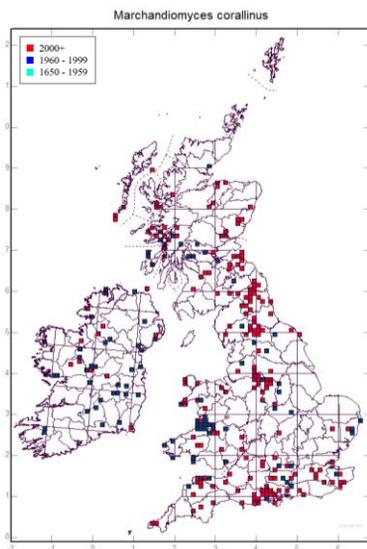
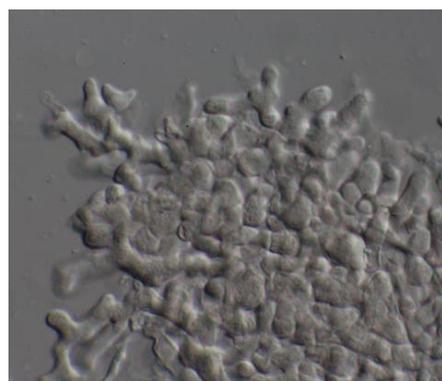


Marchandiomyces corallinus



Identification: Pink bulbils on bleached areas of lichen thalli. Bulbils can be spherical or merged into distorted shapes. Bottom right picture shows cells within a bulbil. Spores rarely found.

Similar species: *Erythricium aurantiacum* has pale orange bulbils. *Illosporiosis christensenii* forms bright, shocking pink blobs composed of coiled spores. These appear to dissolve in water. *Paranectria oropensis* forms pale orange, fluffy, spherical perithecia on the surface of damaged lichens.

Habitat: Parasitic on a number of different lichen species, particularly species of *Parmelia*.

Distribution: Throughout the UK.

References: <http://fungi.myspecies.info/all-fungi/marchandiomyces-corallinus>