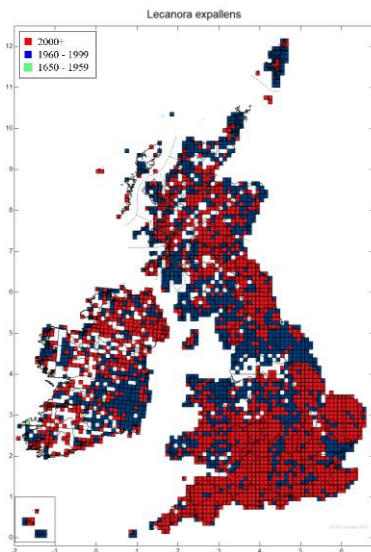


Lecanora expallens



Identification: Most of the thallus is covered with a fine, yellow green crust (soredia) with only a thin smooth film-like margin. Sometimes there is a blue-grey prothallus. On stone, the soredia often form a thick, cracked crust. Apothecia are uncommon with flesh coloured convex discs.

Chemistry: K+ yellow, C+ yellow to orange-red (but weakly so), UV+ orange.

Similar species: *L. compallens* is lighter green and has negative reactions. *Pyrrhospora quernea* has coarser granules, is dull yellow and is K-

Habitat: Common on the sheltered side of trunks and stumps of trees, on fences and on decorticated wood. Also on gravestones, rocks and walls.

Distribution: Throughout Britain and Ireland.