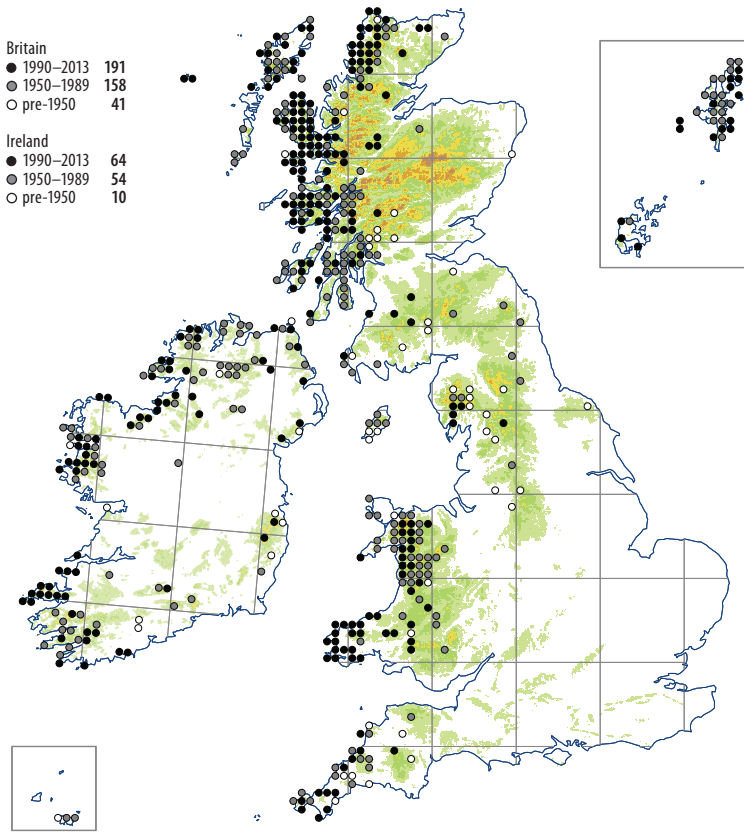


Entosthodon attenuatus



A moss growing in lax patches or scattered stems on bare, moist or flushed but not waterlogged soils on neutral to mildly acid substrates. It prefers well-illuminated sites in places that are relatively stable and kept open by natural agencies, for example on steep banks, and usually in sheltered places, sometimes under overhanging rocks and tussocks, although it occasionally occurs on disturbed ground. Habitats include sea cliffs, banks by streams and ditches, earth-covered boulders and rock ledges, rocky slopes and the banks of open wooded ravines, and bare soil on moorland. *Entosthodon obtusus* is a frequent associate; on rock ledges it has been recorded with *Bartramia pomiformis*. Altitudinal range: 5–700 m.

trend since. This partly reflects intensive recording in parts of Wales and W Scotland.

Autoicous; capsules are common, mature from spring to early autumn.

Mediterranean-Atlantic. Western Europe south from Iceland and the Faeroes (but not Scandinavia) to the Mediterranean region, where it is widespread. Macaronesia, N Africa, Cyprus, Turkey and SW Asia (including Arabia). South-western N America (California to Texas).

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The status of *E. attenuatus* appears to be stable. There was a marked dip in the records in the 1980s, but with an upward

