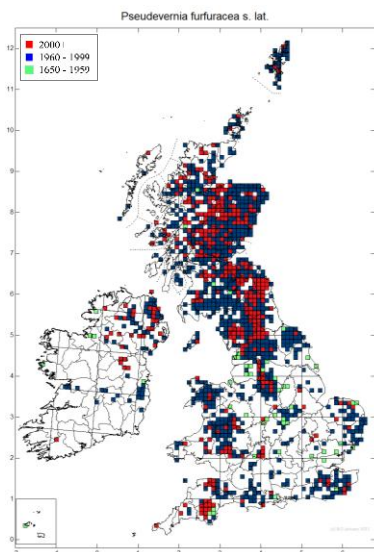


## *Pseudevernia furfuracea*



**Identification:** A foliose lichen with a bushy appearance. The lobes are up to 10 cm long and 1-4 mm wide, usually ascending, with much forked branching. The pale grey, matt, upper surface becomes covered with peg-like 'isidia' and curls over the blackened lower surface. When isidia are few, the forked lobes with darker tips are characteristic. In shade, a greenish or brownish tinge may occur. Apothecia are very rare.

**Chemistry:** Cortex K+ yellow.

**Similar species:** *Evernia prunastri* lacks the isidia and the blackening beneath.

**Habitat:** On siliceous rocks, particularly the top of drystone walls. Also occurs on acid-barked trees especially larch, and on wooden fences.

**Distribution:** Common throughout the uplands and parts of the lowlands. Apparently less common near western coasts of Britain and Ireland.