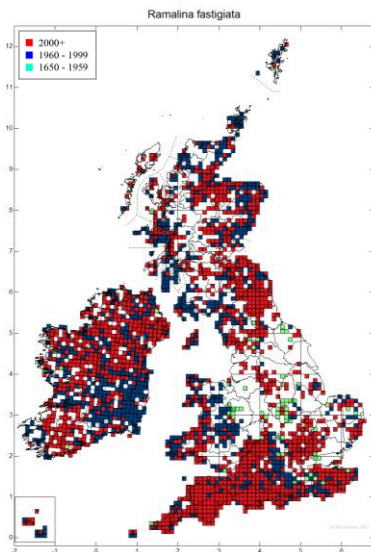


Ramalina fastigiata



Identification: A common lichen. The thallus is usually erect and densely tufted, with grey-green lobes up to 5cm long. The lobes are branched, wrinkled, rounded or flattened, with apothecia at their tips which tend to conceal the thallus.

Chemistry: All reactions negative.

Similar species: None of the other *Ramalina* species in the UK form bunches of branches with multiple apothecia at the ends.

Habitat: Common on twigs and trunk of trees in well lit places. Rarely on soft, basic rock. Tolerant of air pollution.

Distribution: Throughout Britain and Ireland.