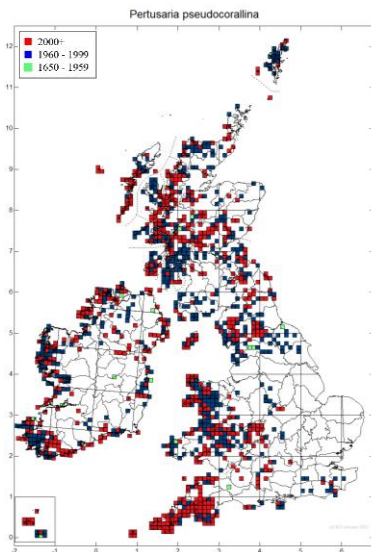


Pertusaria pseudocorallina



Identification: This lichen is a light brownish grey crust, thick and cracked. The surface is fairly smooth but bears many protruding pegs (isidia), which have rounded dark brown tips. The isidia may break off to leave pale craters. Wart-like protrusions may extend above the surface. These contain embedded apothecia and generally lack isidia, but are not evident in the photo above.

Chemistry: K+ yellow becoming red.

Similar species: *P. corallina* has white isidia and an overall paler appearance and is K+ yellow. *P. coccodes* is mainly found on tree boles. It has isidia that are not constricted at the base.

Habitat: On exposed, nutrient-poor, rough boulders, drystone walls or scree, especially of greywacke, schist and granite.

Distribution: Fairly common in coastal and upland areas in the north and west of Britain and around Ireland.