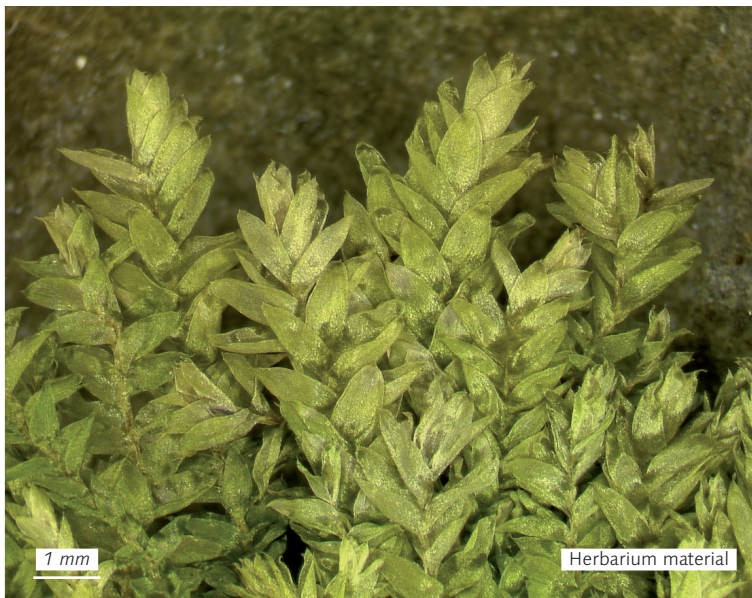
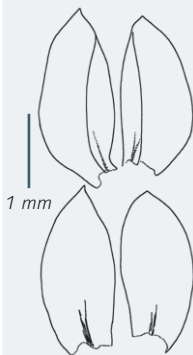
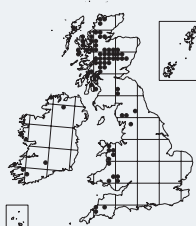


Plagiothecium denticulatum var. *obtusifolium*

Donnian Silk-moss



Identification *P. denticulatum* var. *obtusifolium* is recognizable in the field by its shortly pointed leaves. Despite the epithet, the leaf tip varies from blunt to broadly acute. The leaves are 2–2.5 mm long and asymmetrical to more or less symmetrical. Two forms occur with more or less equal frequency: one with flattened shoots, and the other with rounded, worm-like shoots. Inclined, curved, shortly cylindrical (about 2 mm long) capsules are often produced.

Similar species *P. denticulatum* var. *denticulatum* (p. 780) has a more tapering leaf tip, but the two mosses have very similar microscopic features.

Habitat An upland moss found in cavities amongst block scree, in rock crevices, and in snowbeds; often in markedly acidic habitats with *Diplophyllum albicans* and other calcifuge bryophytes, but may also occur in calcareous places.