

26. ***Brachythecium planiusculum*** Müll. Hal.    bian zhi qing xian

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*Plants* medium-sized, green to yellowish green, in dense mats. *Stems* prostrate, 2–4 cm long, irregularly pinnately branched, with branches 0.3–0.7 cm long. *Stem leaves* ovate-lanceolate, 1.35–1.94 mm × 0.42–0.59 mm, plicate, often secund; margins entire; costae ca. 2/3 the leaf length; median leaf cells linear-rhomboidal, 35–60 μm × 7–8 μm; alar cells differentiated, quadrate; branch leaves narrowly lanceolate, 0.90–1.13 mm × 0.24–0.29 mm; margins entire below, serrulate above; costae slender, ending ca. mid-leaf. *Dioicous*. *Setae* ca. 20 mm long, reddish brown, smooth; capsules curved, inclined; opercula shortly conic-rostrate; peristome not seen. *Spores* not seen.