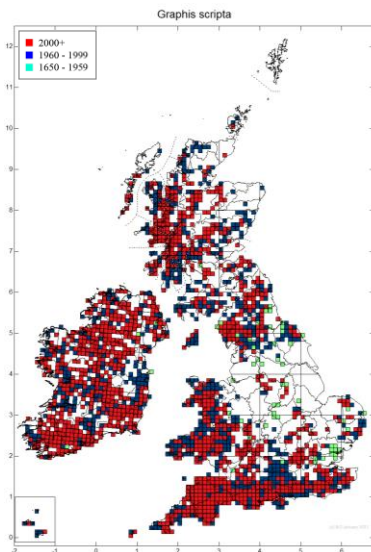


Graphis scripta



Identification: Thallus crustose, white to grey, smooth or wrinkled. Apothecia very variable, elongate, curved or branched with raised, unfurrowed, lip-like black margins. The centres of these lirellae are often open and are then covered in white crystals.

Chemistry: K-, P-

Similar species: *Graphis elegans* is similar but with a yellowish tinge to the thallus. The lirellae are usually shorted and the margins of the elongate apothecia are furrowed, although this can be hard to see. Its chemistry is K+ yellow turning blood-red, P+ orange.

Habitat: Very common on smooth barked trees, especially hazel, also on heather stems and twigs.

Distribution: Throughout Britain and Ireland but more frequent in the west.