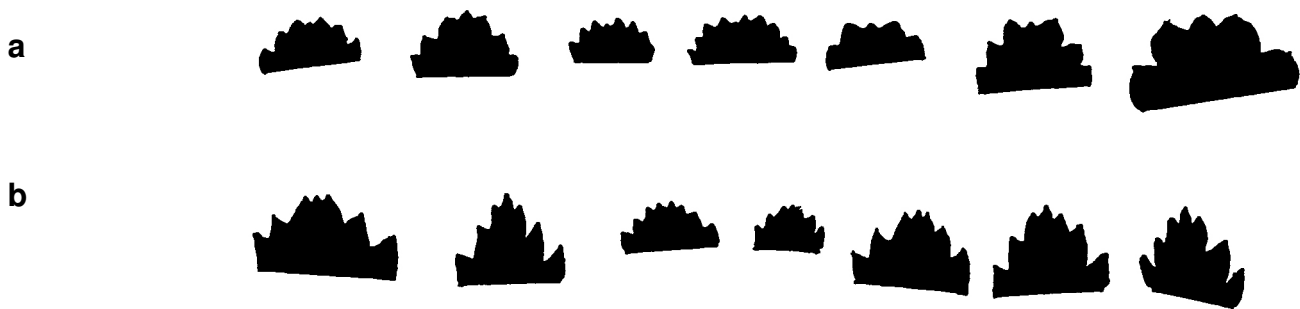


POTENTILLA STERILIS / FRAGARIA VESCA, VEGETATIVE

These two species are readily distinguishable, but are sometimes confused vegetatively. Those relying only on the well-known terminal tooth character may occasionally get caught out if other characters are not also used.

Potentilla sterilis (L.) Garcke: Terminal tooth of leaflet usually much smaller and shorter (rarely longer) than adjacent teeth (Fig. a); leaflets broadly obovate, dull, mid to dark green.

Fragaria vesca L.: Terminal tooth of leaflet usually longer than adjacent teeth but sometimes shorter, and usually not much smaller than adjacent teeth (Fig. b); leaves elliptic to obovate, shiny, bright yellowish-green.



Leaflet apices. (a) *Potentilla sterilis*, (b) *Fragaria vesca*.