

## Some common bryophytes of lowland Herefordshire

### Liverworts

<i>Frullania dilatata</i>	Dilated Scalewort	trees	*
<i>Lunularia cruciata</i>	Crescent-cup Liverwort	Soil, walls	*
<i>Lophocolea bidentata</i>	Bifid Crestwort	Soil, rocks, tree stumps	* +
<i>Marchantia polymorpha</i>	Common Liverwort	Soil, wet rocks	
<i>Metzgeria furcata</i>	Forked Veilwort	trees	* +
<i>Pellia epiphylla</i>	Overleaf Pellia	wet soil and rocks	+
<i>Plagiochila porelloides</i>	Lesser Featherwort	Wet soil and rocks	+

### Mosses

<i>Amblystegium serpens</i>	Creeping Feather-moss	trees, soil etc	
<i>Atrichum undulatum</i>	Common Smooth-cap	soil	*
<i>Bryum argenteum</i>	Silver-moss	Soil, walls etc	
<i>Bryum capillare</i>	Capillary Thread-moss	trees, walls, rock	*
<i>Bryum dichotomum</i>	Bicoloured Bryum	disturbed ground	
<i>Brachythecium rutabulum</i>	Rough-stalked Feather-moss	trees, soil etc	+
<i>Calliergonella cuspidata</i>	Pointed Spear-moss	grass	*
<i>Dicranum scoparium</i>	Broom Fork-moss	Woodland soil, stumps, rock	
<i>Dicranella heteromalla</i>	Silky Forklet-moss	soil, rock, stumps	
<i>Eurhynchium striatum</i>	Common Striated Feather-moss	Soil rock, stumps	+
<i>Fissidens taxifolius</i>	Common Pocket-moss	soil	* +
<i>Kindbergia praelonga</i>	Common Feather-moss	soil, stumps	*
<i>Grimmia pulvinata</i>	Grey-cushioned Grimmia	walls, rock	*
<i>Homalothecium sericeum</i>	Silky Wall Feather-moss	trees, walls, rock	*
<i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i>	Cypress-leaved Plait-moss	trees, soil etc	*
<i>Isoetecium myosuroides</i>	Mouse-tail Moss	tree bases, soil etc	+
<i>Lewinskya (Orthotrichum) affine</i>	Wood Bristle-moss	trees	+
<i>Mnium hornum</i>	Swan's-neck Thyme-moss	soil (tree base)	*
<i>Plagiomnium undulatum</i>	Hart's-tongue Thyme-moss	soil	*
<i>Polytrichum formosum</i>	Bank Haircap	soil in woods	*
<i>Pseudoscleropodium purum</i>	Neat Feather-moss	grass	*
<i>Rhytidiadelphus squarossus</i>	Springy Turf-moss	grass	*
<i>Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus</i>	Big Shaggy Moss	Woodland floor	+
<i>Streblotrichum (Barbula) convoluta</i>	Bird's-claw Beard-moss	soil, rocks	+
<i>Syntrichia montana</i>	Intermediate Screw-moss	rocks, logs	+
<i>Thamnobryum alopecurum</i>	Fox-tail Feather-moss	rocks, logs	*
<i>Thuidium tamariscinum</i>	Common Tamarisk Moss	Soil, logs	
<i>Tortula muralis</i>	Wall Screw-moss	walls, rock	* +
<i>Tortula truncata</i>	Common Pottia	Soil (disturbed)	+

### Other common but bit tricky species

<i>Ceratodon purpureus</i>	Redshank	soil and logs	
<i>Cirriphyllum piliferum</i>	Hair-pointed Feather-moss	soil and logs	+
<i>Campylopus flexuosus</i> agg.	Rusty Swan's-neck Moss	Soil, stumps	+
<i>Didymodon insulanus</i>	Cylindric Beard-moss	soil	+
<i>Rhynchostegium confertum</i>	Clustered Feather-moss	trees, stumps	+

\* A beginner can easily get these are species verified with a good photo and added to the county and national database.

+ Note of caution: there are some similar species in the same genus that are quite common.

## **Resources for further study of Bryophytes**

### **British Bryological Society**

[www.britishbryologicalsociety.org.uk](http://www.britishbryologicalsociety.org.uk)

Look under 'Learning' for 'Some common bryophytes' and the leaflet 'Mosses and Liverworts of Towns and Gardens'.

Mosses and Liverworts of Britain and Ireland. A Field Guide. ISBN 978-0-9561310-1-0

### **Floras**

Paton, J.A (1999) The Liverwort Flora of the British Isles

Smith, A.J.E (2004) The Moss Flora of the British Isles

### **Days Out**

Come and join Border Bryologists local meetings across nearby counties (see BBS website).  
Beginners are welcome.

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