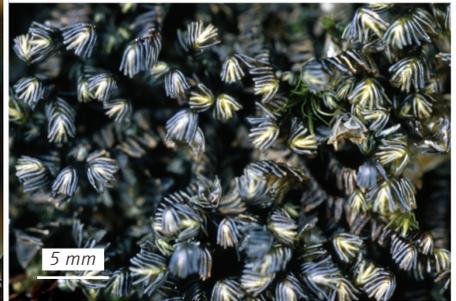
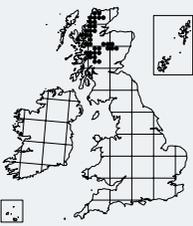


Anastrophyllum donnianum

Donn's Notchwort



Identification *A. donnianum* is one of our most amazing-looking liverworts. It is glossy, dark reddish-brown, and has elegantly long, concave, slightly asymmetrical leaves, which are all curved forwards. It grows as loose turfs of upright stems among other large liverworts. Shoots are 1–4 mm wide; leaves are about 1 mm wide and about 1.5 mm long.

Similar species The only similar species are *A. alpinum* and *A. joergensenii* (p. 135). Both have relatively shorter and wider leaves than *A. donnianum*. *A. alpinum* often grows with *A. donnianum*.

Habitat One of a rich array of large leafy liverworts that grow under leggy heather or among rocks on steep, north- or east-facing slopes in the Scottish Highlands. Other members of this northern hepatic mat include *Anastrepta orcadensis*, *Bazzania tricrenata*, *Herbertus aduncus*, *Pleurozia purpurea* and *Scapania ornithopodioides*.