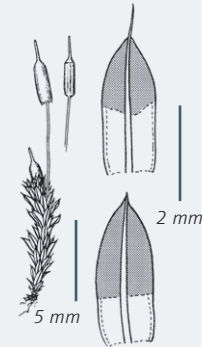
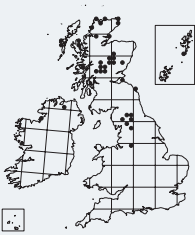


Encalypta raptocarpa

Ribbed Extinguisher-moss



Identification A pale green moss with broad, more or less parallel-sided, opaque, very matt leaves, abruptly narrowed to a shortly excurrent nerve, which is sometimes elongated into a colourless hair point. Shoots typically grow up to about 2 cm tall, with leaves 3 mm long. The capsules, which are usually present, are longitudinally ribbed, have a peristome, and until maturity are entirely covered by a very large calyptra.

Similar species The very large calyptra over the capsule confirms this as a species of *Encalypta*. It differs from other species of *Encalypta* (pp. 556–559) except *E. streptocarpa*, by the longitudinally ribbed capsules, and from *E. streptocarpa* (p. 557) by the strongly excurrent nerve.

Habitat Base-rich rock crevices at medium to high altitudes, often associated with other rare and scarce, montane species.