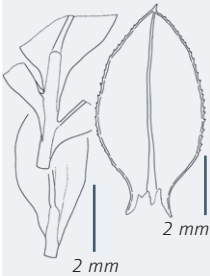
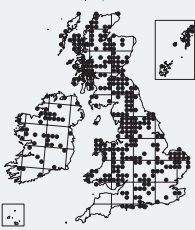


Plagiomnium elatum

Tall Thyme-moss



Identification Shoots of this species are up to 10 cm long. The leaves are about 4 mm long, and broadly run down onto the stem at the base. The leaf cells are longer than wide, and arranged in diagonal rows. The non-fertile stems are either erect or curved. Capsules are hardly ever seen in the British Isles.

Similar species *P. affine* (p. 621) has a leaf base that runs down onto the stem less broadly, and its non-fertile shoots are curved rather than erect. *P. ellipticum* (p. 622) may occur in similar places, but differs in having a leaf base that does not run down onto the stem. The montane *P. medium* (Smith, p. 631) also has leaves that run down onto the stem, but the cells are hardly longer than wide, and are not arranged in diagonal rows.

Habitat On wet, mainly low-lying ground in marshes, fens, flushes and beside streams.