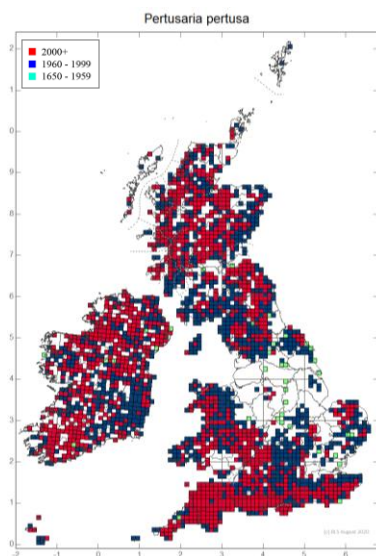


## *Pertusaria pertusa*



**Identification:** A crustose lichen. Thallus greenish grey to grey, thick and slightly cracked, often limited by a prothallus and with a concentrically zoned margin. Apothecia are produced in wart-like protuberances (up to about 2mm diameter). Each wart has two-seven apothecia with discs appearing as minute dark pits.

**Chemistry:** Cortex K+ yellow, KC+ yellow, P+ deep orange, UV+ orange.

**Similar species:** The combination of well developed fertile warts with constricted bases and containing several apothecia plus the chemical tests is distinctive.

**Habitat:** Common on trees. Sometimes on siliceous rocks, memorials and walls.

**Distribution:** Throughout Britain and Ireland.