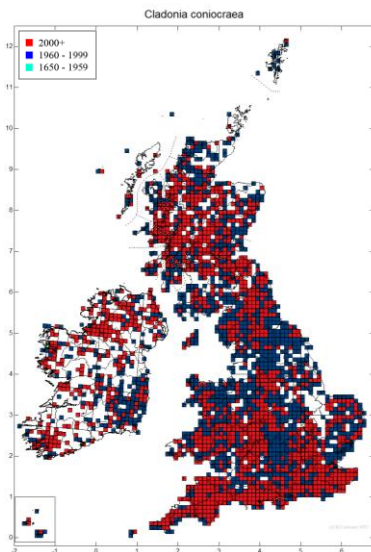


## *Cladonia coniocraea*



**Identification:** The primary thallus at the base is grey-green when dry with a large number of small, rough scales (squamules). Podetia (green when wet) rise from this and are up to 3cm tall and slightly curved. The tips may be pointed or have a very narrow cup.

**Chemistry:** K-, P+ red

**Similar species:** *Cladonia coniocraea* often grows with *C. macilenta* which is similar when not fertile but remains grey when wet and is K+ yellow.

**Habitat:** Very common in woods; on acid barked trees especially near the base, or on decaying stumps and logs. Rarely on humus rich acid soils.

**Distribution:** Throughout Britain and Ireland.