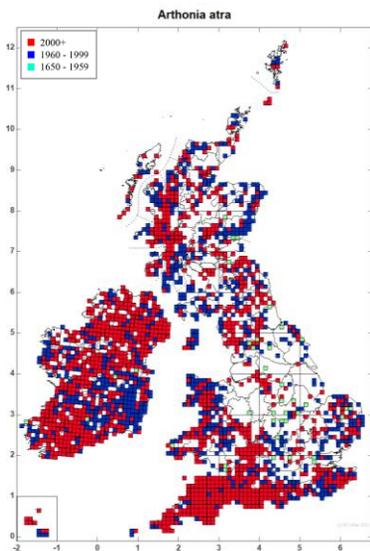


Arthonia atra



Previously known as *Opegrapha atra*.

Identification: Thallus light grey or white usually with a well defined border but sometimes not clearly visible. Short, dark, slit-like lirellae (up to 2 x 0.3 mm) are densely crowded and often touching in the centre.

Chemistry: Reactions are negative.

Similar species: The small, densely packed lirellae should distinguish it from *Graphis scripta* and the many *Opegrapha* species.

Habitat: On trees, especially if lightly shaded and/or with smooth bark. Often in mosaics with other smooth bark species. Rarely on fences.

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