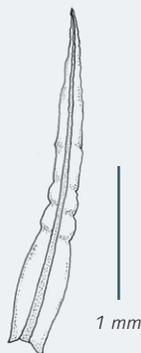
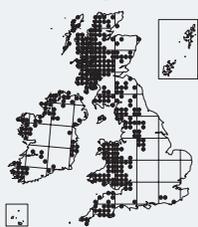


Trichostomum tenuirostre

Oxystegus tenuirostris

Narrow-fruited Crisp-moss



Identification

T. tenuirostre forms loose tufts 1 to several centimetres tall. The tip of its shoots is usually dull green, and brown or almost black below. Leaves vary in length (3.5–5.5 mm), are spreading and wavy, and crisped when dry. The tip is usually acute and the margins are plane. Cylindrical capsules are very rare in spring and summer.

Similar species

Forms of *T. brachydontium* (p. 433) may look very like *T. tenuirostre*, but *T. brachydontium* is typically yellow-green and often grows in drier places. *T. brachydontium* is also calcicolous inland, unlike *T. tenuirostre*. The rare *T. hibernicum* (p. 436) has leaves wider at the base, not or hardly wavy and more sharply reflexed. *Tortella tortuosa* (p. 428) is paler yellow-green, forms cushions and has colourless cells in the leaf base that form an oblique line running from the base of the nerve to the margin of the leaf. Dark plants of *Tortella bambergeri* (p. 429) form cushions, often lack leaf tips, and have a leaf base with a V of colourless cells. Also, *T. tortuosa* and *T. bambergeri* are both calcicoles, unlike *T. tenuirostre*. Non-fertile *Diphyscium foliosum* (p. 338) has opaque, less tapering leaves that are often reddish. *Didymodon sinuosus* (p. 464) often has its leaf tips broken off and favours more base-enriched substrates.

Habitat

T. tenuirostre grows on damp or humid, acidic, shaded or unshaded rock or more rarely on roots of trees by streams and other water courses.