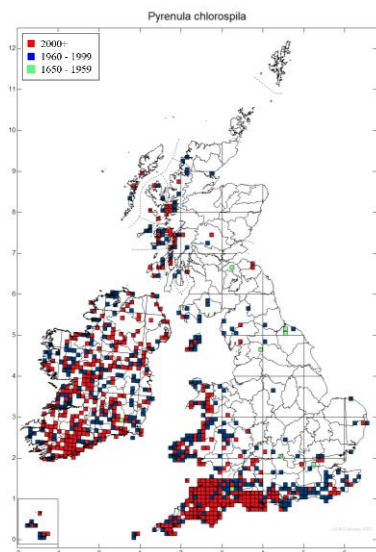


Pyrenula chlorospila



Identification: The thallus is light tan to olive green with tiny white flecks resembling small cracks in wax. It frequently forms mosaics separated by a black prothallus. Perithecia (fruiting bodies) are dark and rounded, up to 0.3 mm across and are only slightly raised above the thallus.

Chemistry: K+ yellow, Pd+/- yellowish, UV+/- white.

Similar species: The small, crowded perithecia are distinctive.

Habitat: Common on smooth barked deciduous trees in shaded woodland, often in mosaics with *Pyrenula macrospora*.

Distribution: To the south and west of Britain and Ireland.