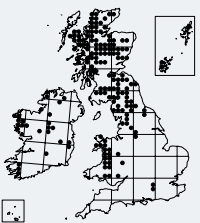
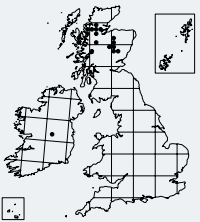
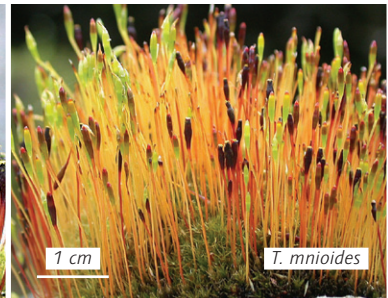
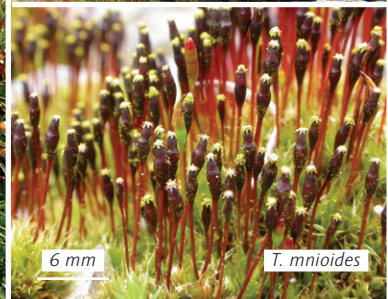


Tetraplodon mnioides/angustatus

Slender/Narrow Cruet-moss

*T. mnioides**T. angustatus**T. angustatus**T. mnioides**T. mnioides***Identification**

The tightly packed shoots of these species form light green tufts 2–6 cm tall, usually with abundant capsules. The leaves are 3–5 mm long, entire, or almost so in *T. mnioides*, but strongly toothed in *T. angustatum*, and drawn out to a long, thin, wavy tip. Upright, cylindrical capsules of *T. mnioides* are borne on a long, thick seta up to 3 cm long, and have a conspicuously long, thickened neck that does not, however, grow significantly thicker than the main part of the capsule. The capsule of *T. angustatus* is borne on a much shorter seta, less than 5 mm long.

Similar species

Splachnum species (pp. 570–571) have much more shortly pointed leaves, differently shaped capsules and a relatively more slender seta.

Habitat

Both species are very habitat-specific, growing on the scats of carnivores (usually fox), often perched on rocks or mounds of moss in scree and by paths. *T. angustatus* is a much rarer plant, almost confined to the central and eastern Scottish Highlands.