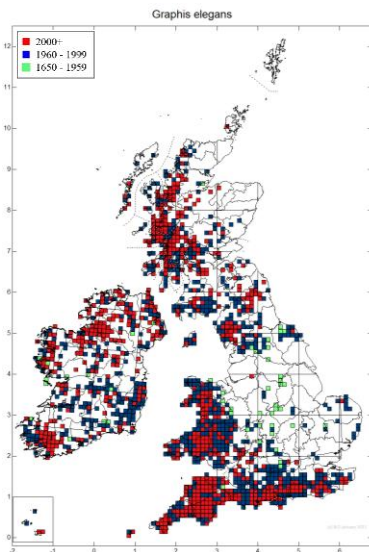


# Graphis elegans



**Identification:** The grey thallus is smooth and slightly shiny or wrinkled, often with a yellowish tinge. Apothecia long and narrow, very varied in shape and size with black lip-like margins raised above the thallus. Each margin has 2-7 longitudinal furrows like a ploughed field, (these can be hard to see without a hand lens).

**Chemistry:** K+ yellow slowly turning blood red, Pd+ orange.

**Similar species:** *G. scripta* has unfurrowed margins and a negative chemistry.

**Habitat:** Smooth-barked trees and twigs mainly in the shade. Rarely on damp siliceous rock.

**Distribution:** Throughout Britain and Ireland but mainly to the west and along the south of England.