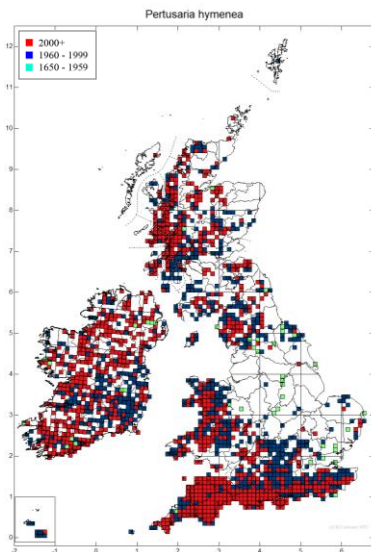


# *Pertusaria hymenea*



**Identification:** A crustose lichen. Thallus yellowish grey to greenish grey, thick, cracked and wrinkled. Usually fertile. Apothecia often in small groups or covering the centre of the thallus. The discs are easily seen and are quite open with a thick and crenulate margin. The disc is the same colour as the thallus to flesh pink and rarely, thinly pruinose.

**Chemistry:** Cortex C+ yellow, KC+ orange, UV+ orange. Medulla K-

**Similar species:** *Pertusaria pertusa* is similar but has a more zoned margin and much less open, wart-like protuberances.

**Habitat:** Common on trees, most frequently on smooth bark and in shade, rarely also on rocks.

**Distribution:** Throughout Britain and Ireland.