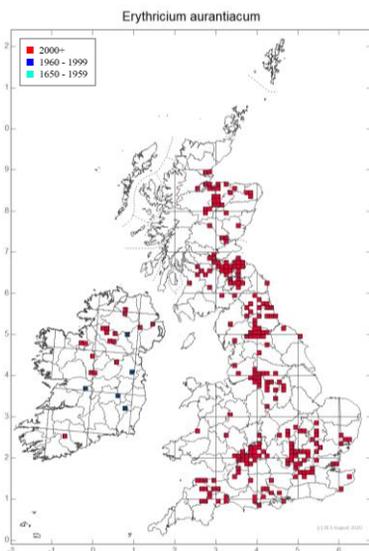
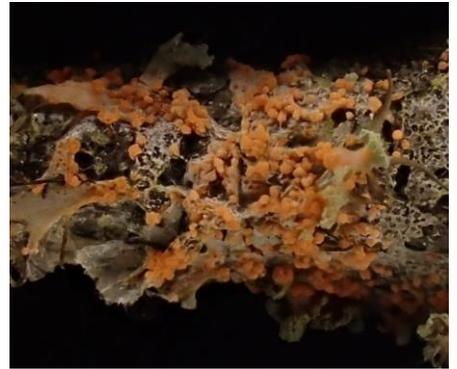


Erythricium aurantiacum



Identification: Pale orange bulbils on bleached areas of lichen thalli. Bulbils can be spherical or merged into distorted shapes. Bottom right picture shows cells within a bulbil. Spores rarely found.

Similar species: *Paranectria oropensis* forms pale orange, fluffy, spherical perithecia on the surface of damaged lichens. Each perithecium has one tiny red dot. *Marchandiomyces corallinus* has pink bulbils. *Illosporiosis christensenii* forms bright, shocking pink blobs composed of coiled spores. These appear to dissolve in water.

Habitat: Parasitic on species of *Physcia*. Sometimes spreading to nearby lichens such as *Xanthoria parietina*.

Distribution: Scattered throughout the UK.

References: <http://fungi.myspecies.info/all-fungi/erythricium-aurantiacum>