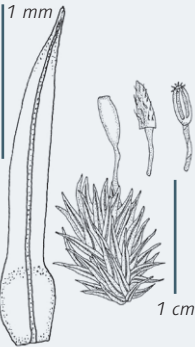
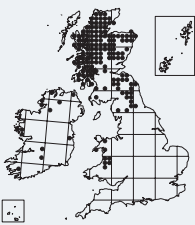


Ulota drummondii

Drummond's Pincushion



Identification

U. drummondii is most easily found on dry days, when the fact that its leaves are only slightly curled when dry becomes apparent. On wet days, it looks much like a reddish *U. bruchii*. It forms reddish-green or yellowish-green tufts or patches 0.5–1 cm tall, usually with creeping marginal shoots. The leaves are about 3 mm long. Oblong or occasionally club-shaped capsules form beneath a hairy calyptra in late summer and autumn. They are deeply furrowed when dry, and often reddish. The outer peristome is often almost white and the inner peristome is virtually absent.

Similar species

U. bruchii and *U. crispa* (p. 658) have leaves that crisp when dry, and the capsules have a pale brown rather than almost white outer peristome. The leaves of *U. hutchinsiae* (p. 663) also remain uncrisp when dry, but it grows on rock.

Habitat

U. drummondii grows on twigs and branches of a variety of trees and shrubs such as alder (*Alnus*), birch (*Betula*), hazel (*Corylus avellana*), juniper (*Juniperus*), rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*) and willows (*Salix*) in humid places. It may occur with *U. bruchii* and *U. crispa*.