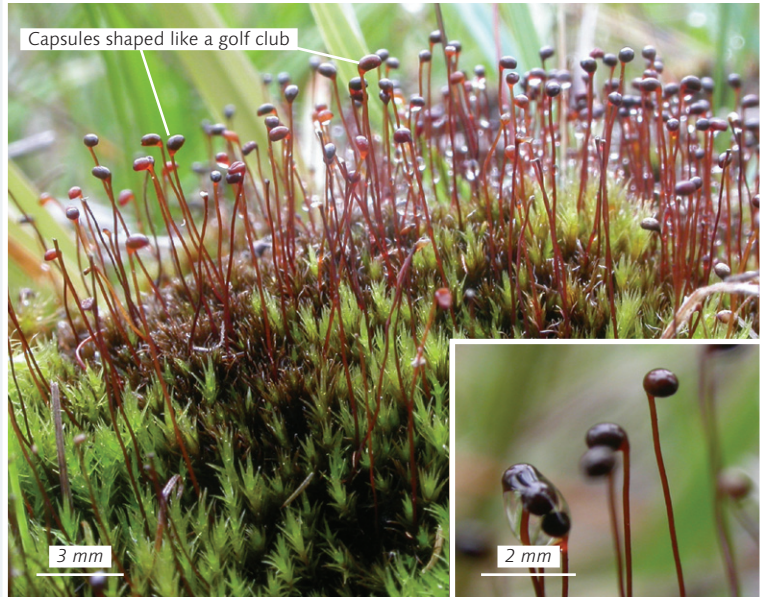
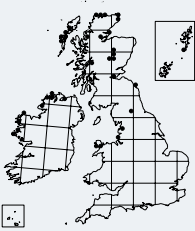


# *Catocopium nigratum*

Golf-club Moss



**Identification** This bright to dark green, or even almost black moss packs its shoots tightly together in firm cushions that are sometimes several centimetres tall. The very small (less than 2 mm long) leaves are narrow and straight. Usually fertile, the small (about 1 mm across), nearly spherical, black capsule on a long (up to 1 cm), red seta looks very like a miniature golf club.

**Similar species** It would be difficult to confuse this moss with any other, particularly when fertile. The dark, robust, hard cushions and the small, black capsule on a long, red seta are diagnostic. Its two habitats are also distinctive.

**Habitat** *C. nigratum* only occurs in open, base-rich, coastal dune slacks and base-rich flushes in the mountains.