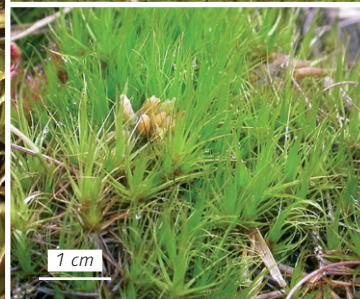
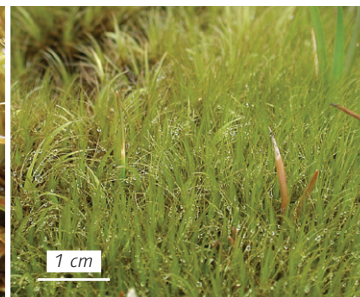
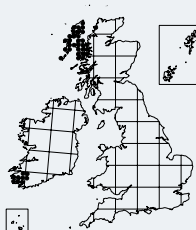


Campylopus shawii

Shaw's Swan-neck Moss



Identification A handsome, robust moss growing in yellow-green to mid-green turfs up to 15 cm deep, the stems usually matted with red-brown rhizoids. The leaves are at least 5 mm and often over 1 cm long. When moist, the lower leaves spread away from the stem, whereas leaves near the top of the shoot are erect or curved. Dry leaves are little altered, other than becoming somewhat wavy. The narrowly spearhead-shaped leaf with a long point is finely toothed just at the tip. The nerve is very wide, occupying up to 70% of the leaf width at the base.

Similar species The colour and the lack of colourless hair point distinguish it from *C. atrovirens* (p. 398), with which it often grows. It is more difficult to distinguish from *C. gracilis* (p. 392), but that species is usually smaller and with an even wider nerve and a different habit. The large patches with robust stems which usually characterize *C. shawii* in boggy areas are normally easily identified from some distance.

Habitat Most abundant in flushed mires where it can form very extensive stands, but it also occurs on flushed heathy slopes, by bog pools and on ledges on wet crags. A hyperoceanic species, locally frequent in the Outer Hebrides, but with only a small number of sites in mainland Scotland and south-west Ireland.