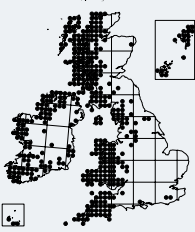


Saccogyna viticulosa

Straggling Pouchwort

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Identification The opposite leaves of this medium-sized to large (shoots up to several centimetres long and 2–4.5 mm wide), opaquely green leafy liverwort are its most obvious feature. Older parts of shoots are often brownish. The leaves are unlobed, rounded and rather elongated, and up to 2 mm long. Underleaves are bilobed, with additional lateral teeth.

Similar species The only other leafy liverworts with opposite leaves are the very rare *Gongylanthus ericetorum* (Paton, p. 433) and *Southbya* species (p. 200), which have less elongated leaves. In addition, *S. viticulosa* is noticeably less translucent than many other leafy liverworts.

Habitat Forming pure patches and scattered shoots straggling through other bryophytes in shaded, damp places in the oceanic west, particularly on woodland banks and humid rock faces.