

# Today, you can help keep our native species and fragile ecosystems healthy.

Mosses are an integral part of at-risk Douglas fir and Garry oak ecosystems. These tiny plants retain moisture, enhance soil quality, and provide essential habitat for a diverse range of animals, insects, and microorganisms. Mosses grow at an incredibly slow pace and like any living, growing plant, they cannot thrive if disturbed. Removing any plants (including mosses) from any Saanich Park is prohibited under Bylaw No. 7753.



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**Juniper haircap moss**

*Polytrichum juniperinum*



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**Rough goose neck moss**

*Hylocomiadelphus triquetrus*



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**Broom forkmoss**

*Dicranum scoparium*



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**Stairstep moss**

*Hylocomium splendens*



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**Bristly haircap moss**

*Polytrichum piliferum*

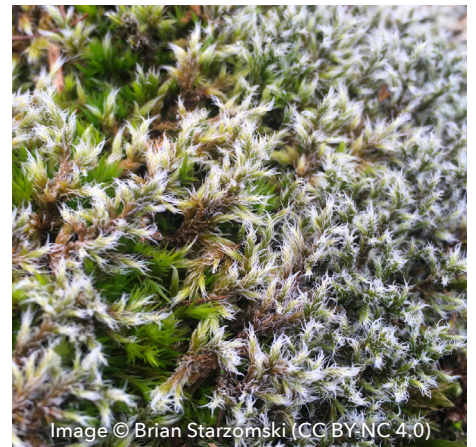


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**Woolly fringe-moss**

*Racomitrium lanuginosum*



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**Oregon beaked moss**

*Kindbergia oregana*



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**Menzies' metaneckera moss**

*Neckera menziesii*



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**Alpine haircap moss**

*Polytrichastrum alpinum*

By **staying on marked trails** and **keeping pets under control** at all times, we can avoid putting any additional stress on our native species and improve their chances of thriving and surviving for future generations to enjoy.