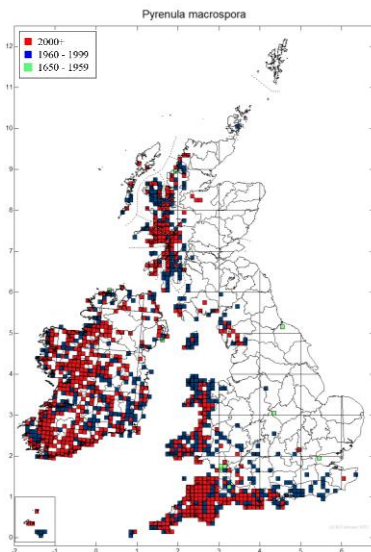


## *Pyrenula macrospora*



**Identification:** The waxy thallus is creamy yellow to greenish brown with tiny white flecks visible with a hand lens. It frequently forms mosaics separated by a black prothallus. Perithecia (fruiting bodies) are dark and rounded, up to 1 mm across. When mature, the openings at the top of the perithecia are visible with a hand lens.

**Chemistry:** K+ yellow, UV+ yellow or orange (but can be negative).

**Similar species:** The dark perithecia are distinctive being much larger those in *Pyrenula chlorospila*.

**Habitat:** Common on shaded, smooth barked trees.

**Distribution:** To the south and west of Britain and Ireland.