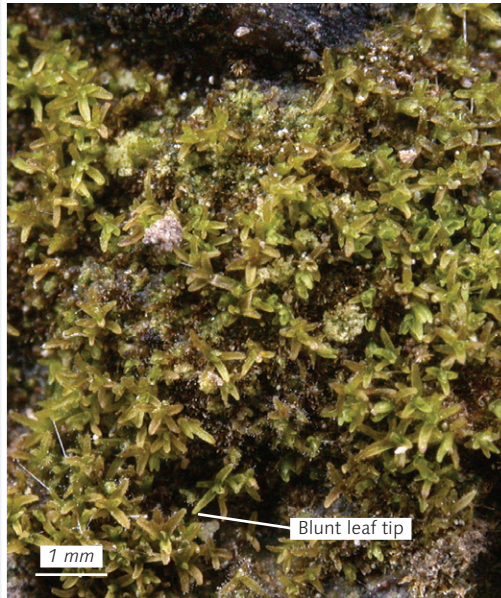
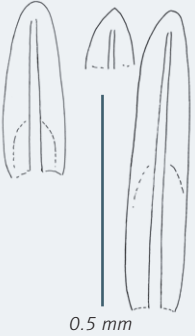
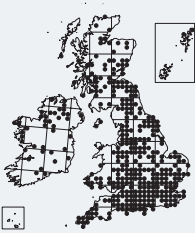


Gyroweisia tenuis

Slender Stubble-moss



Identification Forms light green patches or scattered stems only 2 or 3 mm tall. The leaves are 0.5–1 mm long, strap-shaped and the blunt, rounded tip is easily visible with a hand lens. Capsules sometimes occur.

Similar species *Gymnostomum* species also have a broad leaf tip, although only *Gymnostomum viridulum* (p. 449) is equally small. The leaves of *Gymnostomum viridulum* are much broader in relation to their length than *G. tenuis*, and are brighter green. They also tend to grow on softer and more friable substrates. *Leptobarbula berica* (p. 474) occurs in drier habitats, has narrower more tapering wavy leaves, and is a brighter green. There is a single British record of *G. reflexa* (Smith, p. 307), which differs in having leaves that are slightly bent back when moist, and in having peristome teeth.

Habitat On damp, shaded stone or brickwork, often beside water. Usually the rock is calcareous or enriched by mortar or percolating moisture. Often found at the base of church walls, this moss tolerates shade well, and sometimes occurs near electric lights in caves and tunnels.