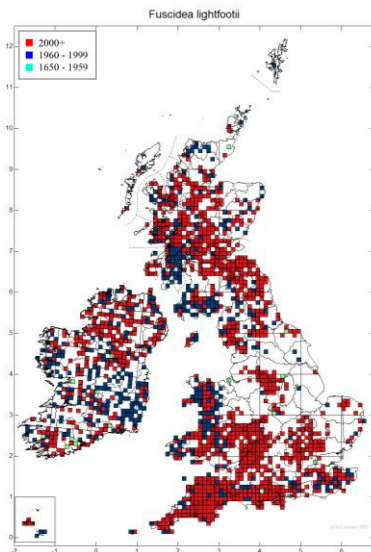


Fuscidea lightfootii



Identification: Thallus green to grey-green, sometimes olive brown, thick, in neat circular patches to 2cm wide and often surrounded by a pale prothallus. The surface is warty with small powdery areas. The apothecia (infrequent), up to 1mm diameter, are black with a pale brown edge (more obvious when wet).

Chemistry: Negative except UV+ white.

Similar species: *Lecidella elaeochroma* has a smoother thallus and is C+ orange and UV+ orange.

Habitat: On smooth bark, particularly twigs in damp and boggy areas.

Distribution: Locally abundant in the north and west of Britain and Ireland.