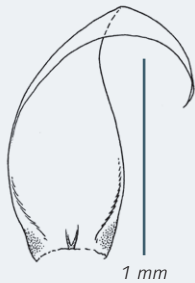
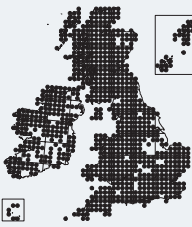


Hypnum jutlandicum

Heath Plait-moss

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**Identification**

This species typically has a pale green, washed-out colour, and lacks any hint of brownish pigment. The shoots are 2–3 cm long and often somewhat pinnately branched, but the branching is rarely very regular. The leaves are a little less than 2 mm long, nerveless and finely tapering; they are strongly curved towards the underside of the shoot, but often less strongly so than some similar species of *Hypnum*. The stem is green. *H. jutlandicum* very often grows on the ground, providing another distinction from *H. andoi* and *H. cupressiforme*. Once known, this species is usually easier to identify in the field than in the herbarium, where the growth habit and characteristic colour are less easy to appreciate. Capsules occasionally form in autumn, are 2 mm long, and have a beaked lid.

Similar species

Specimens growing over rock can be confused with *H. andoi* (p. 804) which is typically less pinnately branched, often with more strongly curved leaves, and the capsule lid is only shortly pointed. *Calliergonella lindbergii* (p. 798) is wider and has fewer branches per shoot.

Habitat

Often abundant on the ground in acidic heathland, upland grasslands, woodland, conifer plantations, tracksides, and cavities between boulders in block scree. It is occasionally found growing over rock, especially on surfaces adjacent to turf, or on logs.