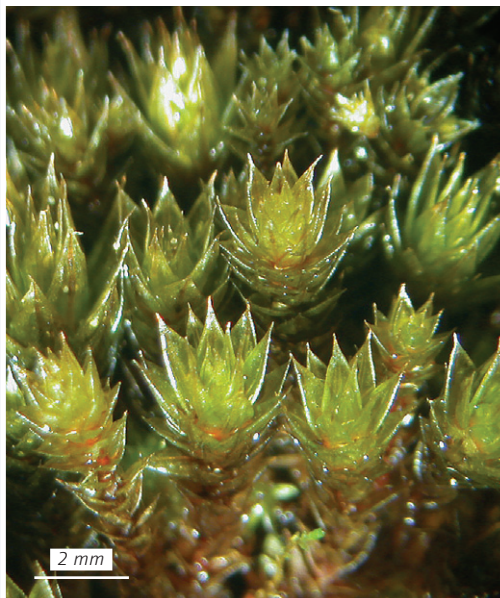
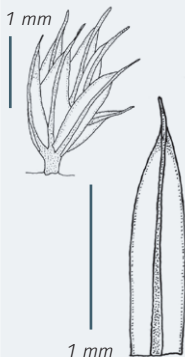
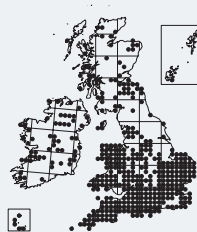


Bryum radiculosum

Wall Thread-moss



Identification *B. radiculosum* forms dark, shiny green, compact tufts or cushions, with shoots closely packed together. The prominent nerve, excurrent at the leaf tip, makes the leaves (1.5–2.25 mm long) look characteristically straight. *B. radiculosum* has very small, spherical, red-brown, rhizoidal tubers, but these are usually only visible with a microscope. Capsules are about 3–5 mm long, common, forming in early summer. They droop, becoming more nearly horizontal as they mature.

Similar species Members of the '*B. erythrocarpum* complex' (see *B. rubens*, p. 598) do not grow on rock or mortar. *B. dichotomum* (p. 595) has bulbils in the leaf axils. *B. caespiticium* (p. 589) does not form dense, dark green, shiny tufts.

Habitat *B. radiculosum* is a calcicole, favouring mortared walls, limestone and hard, calcareous soil.