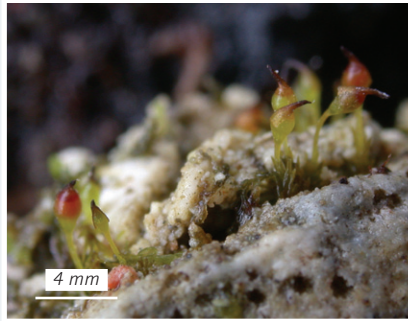
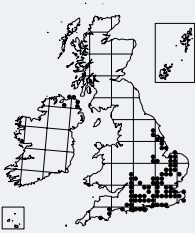


Seligeria calcarea

Chalk Rock-bristle



Identification The short (less than 1 mm), bluntly pointed leaves of *S. calcarea* are its most distinctive feature. It is a minute (shoots up to 2 mm tall) species growing in thin, bristly mats. Capsules are common, with a relatively large, egg-shaped capsule held well clear of the leaves on a short, straight seta. The capsule has a peristome.

Similar species *S. pusilla* (p. 545) has much more sharply pointed leaves and longer, narrower leaves around the base of the seta. It rarely occurs on chalk. *S. calycina* (p. 547) also has more pointed leaves, and a longer capsule.

Habitat Shaded chalk faces and stones, especially in chalk pits. Occasionally on oolitic limestone.