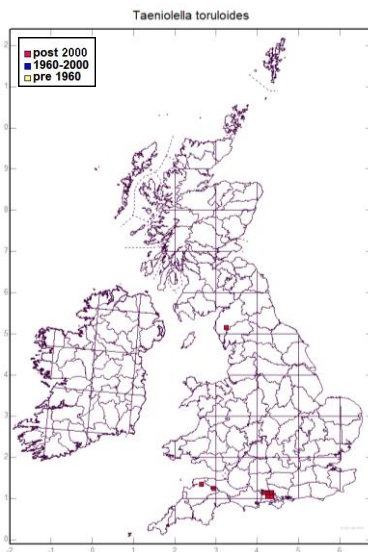


# Taeniolella toruloides



**Identification:** *Taeniolella toruloides* forms bristly black chains of conidia on the surface of *Thelotrema* species. The infected host often appears lead grey. Viewed under a microscope, the chains of conidia appear brown and there are distinct constrictions between the conidia.

**Similar species:** This is the only bristly lichenicolous fungus that infects species of *Thelotrema*.

**Habitat:** Restricted to the thallus of *Thelotrema lapadinum* in the UK and, therefore, to the ancient woodlands that are favoured by that host. Found in sites with large populations of the host.

**Distribution:** Few records but very under-recorded.

**References:** Heuchert *et al* (2018) *Fungal Systematics and Evolution* **2**: 69-261.