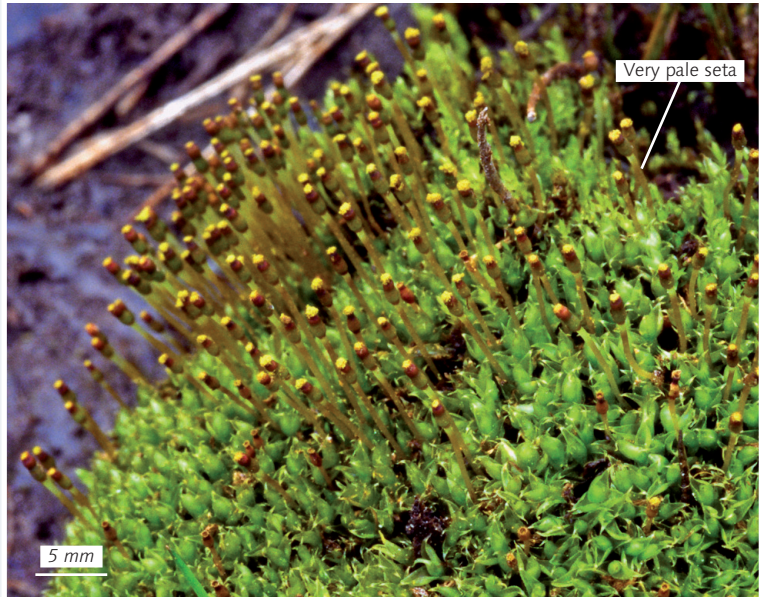
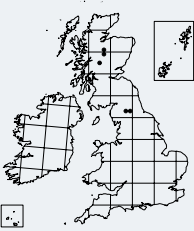


Aplodon wormskioldii

Carrion-moss



Identification Growing in lax, bright green tufts 5–6 cm tall, the leaves are 2.5 mm long, have very large cells, entire margins and often a reflexed tip. The seta is thin, wavy and colourless, bearing an erect capsule with a conspicuous neck.

Similar species The colourless seta of *Aplodon* distinguishes it from species of *Splachnum* (pp. 570–571) and *Tetraplodon* (p. 569), which also grow on organic remains. Its highly restricted habitat further distinguishes it from most other species.

Habitat *A. wormskioldii* grows on the decomposing corpses of sheep, deer and other animals, or on dung, on boggy ground in the mountains. Not seen since 1981, and possibly extinct in Britain.