

# Bird Cherry Fungal Gall

## *Taphrina padi*



### **Identification:**

This gall develops in the fruits of Bird Cherry *Prunus padus*. The normal black berry is distorted into a whitish, elongated, banana-shaped gall.

### **Distribution:**

It might be expected anywhere in Highland where Bird Cherry grows. It is certainly more common than the map suggests.

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

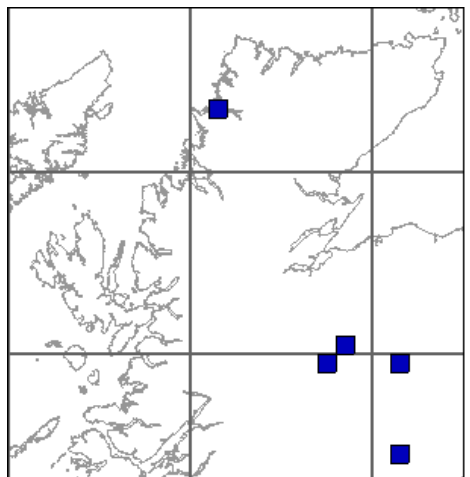
The galls are easily seen in June and July. It is a good idea to locate the Bird Cherry when it is in flower during May, as once the characteristic white 'candles' drop their petals, the tree is easily missed.

### **Similar Species:**

A related gall, the Pocket Plum *Taphrina pruni* occurs on Sloe *Prunus spinosa*.



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