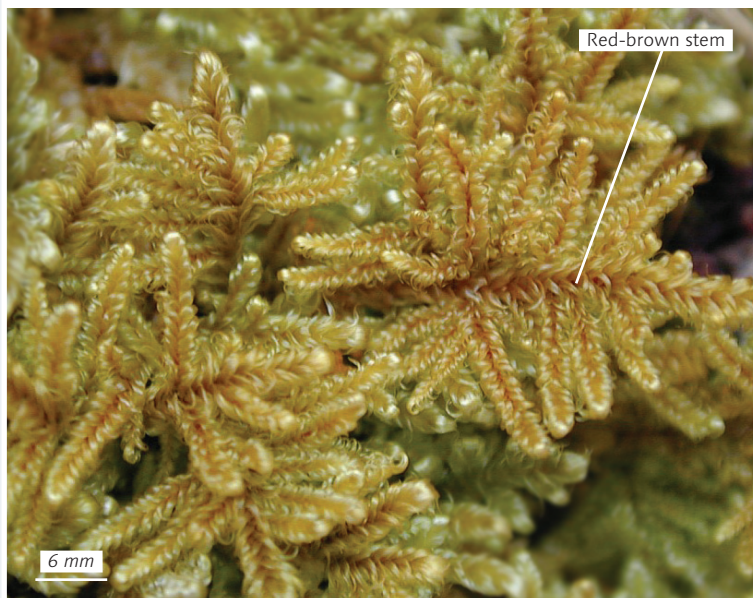
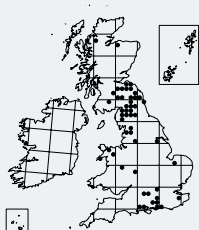


Hypnum imponens

Pellucid Plait-moss



Identification *H. imponens* differs from several common species of *Hypnum* in its reddish-brown (not green) stems. The shoots are typically 2–3 cm long, rather regularly pinnate and are usually distinctly reddish-brown. The nerveless leaves are slightly less than 2 mm long and strongly curved. Capsules are very rare.

Similar species *H. jutlandicum* (p. 806) also grows on acidic ground, but differs in the pale green shoots which lack any brownish pigments in the leaves or stem. Species of *Warnstorfia* (pp. 715–717) or *Scorpidium* (pp. 721–723) may look superficially similar, but their leaves have a long nerve.

Habitat *H. imponens* grows in wet, peaty ground on heaths and bogs, usually in small quantity.