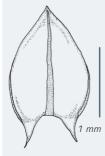
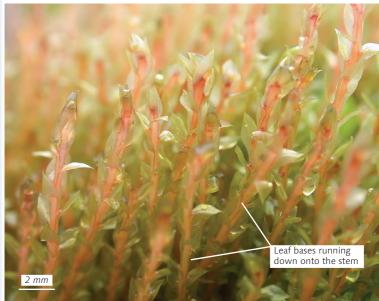
Bryum weigelii

Duval's Thread-moss







Identification 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.

Similar species 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.

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