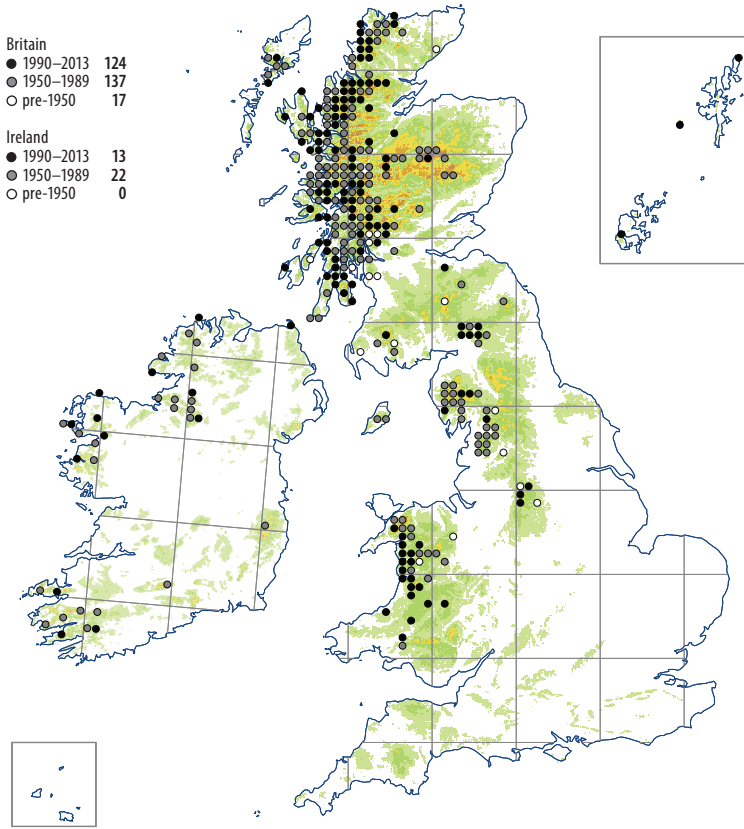


Lepidozia pearsonii



This species is found in the submontane zone, mainly in shaded localities with a northerly to easterly aspect, in dwarf-shrub heath vegetation on rocky slopes, within boulder screes and on steep banks and ledges at the base of cliffs. It descends to low altitudes where it also occurs in rocky oak and birch woodland, wooded ravines and occasionally in Scottish pine forest. It is often present as scattered stems amongst larger bryophytes, such as *Pleurozium schreberi* and *Sphagnum quinquefarium*, but it also forms small patches, sometimes mixed with other western hepatics including *Anastrepta orcadensis*, *Bazzania tricrenata*, *B. trilobata* and *Plagiochila spinulosa*. Altitudinal range: 15–800 m.

Easily overlooked as *Lepidozia reptans* and probably slightly under-recorded.

Hyperoceanic Temperate. Outside Britain and Ireland it is known in SW Norway, Spain, the Azores, DR Congo, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

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Dioicous; male plants common; female plants are rare; sporophytes unknown. Bulbils rather rare.

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