

sand, perhaps with a small amount of soil, that is kept free of vascular plants could be sufficient for the *ex situ* maintenance of a population of this Biodiversity Action Plan priority species.

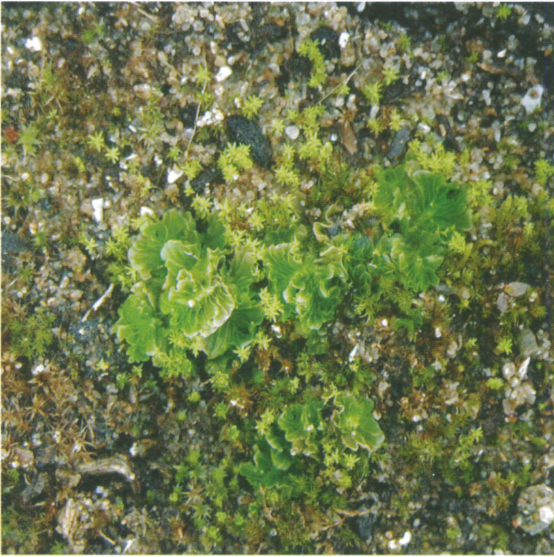


Figure 1. *Petalophyllum* from Nant y Bai in cultivation. Photo: G.S. Motley.

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Postscript

The *Petalophyllum* was thought to have been lost in summer 2002 when the plant pot was accidentally left in direct sunlight during a heatwave and all the bryophytes became scorched, but although all the mosses and most of the *Aneura* did not re-grow, the *Petalophyllum* recovered well. By spring 2003, the pot had become somewhat neglected, with various common mosses and *Aneura* covering much of the soil surface. Birds then pulled out the bryophytes (apart from the *Petalophyllum*) presumably for nesting material.

Research and herbaria

The Kingsley Edgell White collection

Bristol Museum & Art Gallery recently accepted the K.E. White (1915-2001) collection of bryophytes and lichens. This collection comprises approximately 550 specimens.

Mr White was the son of a Suffolk vicar, and was interested in wildlife and the natural world. When he retired he took up plant photography as a hobby, and became an active member of the Portishead Camera Club and North Somerset botanical and wildlife societies, often giving slide

shows of his adventures in Scotland to local naturalists.

Shortly, the details of the specimens will be entered onto a computerised database, so that the information will be available to all that may wish to find out more.

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