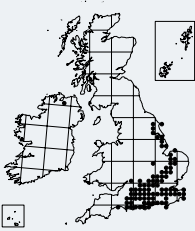


*Seligeria calycina**S. paucifolia*

English Rock-bristle



Identification This is a locally frequent plant on chalk, where it grows in thin mats of plants up to 2 mm tall. Leaves are less than 1 mm long, spearhead-shaped and sharply pointed. Capsules are common, slightly elongated, egg-shaped and held clear of the leaves on a short, straight seta. The capsule has a peristome.

Similar species *S. pusilla* (p. 545) has more sharply pointed leaves and longer, narrower leaves around the base of the seta. It rarely occurs on chalk. *S. calcarea* (p. 548) has shorter, more bluntly pointed leaves, and a shorter capsule.

Habitat Restricted to chalk, especially on small, shaded chalk stones in woodland and in chalk pits.