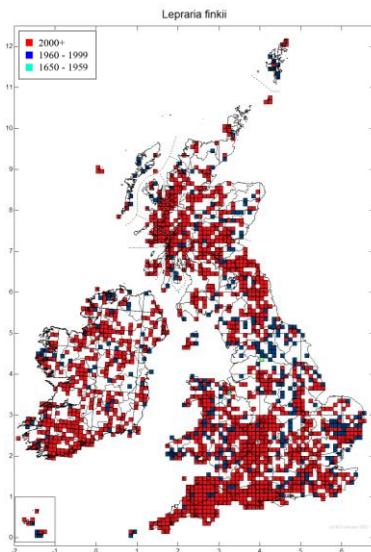


Lepraria finkii



Previously known as *Lepraria lobificans*.

Identification: Thallus, which is apple green to greenish grey, is made up of fluffy granules with sizes varying up to 0.4mm. It may develop small filaments or become very powdery as it ages and may show a white, fluffy medulla beneath.

Chemistry: K+ yellow, C-, P+ orange, UV-

Similar species: *Botryolepraria lesdainii* is similar but has finer granules and has negative chemistry.

Lepraria incana is very common in similar habitats to *L. finkii*. It has finer, smoother granules of a slightly bluer colour, is UV+ white and does not have a fluffy white layer.

Habitat: Common in shaded habitats, especially moist tree bases in woodland, also on rocks, trees, soil, and walls.

Distribution: Common throughout Britain and Ireland especially in the west.