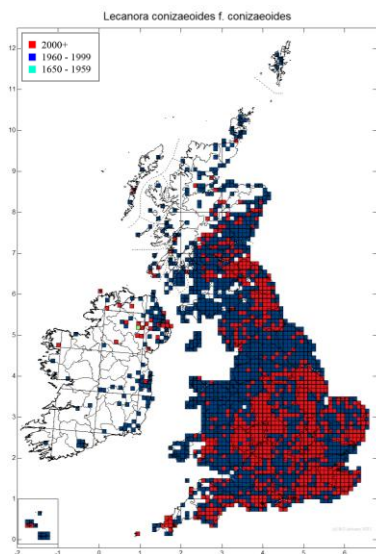


Lecanora conizaeoides



Identification: Thallus grey-green, thick, coarsely granular-sorediate, sometimes forming a thick areolate crust which may cover extensive areas. Apothecia to 1.2 mm diam., sessile with greenish buff to flesh-coloured disks, with slightly crenulate margins which become covered in similar granules to the thallus.

Chemistry: Thallus Pd+ orange to deep red, K- or weakly yellow.

Similar species: The usually coastal *Lecanora confusa* is Pd- and not sorediate. *L. varia* is widespread in the East of the UK and is also Pd- and not sorediate.

Habitat: Primarily on coniferous bark, but also found on worked timber. More rarely on siliceous rocks, walls, peaty soil and decaying plant debris.

Distribution: At one time possibly the commonest lichen in the UK. Now with a greatly reduced range. Still fairly common in lowland habitats, especially in the south and east.