Hedwigia integrifolia

Green Hoar-moss



Identification The upper part of the irregularly branched shoots is yellowish-green, but they are brownish below. They form tufts and patches. Leaves are 1.5-2 mm long, nerveless, concave and oval with an acute tip. Capsules occasionally form in early summer, and are almost hidden amongst the surrounding leaves.

Similar species H. stellata (p. 665) usually has an obvious, colourless leaf tip, and the rest of the plant is neither brown nor yellowish.

Habitat H. integrifolia grows on unshaded, exposed boulders, scree, and below cliffs. It often occurs with H. stellata, but is more likely than that species to grow on mildly baseenriched rock, especially igneous rocks such as basalt and gabbro.