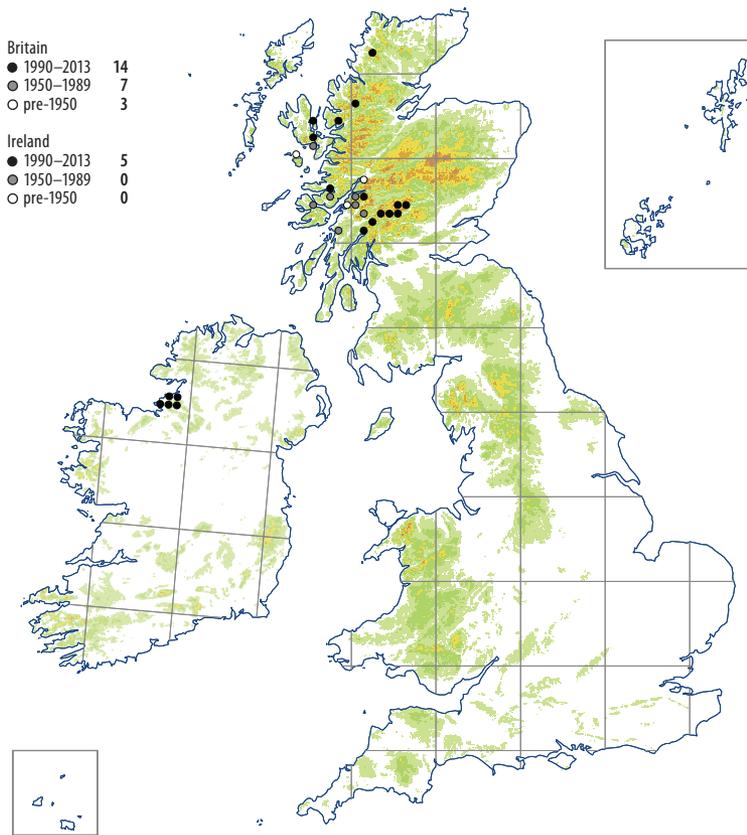


Hymenostylium recurvirostrum var. *insigne*



In similar habitats to and sometimes associated with var. *recurvirostrum*, occurring on wet calcareous rock ledges in montane areas with high rainfall, mostly on limestone and calcareous schists. Typically it occurs on cliffs, rock slabs or beds of tufa where water flows from above or where splashed by waterfalls. It is often associated with *Saxifraga aizoides*, *Orthothecium rufescens*, *Palustriella commutata* and, in the Dartry Mountains in Co. Sligo and Co. Leitrim, *Didymodon maximus*. At lower altitudes it is largely restricted to humid ravines. Altitudinal range: 140–860 m.

Though often regarded as a separate species, plants with intermediate characters occur in Scotland and there may be a few inconsistencies in the records.

Oceanic Boreal-montane. In Europe known only from Spain, Ireland and Britain. Disjunct in Pacific N America (British Columbia) and reported also from Peru and China.

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Dioicous; capsules are very rare.

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