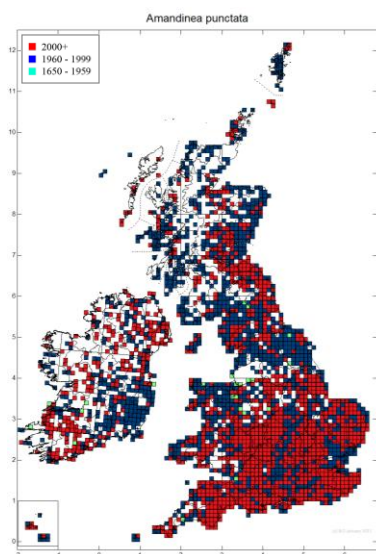


Amandinea punctata



Identification: Thallus grey-green, looking greener on nutrient enriched sites. The surface is very variable, from smooth to cracked. Usually fertile with many small, black apothecia up to 0.5mm across. Apothecia have thin margins but these often disappear as the apothecia grow.

Chemistry: K- (rarely pale yellow).

Similar species: Can be confused with *Lecidella elaeochroma* but this is C+ orange. *Catillaria nigroclavata* is also similar looking and becoming very common on trees. This has smaller, flatter, neater apothecia.

Habitat: Common on nutrient enriched trees, wooden fences and on rocky substrates including on the tops of sandstone gravestones.

Distribution: Throughout Britain and Ireland.