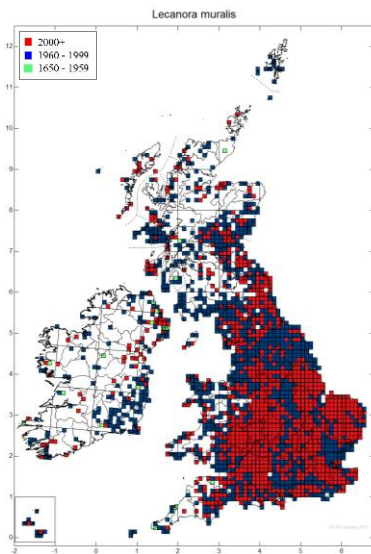


Protoparmeliopsis muralis



Identification: Previously known as *Lecanora muralis*. The flat thallus is greenish grey to yellow-grey and can be up to 10 cm across. The centre of the thallus is made from small lobes, 1–2 mm wide, but these become much larger around the edge. Frequent creamy-brown to brown apothecia, 0.5–2 mm across, occur towards the centre. The apothecia have an obvious lighter margin.

Chemistry: Thallus KC+ pale yellow, UV+ dull orange.

Similar species: The lobed margin is distinctive but small, less-developed lobes can resemble the apothecia of *L. polytropa* which lacks a lobed margin.

Habitat: Common on man-made substrata (cement, paving slabs, asphalt) and in natural nutrient enriched sites, often below bird perches.

Distribution: Widespread throughout the British Isles but less common in the south west and western Scotland.