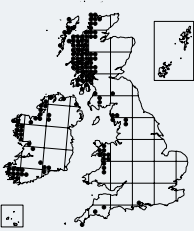


Harpalejeunea molleri

Harpalejeunea ovata

Pointed Pouncewort



Identification *H. molleri* forms delicate, pale green, creeping shoots up to 1.2 cm long and 0.3–0.75 mm wide). It has pointed leaves with an angle in the back edge that makes the tip point away from the stem. Underleaves are bilobed, with blunt, diverging lobes.

Similar species *Drepanolejeunea hamatifolia* (p. 218) is particularly similar in size and general appearance. The leaves of *H. molleri* are broader than those of *D. hamatifolia*, and entire rather than toothed. Most other related species have much more rounded lobes. *Cololejeunea calcarea* (p. 225) and *C. rossettiana* (Paton, p. 506) also have pointed leaf lobes, but lack underleaves and are confined to base-rich substrates. *Aphanolejeunea microscopica* (p. 227) has bluntly pointed, differently shaped leaves, much narrower at the base. All the common species of *Lejeunea* (pp. 221–223) have broad, blunt leaves.

Habitat Grows in humid places in oceanic districts, such as near waterfalls in wooded ravines. It grows both on rocks and trees, either among other bryophytes or in pure patches, but towards the edge of its range tends to be confined to rocks. This is one of a suite of tiny, related species that grow in humid places in oceanic districts.