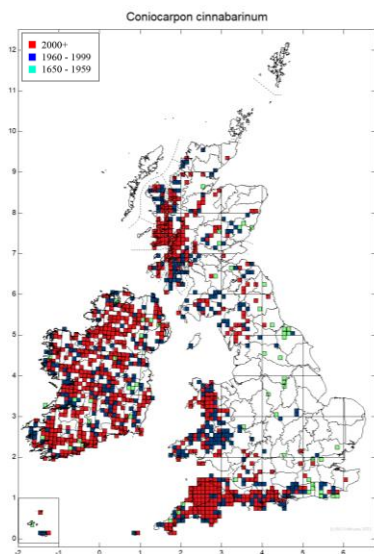


Coniocarpon cinnabarinum



Previously *Arthonia cinnaborina*.

Identification: Thallus light grey or frequently pale orange-brown with orange flecks and a brown prothallus. Often forms mosaics. The irregularly shaped apothecia are up to 0.5mm in diameter and white to red-pruinose with bright orange margins becoming dark red-brown when old.

Chemistry: Apothecia K+ purple, particularly the red, pruinose margins.

Similar species: Unlikely to be confused with any other lichen.

Habitat: Common on smooth barked trees, especially hazel.

Distribution: Common in the west of Britain and Ireland.