

Plagiomnium cuspidatum

Woodsy Thyme-moss



Identification

The leaves of this species are more gradually tapering at the apex than the other species of the genus; the margin is sharply toothed, but the teeth are more or less confined to the upper half of the leaf, and the leaf base is decurrent. The cells are small and isodiametric, and are not arranged in diagonal rows; with care this can be seen with a $\times 20$ lens. The sterile stems of this species can either be erect or curved. Capsules are frequent, with a conical lid.

Similar species

Other species of the genus differ either in abruptly tapered leaves, non-decurrent leaf bases, or leaf cells elongated and arranged in clear diagonal rows. Capsules are also frequent in *P. rostratum* (q.v.), but there the lid is rostrate.

Habitat

On soil, rock, stumps and tree bases in basic habitats, mainly lowland; occasional.