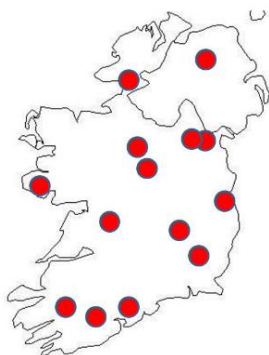


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G = General
S = Specialised
R = Recording
T = Training

SATURDAY 21st MAY AND SUNDAY 22nd MAY (R) – NORTH KERRY (v.c. H2)

Leaders: Rory Hodd and Caroline Mhic Daeid

This meeting will be based in east Kerry, exploring the uplands and lowlands east of Killarney, centred on Glenflesk. It is envisaged that on each day there will be two groups, one exploring upland areas (weather allowing) and another sticking to the lowlands. Among the sites to be visited will be the iconic Paps mountains (694m), where the north-facing slopes above Lough Nageeha will be tackled. If you are intending to join the upland group please come prepared for all conditions, and bring stout boots, rain gear and sufficient food.

Contact: Rory at rlhodd@gmail.com or 353-87-7692001 for details

SATURDAY 28th MAY AND SUNDAY 29th MAY (G,R) – CLIFDEN AND CARNA, WEST GALWAY (v.c. H16)

Leader: John Conaghan

This meeting will focus on recording in hectads in the vicinity of Clifden and the Carna peninsula which have been relatively under-recorded in the recent past. Blanket bog, heath and sand dune will be the main habitats visited. Rain gear, stout boots, sunblock and lunch are essential.

Contact: John at conaghaj@indigo.ie or 353-87-2239858 if you wish to attend and for details of meeting point/time.

SATURDAY 4th JUNE (G,R) – DERRYCARNE WOOD, CO. LEITRIM (v.c. H29)

Leader: Michael Archer

Derrycarne Wood is an area of mixed woodland which is situated along the banks of the River Shannon in the south of Co. Leitrim. The wood supports a well-developed flora with fringing wetland habitat also present. Meet in the main woodland carpark (N023911) at 10.30am.

Enquiries to Michael at michaeldarcher@eircom.net or 353-86-1716286

SATURDAY 18th JUNE AND SUNDAY 19th JUNE (R) – BAILIEBOROUGH, CO. CAVAN (v.c. H30)

Leader: Robert Northridge

The purpose of the meeting is to obtain records from at least four hectads in the south-east of Co. Cavan for Atlas 2020. We will try to refind *Lobelia dortmanna*, *Lycopodium clavatum*, *Listera cordata* and *Stellaria palustris* which are recorded from this area in Paddy Reilly's "Flora of County Cavan".

On both days **meet** at 10.00 am in Bailieborough.

Contact: If you wish to attend please email Robert Northridge at robhannort@aol.com

SUNDAY 10th JULY (G,R) - MONAGHAN (v.c. H32)

Leader: Alexis FitzGerald

County Monaghan has received relatively little recording attention in the recent past. At this meeting a mixture of lake, woodland and marshy grassland habitats in the west of the county will be explored in order to obtain records for Atlas 2020.

Enquiries to Alexis at alexisfitzgerald434@gmail.com or 353-86-1266167

SATURDAY 16th JULY (G,R) – CO. LAOIS (v.c. H14)

Leaders: Mark McCorry and Fiona MacGowan

This field meeting will visit Glenbarrow in the Slieve Bloom Mountains where broadleaved woodland and calcareous flush habitats will be explored.

Meet at Glenbarrow carpark/trailhead (N 366 081) at 10.30 am.

Contact Mark at mark.mccorry@bnm.ie or 353-87-7530718 if you wish to attend.

FRIDAY 22nd, SATURDAY 23rd AND SUNDAY 24th JULY (G,R) – CO. LONGFORD (v.c. H24)

Leaders: John Conaghan and Maria Long

Situated in the centre of Ireland, Longford is a small county which is generally dominated by agricultural grassland and raised bog habitat, much of which has been cutaway. There are however a significant number of small interesting areas of intact raised bog, lake, fen and woodland which are botanically rich and relatively unexplored. During this long weekend a range of these sites will be visited in order to increase coverage for Atlas 2020.

Please **contact** John at conaghaj@indigo.ie or 353-87-2239858 for details of meeting points and times.

SATURDAY 30th JULY (G,R) – BLACKSTAIRS MOUNTAINS, CO. CARLOW (v.c. H13)

Leader: Lisa Dowling

Recording will take place in the Blackstairs Mountains area which lies on the border between counties Carlow and Wexford. **Contact** Lisa at dowling_lisab@yahoo.com or 353-87-6125041 for details of meeting point and time.

SATURDAY 6th AND SUNDAY 7th AUGUST (G,R) – DONEGAL TOWN AREA, EAST DONEGAL (v.c. H34)

Leaders: Oisín Duffy and Mairéad Crawford

A range of interesting botanical sites in the south of Co. Donegal will be explored. The main habitats will include coastal grassland (Murvagh and Rossnowlagh) and lake shores. **Meet** in Donegal Town at 10.00 am on both days. For further details **contact** Oisín at oisinsduffy@gmail.com or 353-86-0526161

SATURDAY 13th AUGUST (G) - DRUMNAPH COMMUNITY NATURE RESERVE, CO. LONDONDERRY (v.c.H40)

Leader: Dave Riley

At Drumnaph Nature Reserve recording will take place in a range of habitats including unimproved marginal land, woodland and bog. **Meet** at 10.30 am in the car park at C 837 039, signposted as Drumnaph Community Nature Reserve on Halfgayne Road, NW of Maghera. Please **bring** a packed lunch.

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST AND SUNDAY 21st AUGUST (G,R) - SOUTH-EAST GALWAY (v.c. H15)

Leader: Micheline Sheehy Skeffington

The main aim of this meeting will be to explore raised bog and associated wetland habitats in the south east of the county. Please **contact** Micheline at micheline.sheehy@nuigalway.ie to confirm your attendance and lest there be any change of plans.

THURS 1ST TO SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER (G,R) – MACROOM & FURTHER AFIELD, CO. CORK (v.c. H3, H4 & H5)

Leaders: Clare Heardman and Edwina Cole

The main aim of this four day event will be to generate records from the three Cork vice-counties for Atlas 2020. Thursday and Friday will be spent recording around the Macroom area, while Saturday and Sunday will focus on different habitats in the southern sections of H4 and H5. Hopefully it will be a fun-filled and adventurous few days and will provide many opportunities for learning, meeting new members and socialising. Some evening activities are also planned for this special event. Walking boots/wellingtons, raingear, sunblock and a packed lunch required each day. **Contact** Clare at clare.heardman@ahg.gov.ie or Edwina at edwinacole@eircom.net for details of meeting points and times.

TRAINING COURSES (more may be announced):

Euphrasia ID – Feb 13th (part 1), Nov 12th (part 2). BOTH FULLY BOOKED OUT

Sedge ID – Fri 17th June, Castle Saunderson, Cavan. Linked with Cavan field meeting. See Irish webpage to book.

Charophyte/aquatic plant ID – Sat 24th & Sun 25th Sept, Carran NUIG Research Station. Jointly organised with NBDC (National Biodiversity Data Centre), visit <http://www.biodiversityireland.ie/events/> to book a place.