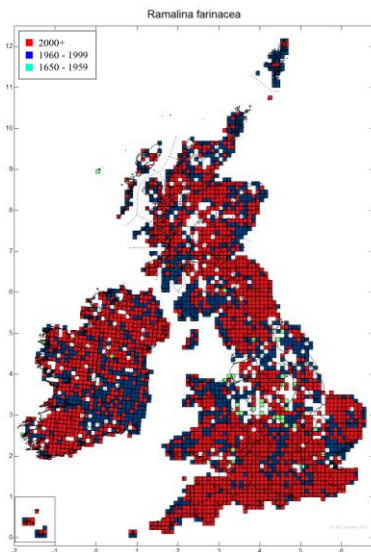


# Ramalina farinacea



**Identification:** A very common lichen with a pendent, tufted thallus having numerous flattened branches up to 3mm wide and 7cm long. The branches, arising from a single point of attachment, are pale grey-green on both upper and lower surfaces. Fine soredia are found along the margins of the branches in oval soralia. Apothecia are rare.

**Chemistry:** Medulla and soralia usually K- or dirty orange, P+ orange red, UV- but other chemotypes exist.

**Similar species:** *Evernia prunastri* has a paler underside. *Ramalina subfarinacea* is mainly found on coastal rocks. It has granular soredia and many points of attachment. Medulla and soralia are K+ red.

**Habitat:** Abundant on twigs and trunks, sometimes on rocks. Tolerant of air pollution and nutrient-enrichment so often with a green algal coating making it difficult to distinguish from *Evernia prunastri*.

**Distribution:** Throughout Britain and Ireland.