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Sun-cracked Mud with the Alga *Microcoleus chthonoplastes*; Seedlings of *Sueda maritima* arising in the cracks



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Mud Slope covered with *Fucus limicola*; Aster and Salicornia are beginning to settle (Mersea Island, Essex)

ALGAE AS PIONEERS ON MUD