Selected Bryophytes of Urban and Community Forests of Puerto Rico

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Bryophytes are small plants that include hornworts (1-2), liverworts (3-6) and mosses (8-19). They grow on diverse surfaces such as tree trunks, soil, and rocks.

Hornworts Antocerotophyta



Undifferentiated thallus; dark green; sporophyte cylindric

Liverworts Marchantiophyta



Leafy or thallose; leaves distichous; green, brown or reddish; sporophyte capsule dark and light seta



Mosses

Bryophyta

Leaves spirally arranged; green to light green; sporophyte seta dark



Catural Area Marin Alto Patilla





Forest Carite, Patillas



River Charco Prieto, Bayamón



National Forest El Yunque, Río Grande



Community Forest Río Hondo, Mayagüez



Cuchilla de Pandura, Yabucoa



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