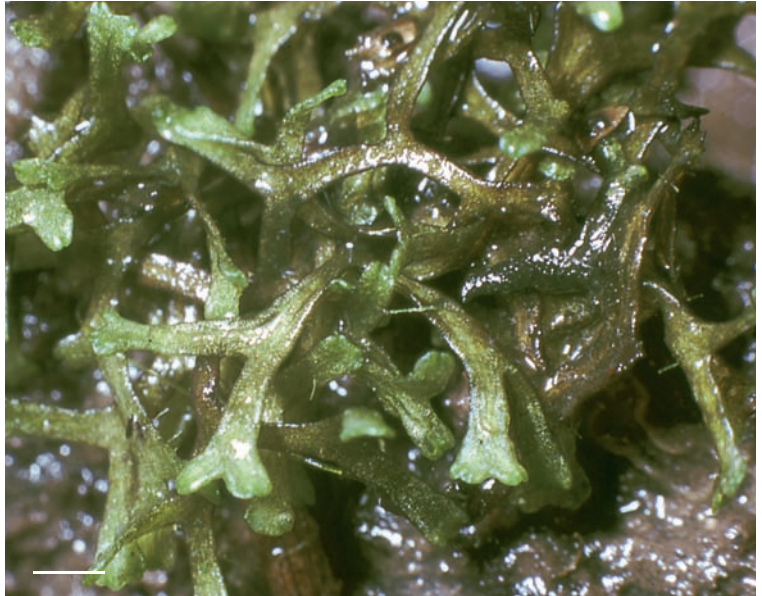


Riccia rhenana

Pond Crystalwort



Identification *R. rhenana* is very similar to *R. fluitans* and also has both floating and terrestrial forms. It has a pale green colour without pigment; its branches are two- to four-furcate and borne at 80–105° to each other. They are slightly more robust than those of *R. fluitans*. In aquatic forms the branches are up to 1.2 mm broad and in terrestrial forms to 1.8 mm wide; however, microscopic confirmation is desirable.

Similar species *R. fluitans* (q.v.) differs as given above; *R. canaliculata* (q.v.) differs as for *R. fluitans*.

Habitat Floating plants grow in water in garden ponds, clay pits and gravel pits, canals and ditches, terrestrial plants on mud or humus by water.