

# Alder leaf and cone galls

## *Taphrina tosquetii*, *T. alni*

### **Identification:**

The host of these galls is Alder *Alnus glutinosa*, or sometimes other exotic alders. *T. tosquetii* infects the young sappy leaves of saplings or the twiggy regrowth from cut stumps. The distorted 'bubbled' leaves develop a bluish bloom when mature. *T. alni* Alder Tongue occurs on female cones of mature trees as a long twisted tongue-like extension, red when fresh, turning black, and persisting on old cones.



### **Distribution:**

They might be expected anywhere in Highland where Alder grows. There is a strange dearth of records SE of the Great Glen.

### **When to look for it:**

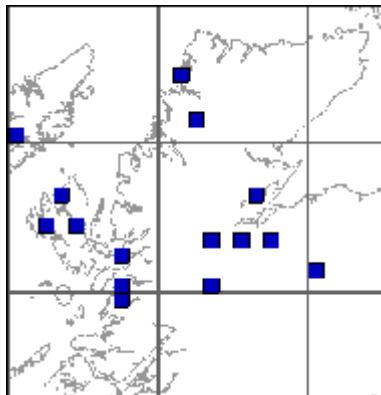
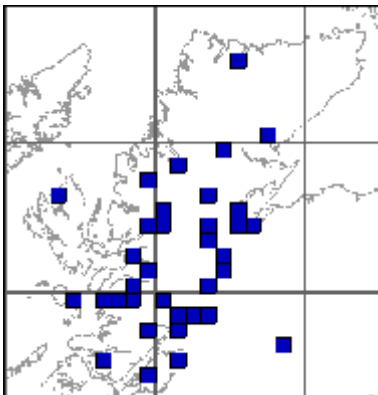
*T. tosquetii* is recognisable June to September. *T. alni* may be found all year, but is especially obvious when fresh and red in July.



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### **Similar Species:**

None.



*Taphrina tosquetii* (left) and *T. alni* in Highland.

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