

Botanical Experiences & BSBI Kerry Roundup.

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What I'm going to cover today

- How/what got me into botany
- Reflection on a few of my experiences with the BSBI
- BSBI Kerry local group ; where we have gone so far, some highlights, and a brief look at future plans/outings for 2018.



How did I get into Botany?

- Started with houseplants & growing fruit & veg.



College ft(s) to Burren, NBG, KNP etc



Lotus corniculatus



Orchis mascula



Ajuga pyramidalis

Saxifraga tridactylites
(Rue leaved saxifrage)



Ballyheigue- Home stomping ground



My BSBI Experiences

First ever outing

Searching for *Lycopodiella inundata* @

Lough Mask, Co. Mayo



Kerry BSBI Recording Event

A week long recording event on the Dingle Peninsula which took place from the 1st-5th June 2017.

Small groups of botanists headed out to various locations to record in

- Loughadoon
- Glentenassig
- Mt Brandon x 2.





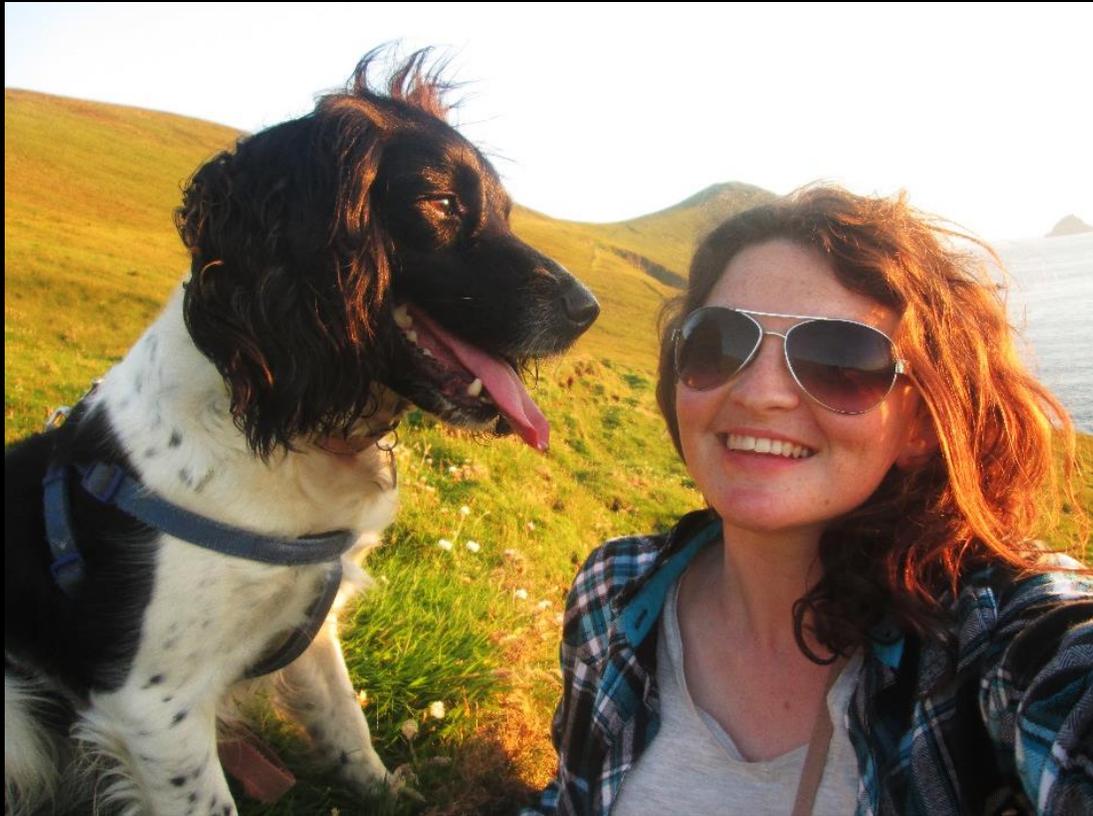




Botanical Highlights of Mt Brandon



26th August -Rough Crew Outing-Overnight camping trip on the Great Blasket Island led by R.Hodd







BSBI Kerry local group- set up summer 2017

Outings so far:

2017

- 1/ Ross Island- KNP
 - 2/ Blennerville
 - 3/ Glanageenty
 - 4/ Muckross Peninsula, KNP – NYPH
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2018

- 5/ Ballyseedy Woods

16th July BSBI Kerry Inaugural outing - Ross Island, Killarney National Park

- First official BSBI Kerry outing
- 16 participants of all abilities





***Orobanche hederacae* (Ivy Broomrape)**



***Campanula rotundifolia* (Harebell) >>**





Epipactis helleborine
(Broad-lvd helleborine)

Outing #2 Blennerville, Tralee

Looped walk with encompassed saltmarsh/coastal flora & later hedgerow/roadside plants

-17 Participants

Highlights:

Solanum dulcamara var marinum
(Bittersweet- coastal variant)



Outing #3 Glenageenty

- Small group of 6 participants > 100 records collected.
- Botanical Highlights; *Conium maculatum* (Hemlock), *Euphorbia hyberna* (Irish Spurge)



Outing #4 NYPH- Muckross 30th December 2017

- 18 Participants
- 43 plants in flower



#5 First outing of 2018- Ballyseedy Woods, Tralee.

- 90+ records collected
- Post cold snap pf of snow/ice.. Very few herbs in flower
- 2 unimpressed *viola* fls and sprinkles of the usual suspects such as *F.verna*, *Taraxacum* etc



Future and Upcoming Outings

- Next Outing... **15th April** Lyreacrompane area.
- **** Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 May (General/Recording)**
- June- Ballylongford, Carraigafoyle Castle area.
- July- Ballyheigue, hopefully in conjunction with Ballyheigue Summer fest.
- ****September - official field meeting Sept 1st/2nd**



BSBI Kerry – how to get involved??

- Join our mailing list to receive notification by email when we are planning to head out..... jhbsbikerry@gmail.com
- Give us a  on our Facebook Page www.Facebook.com/BSBIKerry
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Thank you for listening! 😊

