Bryum weigelii
Duval’s Thread-moss

Forms greenish-pink patches or tufts, with shoots several centimetres tall. The 2 mm long leaves are rather widely spaced apart and run far down onto the stem. Capsules have not been seen in Britain.

Large, lax, red forms of *B. pallens* (p. 584) may resemble *B. weigelii*, but the leaf base of *B. weigelii* runs further down onto the stem, its leaf margins are not so thickened, and the leaves are more widely spaced on the stem. *B. pseudotriquetrum* (p. 592) may be pink and also has a leaf base that runs down onto the stem, but more narrowly than that of *B. weigelii*. The very rare *B. schleicheri* var. *latifolium* (Smith, p. 546), with a single British site in an upland flush, has very concave leaves, often with a hooded tip, and its leaf base does not run down onto the stem. The leaves of *Pohlia ludwigii* (p. 608) also run down onto the stem, but they are not so widely spaced along the stem, and its upper leaves are green.

A moss of base-poor springs and flushes, sides of streams, pools, lakes and snowbeds in the mountains.

Identification

Similar species

Habitat

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Leaf bases running down onto the stem

1 mm

2 mm

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