Quick guides for identifying bryophytes Puerto Rico

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Bryophytes of Urban and Community Forests, Puerto Rico USDA Forest Service, International Institute of Tropical Forestry Photos by Jerry Bauer, Amelia Merced, Erik J. Ruiz Parnilla, Adriel Torresola. 2021. International Institute of Tropical Forestry, San Juan, PR 00926 [ameliamerced@gmail.com]. This publication was made possible by the Forest Health Program of the USDA Forest Service. With support from the Herbarium of the Biology Department, University of Puerto Rico Rio Piodras. Notothylas breutelii Phaeoceros carolinianus Fossom bronia Lejeuneaceae Lophocolea Notothyladaceae Notothyladaceae Fossombroniaceae Plagiochila Fissidens steerei Marchantia Philonotis Calymperes palisotii Marchantiaceae Plagiochilaceae Bartramiaceae Calymperaceae Fissidentaceae Groutiella Neckeropsis disticha Octoblepharum albidum Leucomium strumosum Crossomitrium Octoblepharaceae Orthotrichaceae Leucomiaceae Neckeraceae Pilotrichaceae Callicostella Pogonatum tortile Hyophiladelphus agrarius Sematophyllum Thuidium urceolatum Pilotrichaceae Polytrichaceae Sematophyllaceae Thuidiaceae

Bryophytes are a group of plants that includes mosses, liverworts, and hornworts. Although these plants are present in almost all forests and terrestrial ecosystems in Puerto Rico, few resources are available to recognize the most common species and those that are important for forest health.

These two field guides are intended to help the public become familiar with the bryophytes, to recognize some of the groups that we can find in Urban and Community Forests of Puerto Rico and the bryophytes of the El Yunque National Forest. The species or genera in the guide can be recognized from the photos, but there are many more species than those listed. The bryophyte flora of Puerto Rico consists of more than 500 species, these plants can be found growing on soil, rocks, and on the stems, branches and leaves of other plants. It is useful to use a 10x magnifying glass to observe the Bryophytes.

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