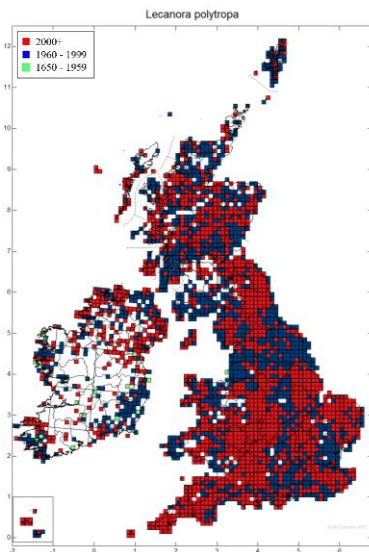
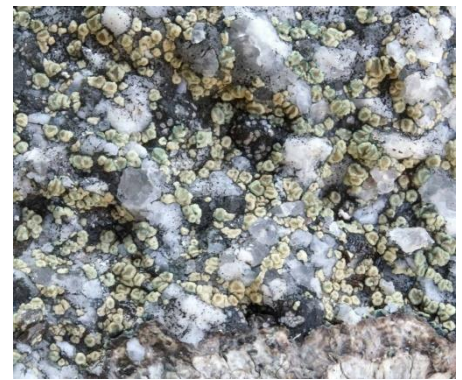
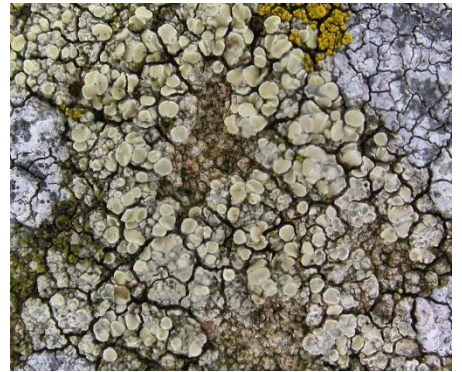


Lecanora polytropa



Identification: The yellow-green thallus is very variable. It can form a cracked crust or can appear to be missing. There can be a dark prothallus. Waxy, yellow-green apothecia, sometimes tinged brown, are frequent and may obscure the thallus. The apothecia are smooth and may become convex. They initially have a pale margin which becomes thinner in older apothecia.

Chemistry: K+ indistinct yellow, KC+ yellow.

Similar species: *Lecanora intricata* has emerald green to black discs. *L. symmicta* is unlikely to have an apothecial margin and is found on trees and wood.

Habitat: Common in less polluted areas on siliceous rocks, walls and shingle. Occasionally on sawn wood.

Distribution: Throughout Britain and Ireland.