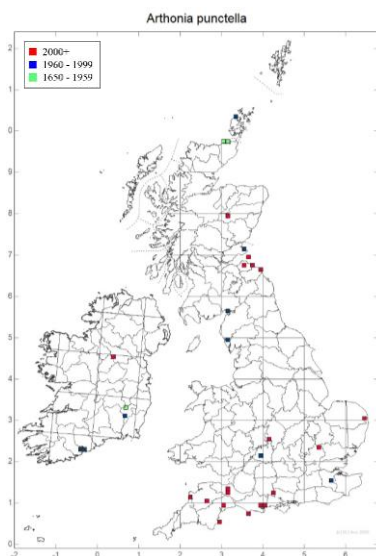
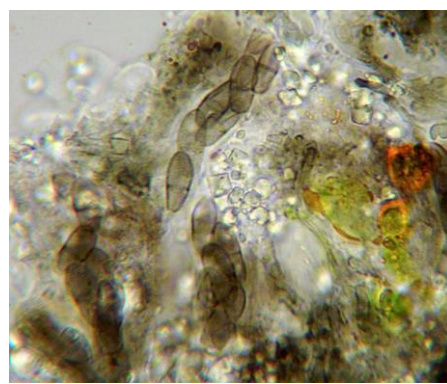


# *Arthonia punctella*



**Identification:** This lichenicolous fungus produces black, rounded apothecia without margins on the thallus of *Diplotomma alboatrum*. The asci contain eight two-celled ascospores. The ascospores are initially colourless but soon become brown and warty.

**Similar species:** No other fungi are known that produce apothecia on this host.

**Habitat:** On thallus of *Diplotomma alboatrum* on rocks and walls.

**Distribution:** Suspected of being common but difficult to spot.

**References:** Cannon *et al* (2020) *Revisions of British & Irish Lichens 1: Arthoniales: Arthoniaceae*.