

# Spotlight



1969  
South Sulawesi, Latimojong Mountains

*Myurium hochstetteri*

1909

Barra  
Outer Hebrides

*Dawsonia superba*

Thousands upon thousands of bryophyte specimens are carefully preserved in herbaria around the world; with each specimen representing a window into the past. Collections provide invaluable evidence of environmental change and species range extensions or contractions over time; enable taxonomic work to define species concepts and provide a source for DNA analysis.



*Pottia davalliana*

Portslade, Sussex - 1840

Over-collection in some cases sadly led to species decline, however, collecting remains a necessity for research, particularly in bryologically less well known parts of the world. Fortunately, the trend for trophy collecting of rare species has receded in our more conservation aware times.



*Marchantia polymorpha*  
Helsinki - 1873