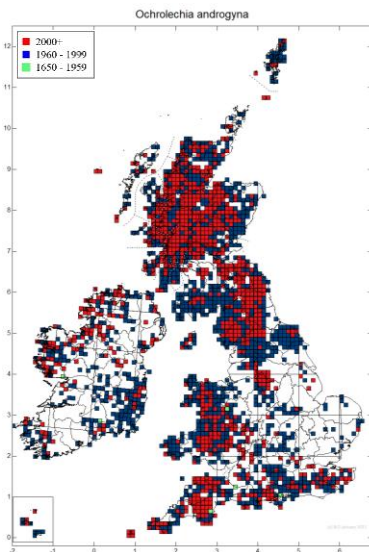


Ochrolechia androgyna



Identification: This pale grey crust often forms extensive sheets on trees and rocks. The thallus varies from thin and fairly smooth to thick, lumpy and cracked. Pale yellow to yellowish green, convex soralia with granular soredia are prominent and may extend to cover most of the surface except near the edge. Apothecia are usually absent but when present have a pink-orange disc with a pale margin.

Chemistry: Cortex and soralia C+ red.

Similar species: *Ochrolechia tartarea* has a similar thallus and C+ red reaction but has no soralia.

Habitat: On acid-barked deciduous trees and conifers. Also on siliceous rock including drystone walls and scree. It may also form a thin cover over moss.

Distribution: Widespread and often common, mainly in the uplands of Britain and Ireland.