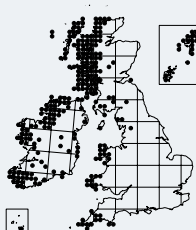


Frullania teneriffae

Sea Scalewort



Identification This species is very similar to *F. tamarisci* (p. 211) with leaves consisting of pointed lobes and small, pocket-shaped lobules that are distinctly longer than broad. The lobules are often darker than the lobes, and lack modified cells with a large oil body and dark cell walls (check with a hand lens). Shoots are 1.5–2 mm wide, and leaves are up to 1 mm wide and 1.5 mm long. *F. teneriffae* usually grows appressed to the substrate (unlike *F. tamarisci* which often sticks out).

Similar species All the other species of *Frullania* except *F. tamarisci* (p. 211) have rounded leaf lobes. The leaf lobes of *F. tamarisci* have a line of modified cells visible with a hand lens. *F. dilatata* (p. 213) has a much larger, differently shaped lobule. *F. fragilifolia* (p. 215) and *F. microphylla* (p. 214) are much smaller, aromatic, darker plants with enlarged, discoloured cells in the leaves. *Porella arboris-vitae* (p. 208) is normally larger, greener, and has a very bitter taste.

Habitat *F. teneriffae* is equally common on rocks or trees in western Britain, except in the southern part of its range, where it is almost confined to coastal rocks.