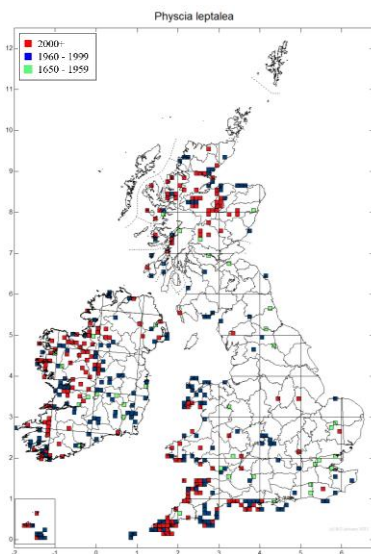
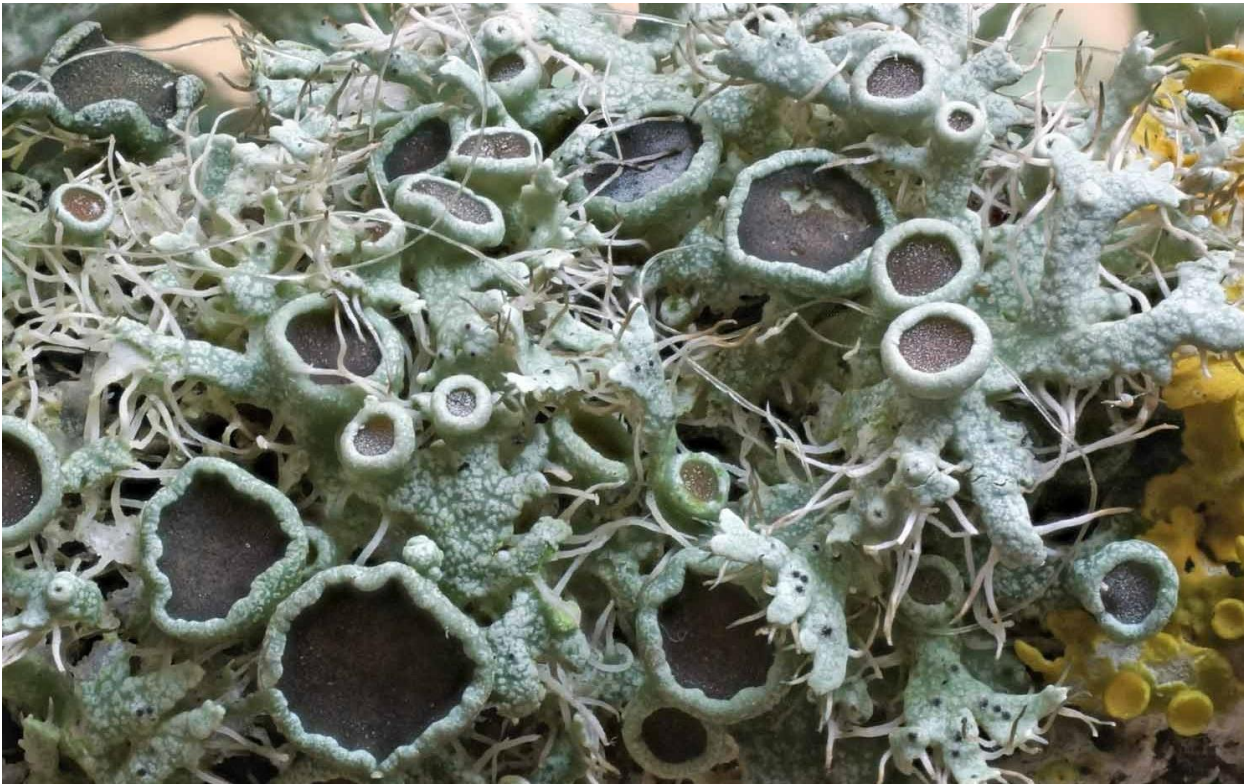


Physcia leptalea



Identification: A foliose lichen with long, narrow, pale grey lobes 1-2 mm wide. Abundant cilia along the margins make the whole thallus appear hairy. Apothecia are usually present. They are up to 3 mm in diameter, with a dark grey centre that has a dust-like covering of pruina giving it a blue-grey appearance. The lower surface is white without rhizines. There are no soredia on the lobe ends.

Chemistry: Cortex K+ yellow.

Similar species: *Physcia adscendens* and *Physcia tenella* have abundant soredia on their lobe ends. *Anaptychia ciliaris* is K-

Habitat: On twigs of shrubs in well-lit situations. Rarely on rock.

Distribution: Mainly near the coast in the South and West but also in clean-air conditions inland.