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Cryptogam of the Month-November 2010



Geobelobryum unguiculatum

Geobelobryum unguiculatum is a shy but easily recognised liverwort that occurs in peaty wetland areas of southern Australia. In Western Australia it is confined to the south west. This species is usually hidden under dense shrubs layers and occasionally amongst the more open sedges.

It is characterised by the large prostrate shoots that are an intense green but tend to decrease in size and turn chestnut brown to red with exposure. The leaves flex upwards from a flat base and appear to be spaced in rows. The margins are distinct with a fringe of long white teeth giving the plant a spiky silky appearance.

A common name has been coined in the eastern states where it can be known as Mister Whiskers.

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