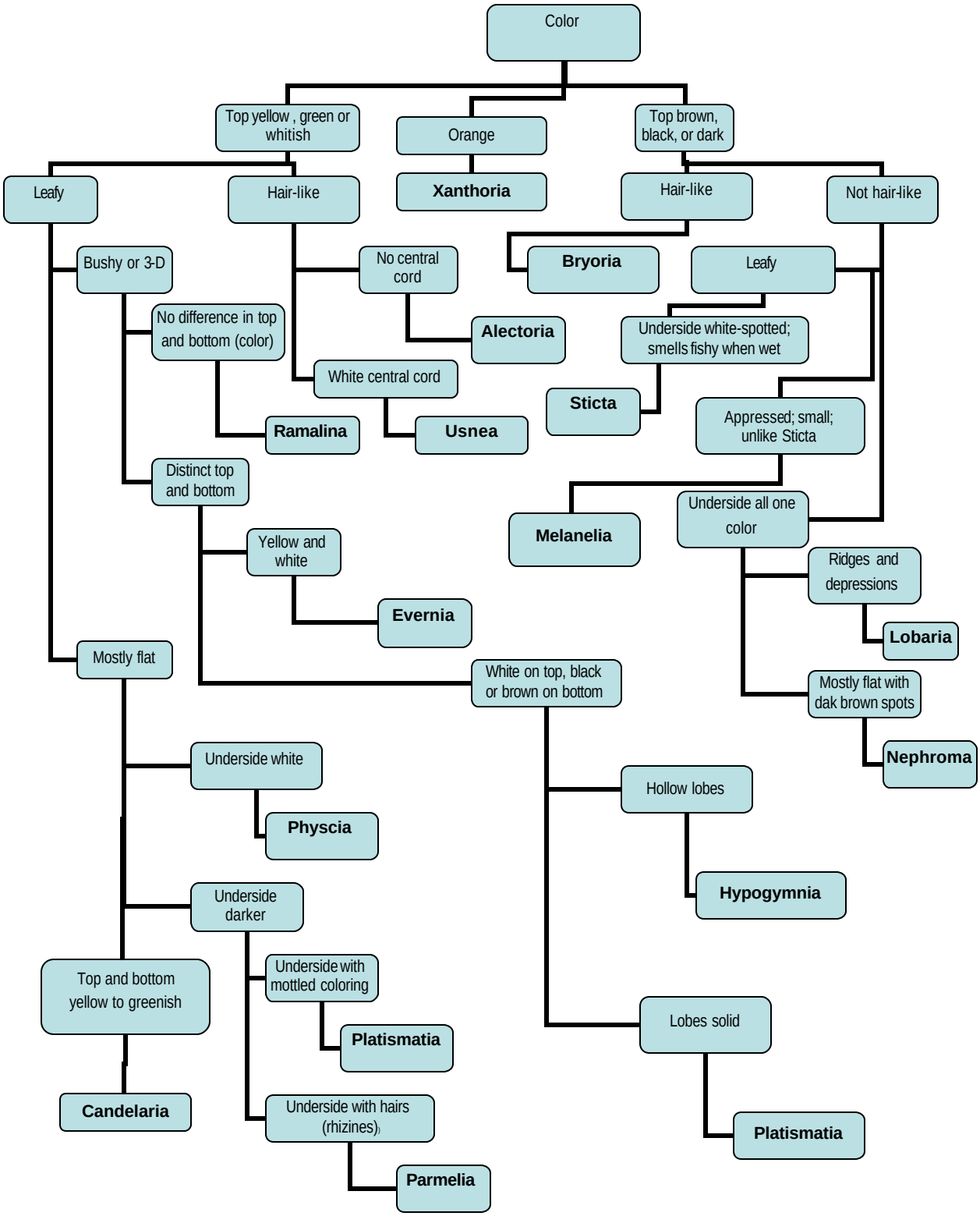
Color
Top yellow , green or whitish
Orange
Top brown, black, or dark
Leafy
Hair-like
Xanthoria
Hair-like
Not hair-like
Bushy or 3-D
No central cord
Bryoria
Leafy
No difference in top and bottom (color)
Alectoria
Underside white-spotted; smells fishy when wet
White central cord
Sticta
Appressed; small; unlike Sticta
Ramalina
Usnea
Distinct top and bottom
Melanelia
Underside all one color
Yellow and white
Ridges and depressions
Evernia
Lobaria
Mostly flat
White on top, black or brown on bottom
Mostly flat with dak brown spots
Nephroma
Underside white
Hollow lobes
Physcia
Hypogymnia
Underside darker
Top and bottom yellow to greenish
Underside with mottled coloring
Lobes solid
Platismatia
Candelaria
Underside with hairs (rhizines)
Platismatia
Parmelia