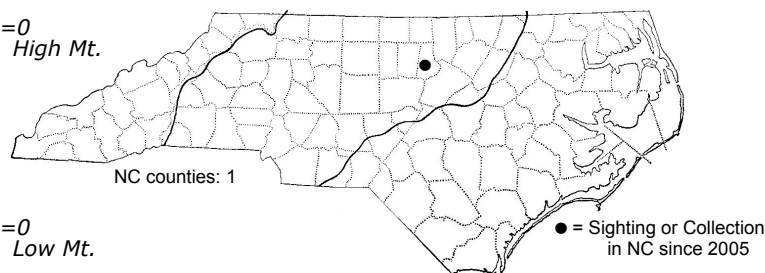
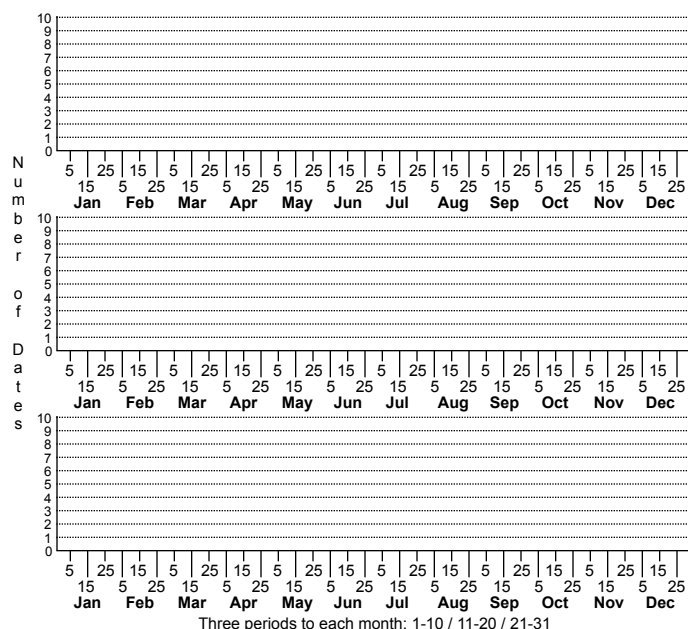
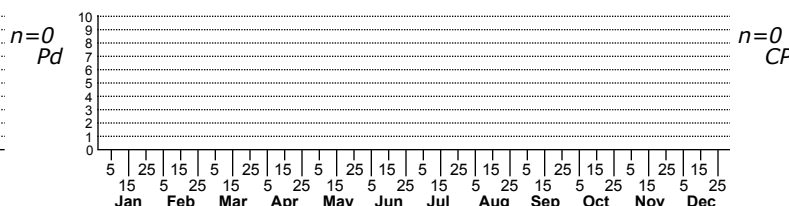


*Leucobryum albidum* (Brid. ex P.Beauv.) Lindb. pincushion moss



Status	Rank
NC	US
NC	Global



PHYLUM: Mosses ORDER: Dicranales FAMILY: Leucobryaceae

# TAXONOMIC\_COMMENTS:

**SPECIES\_DESCRIPTION:** **Plants** 6-9 mm high and tightly compacted in rounded, sometimes lobed, grayish green **cushions** 1-10 cm in diameter, occasionally wider, becoming light yellow-green when wet; **stems**, largely hidden by branching through the thickness of the cushion that builds over and around them; leaves consisting of blade and sheath; blades 3-8 mm long narrowing upward from the top of the sheath to a tip with somewhat incurved margins; **sheath** 1-3 mm partially clasping the stem from its insertion on the stem and extending upward to the base of the blade.

**MICROSCOPE\_VIEW:** **Microscope View:** Cutting a cross section through the sheath base just above its attachment with the stem reveals 2-3 air/water-holding leucocyte cell layers above and below a single layer of tiny, green photosynthetic chlorocyte cells.

# UNMISTAKEABLE\_ID:

# DISTRIBUTION\_REFERENCE:

ABUNDANCE: Common

DISTRIBUTION: Likely occurring in every county in North Carolina

HABITAT: Wide variety of moist, swamps, bogs, floodplains, and mesic woods, to dry sandy, xeric woodland soil substrates as well as tree bases, including pine found in particularly moist areas; becoming uncommon with altitudes in excess of 4000 ft (1200 m).

# STATE PROTECTION:

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