

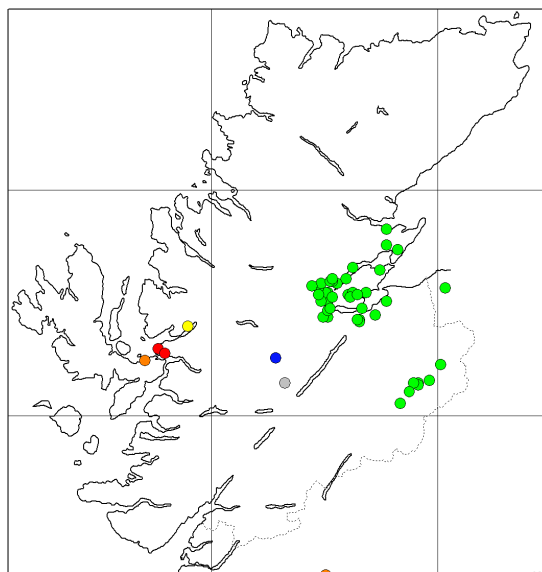
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Records of the Oak Knopper Gall

Andricus quercuscalicis

From anywhere in Highland, but especially from new areas (blank on the map), and from the west side.



The current map of the Knopper in Highland (12 Oct 2018).
Green – areas known before 2018. Others - distinct catchments, found 2018.

The galls are caused by a tiny wasp, and appear as large irregular swellings on the surface of acorns. They are obvious while still on the tree, or once they have fallen.

The gall-wasp is a relatively recent arrival in Britain, and has spread rapidly northward since the 1970s. We are in a good position to monitor its spread north and west.

The Knopper was discovered in the N of Scotland only in 2010, when it was found in Moray, and subsequently much more widely in the east of our area. In 2018 it was found for the first time on the west, near Kyle.

More details of its biology are [here](#), and this superb [video](#) is worth watching.

Please check any oaks you meet, both the acorns on trees and fallen acorns below, and report any finds to records@hbrg.org.uk.

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