

Mosses

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FAN MOSS

Rhizomnium glabrescens

Rose-like cluster of 3-6 mm long, oval leaves at tip of unbranched stem. Common on rotting logs, humus and soil over rocks; most common leafy moss in low-elevation forests.

[photo 5-6 132]

STAIR STEP MOSS

Climacium dendroides

Fernlike, twice pinnately branched; annual growth increments visible as individual, arched segments, arising just behind tip of previous year's growth, so that age can be estimated by counting "steps". Common in forests of western redcedar and hemlock on humus rich soils; prefers slightly calcium-rich soils; abundant at Drift Creek.

[photo 5-6 135]

Fan Moss



Stair Step Moss



TREE MOSS

Hylocomium splendens

Tree-shaped, 2-10 cm high, interconnected by underground horizontal stems. Common at low elevations in moist, humus-rich woods, peaty swamps. Can become a weed in yards with high rainfall.

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WAVY-LEAVED COTTON MOSS

Plagiothecium undulatum

Whitish-green to pale green, flattened mats; stems spear-shaped, leaves transversely wavy. Shady logs, humus, tree stumps and moist soil; forests dominated by cedar, hemlock, or Douglas-fir.

[photo 5-6 136]

CAT-TAIL MOSS

Isoetes myosuroides

Long, narrowly tapered strands hanging from branches. Most common and variable coastal rainforest species.

[photo 5-6 142]

LARGE HAIR MOSS

Oligotrichum parallelum

Rich green, unbranched, upright moss forming loose mats; leaves broadly lance-shaped, sharply pointed; sporophytes often present.

[photo Kenton 014]

Wavy-Leaved Cotton Moss



Cat-tail Moss



Large Hair Moss

