



Discovering Mosses

Where does moss grow?



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Use this guide to go moss spotting in your local area.

Mosses are small and can grow in the *tiniest* cracks, so look carefully!

Use a magnifying glass, hand lens, or smartphone to explore.



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Look at Pavements

You'll often find mosses growing between paving stones or along edges where rain collects. Look around drain covers too. They survive foot traffic and drought by curling up when dry and reviving when damp again.



Look at Trees

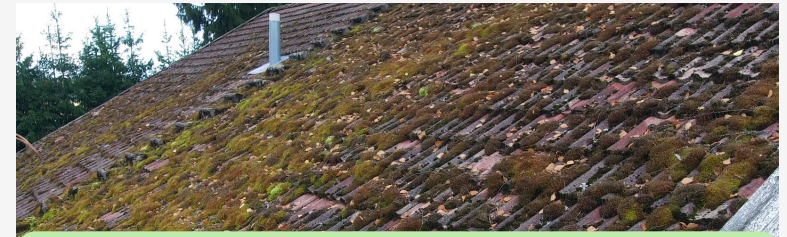
Check the bark, branches and roots of trees. Some mosses prefer sunny sides, others like the shaded, damp side.

Try this: Gently touch the moss. Does it feel soft and springy, or wiry and dry?



Look at Walls and on Rocks

Mosses love rough, shady, damp surfaces like brick, stone, or concrete. Look for tiny green cushions or mats spreading across mortar or ledges. They grow along the top, on the side and at the base of walls.



Look up at Roofs

Mosses are experts at making a home in harsh places, even on rooftops!

You'll spot them on the shaded side of roofs.
Top Tip: Look at the ground below for fallen moss.

Moss grows almost everywhere. Once you start noticing it, you'll see it all the time!

Where is the most unusual place you have spotted moss?



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