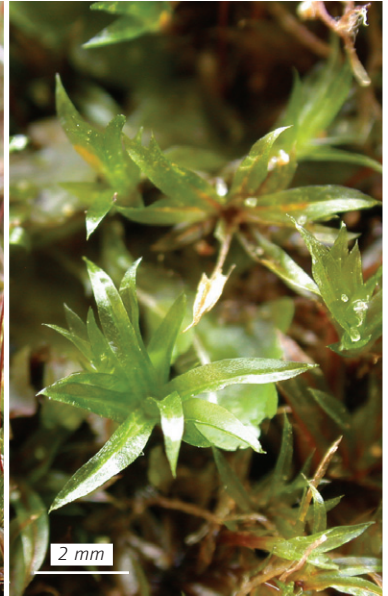
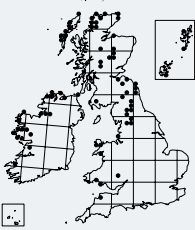


Amblyodon dealbatus

Short-tooth Hump-moss



Identification The capsules of *A. dealbatus* are very distinctive, being erect or slightly inclined, asymmetrical, with a conspicuously long neck, and are normally produced in abundance. In contrast, its shoots are inconspicuous, short (up to 2 cm tall) and *Bryum*-like, but darker. The leaves are 3 mm long, delicate and translucent, with large, lax cells.

Similar species *Meesia uliginosa* (p. 574), a frequent associate, has rather similar, but curved, capsules and bluntly tipped leaves. The more or less erect capsules with a long neck are completely different from the usually shorter, pendulous capsules of *Bryum* species. The rare *Tayloria lingulata* (p. 568) has differently shaped leaves and capsules.

Habitat Base-rich flushes in the mountains, and short, damp turf in open, coastal dune slacks.