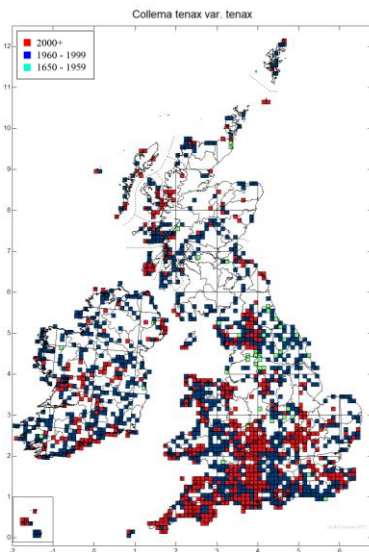


# *Enchylium tenax*



Previously known as *Collema tenax*.

**Identification:** Thallus dark greenish black with smooth margins, often forming rosettes but very variable. Greatly swollen when wet. Lobes up to 1cm wide, erect, crowded but often obscured by numerous apothecia. Small spherical projections (isidia) are rare. Apothecia about 3 mm diameter with a thin dark margin. A variety occurs which has no apothecia.

**Chemistry:** Reactions are negative.

**Similar species:** *Lathagrium auriforme* (previously *Collema auriforme*) could be confused with isidiate forms of *E. tenax*. It has lobes that are dark brown and wrinkled when dry.

**Habitat:** Common on basic earth, sand and on mortar in walls.

**Distribution:** Throughout the British and Ireland. More common in the south.