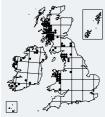
Rhabdoweisia crenulata

Greater Streak-moss





Identification Forming lax, bright green cushions or patches to 3 cm tall. The leaves are 2.5– 3.5 mm long, somewhat crisped when dry, and erect-spreading or slightly recurved when moist, narrow and tapering only in the upper part of the leaf to a blunt tip. The leaf margins are plane, and coarsely and irregularly toothed in the upper part of the leaf. The nerve ends below the tip. Capsules are common, pale brown when mature, less than 1 mm long, egg-shaped and longitudinally ridged when dry, with gradually tapering peristome teeth.

Similar species May be confused with R. crispata (p. 356), but R. crenulata is a larger plant with wider, more shortly pointed leaves that are coarsely toothed and larger cells which render the leaf less opaque.

Habitat Growing in damp, humid, shaded crevices on acidic crags and occasionally in scree. It seems to favour sites with high humidity and can often be found near waterfalls in ravines and on crags that face north-east.