

## *Pleuridium subulatum*

Awl-leaved Earth-moss



### Identification

Very similar to *P. acuminatum* (q.v.), but tending to have a more abruptly tapering leaf. However, the only sure character is the nature of the antheridia which are naked in the axils of the leaves just below the capsule in *P. acuminatum* and on dwarf axillary branches lower down the stem on *P. subulatum*, with only the latter readily visible with a lens. Unfortunately, the antheridia disappear in *P. acuminatum* by the time the capsule has formed, but the axillary branches of *P. subulatum* persist. Plants with intermediate characters do apparently occur.

### Habitat

An adventive moss growing in very similar places to *Pleuridium acuminatum*, but sometimes growing on more obviously calcareous ground.