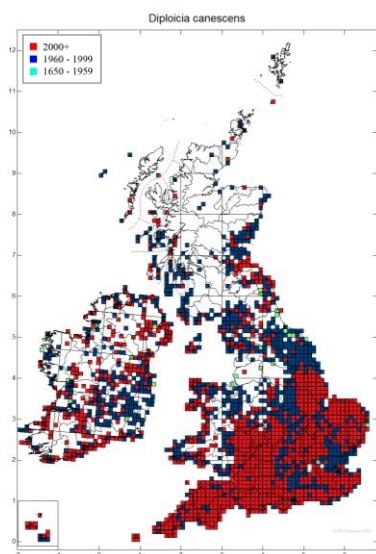


## *Diploicia canescens*



**Identification:** A crustose lichen. Thallus white to very pale grey, forming rosettes up to 6cm across with clearly defined contiguous marginal lobes. The lobes are convex, up to 1mm wide and dusted with white crystals. The centre of the thallus can be darker and becomes covered in pale to slightly yellowish, fine soredia. Black apothecia (<1mm diameter) rare except in the south, particularly near the coast.

**Chemistry:** K+ yellow, UV- or UV+ orange

**Similar species:** *Solenopsora candicans* is similar but is K- It is often fertile and is not sorediate.

**Habitat:** Very common on basic and very nutrient-enriched trees, rocks and walls such as farmyard buildings.

**Distribution:** Throughout lowland Britain and Ireland but rarer and increasingly restricted to coastal districts in northern Britain.