BRYOPHYTES - Mosses and Liverworts

The national status of each species is allocated subjectively according to Smith (1978 and 1990) on the scale; very rare, rare, occasional, frequent, common, very common. Where the occurrence of a species changes with geography the status in south-west Scotland is given. Observations on the occurrence of the species at Glen Moss are also given subsequent to this.

(Nomenclature follows that of Smith, 1978 and 1990 for Mosses and Liverworts respectively)

MUSCI - Mosses

Species	National Status	Local Status
Andrea rothii	Occasional	Restricted to granite outcrops at the north end of the Moss.
Aulacomnium palustre	Common	Occurring as isolated tufts and hummocks amongst <i>Sphagnum</i> (moss) on the bog surface.
Barbula cylindrica	V. common	Restricted to the walls of the old pump-house on the south side of the Moss.
Brachythecium rivulare	Common	Frequent along the margins of the Moss under Salix (willow).
Brachythecium rutabulum	V. common	A species of wide ecological amplitude found on walls, tree boles, soil, etc.
Bryum alpinum	Frequent	Easily distinguished by its red coloration, this species is restricted to a flushed granite outcrop on the northern margin of the bog.
Bryum argenteum	V. common	Occurring sporadically in its pure dark green form on shady wall tops.
Bryum capillare	V. common	Common on the old pump-house and other walls.
Calliergon cordifolium	Common	Isolated shoots and tufts amongst <i>Sphagnum</i> , most commonly under <i>Salix</i> .

Calliergon cuspidatum	Common	Found throughout the moss, occasionally forming pure tussocks to the south-east amongst <i>Sphagnum</i> .
Calliergon stramineum	Frequent	Isolated shoots and tufts amongst <i>Sphagnum</i> , occasionally forming pure tussocks.
Campylopus introflexus	Frequent	Common on wall tops and occasionally on the soil around the exposed roots of fallen Salix.
Campylopus paradoxus	Frequent	Apparently restricted to wall tops.
Campylopus pyriformis	V. common	Yellow-green lawns on the remains of camp fires on the islands in the middle of the Moss.
Ceratodon purpureus	V. common	On walls and soil, especially that surrounding the exposed roots of fallen <i>Salix</i> .
Cinclidotus fontinaloides	Frequent	A species of open water, detached stems of which can be found along the lee of larger bog pools.
Climacium dendroides	Frequent	Isolated patches under <i>Salix</i> , most commonly along the southern flank of the Moss.
Dicranella heteromalla	Common	Forming lawns on peaty faces and on the soil surrounding the exposed roots of fallen <i>Salix</i> .
Dicranowiesia cirrata	Common	The most frequent epiphyte at the Moss, forming small, frequently fertile cushions or tufts.
Dicranum scoparium	Common	A frequent moss of wide ecological amplitude on walls, soil, trees, granite outcrops, etc.
Drepanocladus uncinatus	Frequent	Epiphytic in the more humid areas of Salix.
Eurynchium praelongum	Common	Shaded microenvironments under grass and Salix around the margins of the Moss.
Fontinalis antipyretica	Frequent	A species of open water, detached stems of which can be found along the lee of larger bog pools.
Funaria hygrometica	Frequent	Common on the remains of camp fires on the islands in the middle of the Moss.

Grimmia pulvinata	Common	Restricted to the mortar of the old pump-house.
Grimmia tricophylla	Occasional	On granite outcrops on the north flank of the Moss.
Homalothecium sericeum	Common	Base of the old pump-house and occasional on other walls.
Hylocomium splendens	Common	Surprisingly uncommon and restricted to one small area of grassland to the south.
Hypnum cupressiforme var. cupressiforme	V. common	A species of wide ecological amplitude common on trees, rock outcrops and occasionally soil.
var. lacunosum	Common	Granite outcrops and occasionally on walls.
Hypnum jutlandicum	Common	Found only under areas of Calluna vulgaris.
Hypnum mammillatum	Common	A frequent epiphyte in the more humid areas of <i>Salix</i> and on wet granite outcrops.
Isopterygium elegans	Common	Restricted to shaded peaty faces.
Leptobrum pyriforme	Occasional	Growing with <i>Campylopus pyriformis</i> on the remains of camp fires on the islands in the middle of the Moss.
Mnium hornum	Common	On soil, peaty faces and at the base of <i>Salix</i> trunks in very marshy areas.
Orthodontium lineare	Occasional	On exposed soil on the islands in the middle of the Moss.
Orthotrichum affine	Common	Epiphytic in the more humid stands of Salix.
Philonotis fontana	Common	Restricted to an area of flushed granite outcrop on the north side of the Moss.
Plagiomnium undulatum	Common	Frequent in marshy areas of <i>Salix</i> and surrounding grassland.
Plagiomnium rostratum	Frequent	Common in marshy areas of Salix.
Plagiothecium curvifolium	Occasional	Restricted to shaded peaty faces.
Plagiothecium denticulatum	Occasional	Restricted to an area of flushed granite on the

north side of the bog.

Plagiothecium undulatum Common Occasional on rotting wood and exposed peat. Abundant in the conifer plantation leading up to the Moss by the golf course. Pleurozium schreberi Common Frequent in areas dominated by Calluna vulgaris and occurring sporadically on the bog surface where it is common in areas of Eriophorum vaginatum (Cotton-grass) Pogonatum aloides Common Restricted to peaty faces. Pogonatum urnigerinum Frequent Occasional on wall tops and areas of wet granite.

Pohlia nutans Common Common on wail tops.

Polytrichum commune Frequent Forming tussocks amongst Sphagnum on the

bog surface.

Polytrichum formosum Frequent Forming cushions on the woodland floor of

the islands in the middle of the Moss.

Polytrichum juniperinum Occasional Isolated shoots and tufts amongst Sphagnum

on the bog surface.

Polytrichum piliferum Frequent Commonest on south facing granite outcrops,

occasional elsewhere on rock.

Pseudobryum cinclidoides Rare One of the most interesting bryophytes of Glen Moss. Common in marshy areas, below Salix, along the southern margins, occurring sporadically elsewhere on the Moss in similair habitats. A specimen of this moss, gathered by Keith Watson (Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery) has been confirmed by Nick Hodgetts (English Nature).

Pseudoscleropodium purum Common Frequent in moist grassland and shaded granite outcrops. Ptychomitrium polyphyllum Common Frequent on granite outcrops. Racomitrium aciculare Common Restricted to an area of flushed granite on the north side of the Moss. Racomitrium fasciculare Frequent Granite outcrops and the walls of the old pump-house. Racomitrium heterostichum Frequent Granite outcrops and wall tops.

Racomitrium lanuginosum	Frequent	Granite outcrops and wall tops.		
Rhyncostegium murale	Occasional	Restricted to the walls of the old pump-house.		
Rhytidiadelphus loreus	Common	Restricted to one small patch at the top of the wall of the old pump-house.		
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus	V. common	Common in grassland and on areas of shaded granite, occasional on the bog surface and under <i>Calluna vulgaris</i> (Heather).		
Schistidium apocarpum	Frequent	Restricted to the walls of the old pump-house.		
Sphagnum auriculatum var. auriculatum	Common	Restricted to areas of submergence by the track along the south side of the Moss.		
Sphagnum contortum One small patch at the south side of the Moss by springs. Collected and determined by Keith Watson (Kelvingrove Museum and Art Galleries).				
Sphagnum fimbriatum	Common	Common in marshy area under Salix.		
Sphagnum girgensohnii	Common	Common in marshy area under Salix.		
Sphagnum palustre	V. common	Forming hummocks on the bog surface, most notably towards the south where <i>Pinus</i> has colonised. Occasional in woodland on islands and beneath <i>Salix</i> .		
Sphagnum recurvum	V. common	The most dominant species at Glen Moss, forming extensive carpets covering most of the bog surface.		
Sphagnum squarrosum	Common	Most common around the mouth of the inlet from the adjoining the area of open water dissecting the Moss indicating some degree of water movement and /or nutrient enrichment.		
Sphagnum teres	Occasional	Most common around the mouth of the inlet from the golf course, indicating some nutrient enrichment from this source. Occasional at margins of bog adjoining the area of open water dissecting the moss indicating some degree of water movement and /or nutrient enrichment.		
Tortula muralis	Common	Restricted to the mortar of the walls of the old pump-house.		

HEPATICAE - Liverworts

Barbilophozia floerkei Frequent Occasional on shaded wall tops. Chiloscyphus polyanthos Marshy areas of Salix. Frequent Diplophyllum albicans Common Peaty faces and walls. Gymnocolea inflata Common Shaded wall tops. var. inflata Lepidozia reptans Common Peaty faces and rotting wood. Lophocolea bidentata var. rivularis Common Frequent in marshy areas of Salix. Frequently growing on granite, walls, soil, var. bidentata Common amongst grass and epiphytically where humid. Lophocolea heterophylla Apparently restricted to peaty faces. Common Lophozia ventricosa Occasional Of sporadic occurrence underneath heather. Nardia geoscyphus Rare Restricted to an area of flushed granite on the north side of the Moss. Ptilidium ciliare Occasional Unusually, this species was found growing epiphytically on the prostrate limb of a Salix. Tritomaria quinquidentata Frequently growing on wall tops and soil filled Common chinks of granite outcrops.

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