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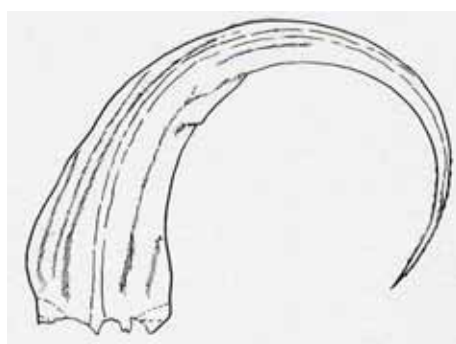
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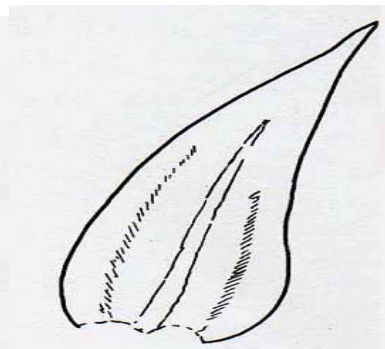


Sanionia uncinata

Sanionia uncinata is a rare moss species with green to bronze coloured shoots. Forms small mats in wet forest and can be easily confused with another moss *Brachythecium paradoxum* a species whose occurrences in WA is doubtful as it is normally located in alpine areas. The shape of the leaves separates these two species with the former having strongly folded (plicate) and curled leaves while the latter has leaves that are not folded.



Sanionia uncinata leaf



Brachythecium paradoxum leaf

Both species occur in Western Australia with occurrences in other Australian states.
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