

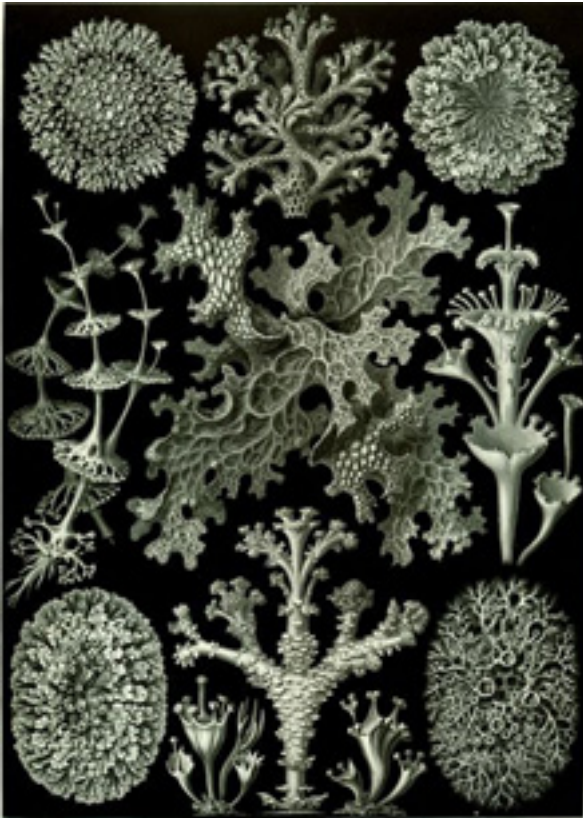
## Golden Eye Lichen Returns

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**BBC Hereford & Worcester have reported a species of lichen has been discovered in an orchard in Herefordshire that was thought to be extinct in the British Isles.**



### Various lichens

The golden eye lichen was last spotted in 1998 in Cornwall. The BBC are reporting that global warming may encourage the rare plant to make a comeback on these shores. However, as the [Ledbury Portal reported back in October](#), crucial to the survival of rare lichens, insects, plants, birds and mammals are the unique old orchards that create and support their eco-system.

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Lichens are a symbiotic partnership between an alga that lives within a fungus. The alga feeds the fungus, while the fungus protects and provides the alga with a place to live. They can be amazingly hardy and live in inhospitable environments.

For more information on lichens navigate to [Wikipedia](#)