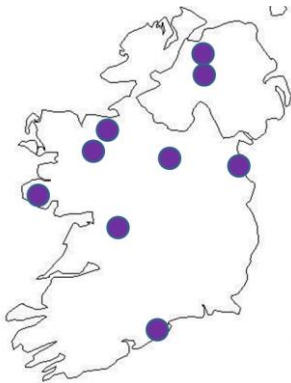


BSBI IRISH FIELD PROGRAMME 2019

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or **Irish Field Meetings Sec.:** John Conaghan, conaghaj@indigo.ie



Attendance
open to all!

- Please get in touch with leaders in advance so that they have an idea of potential numbers attending
- Please plan for all weathers – cold/wet/sunny!, and wear suitable footwear (boots or wellies usually)
- Please bring packed lunch and a drink – most outings are for a number of hours

SAT 18th & SUN 19th MAY – FOXFORD & CHARLESTOWN AREAS, EAST MAYO (H26)

The meeting will focus on recording in the north and north-eastern parts of the vice-county for Atlas 2020 and habitats visited will include raised bogs, wet heath, marginal wetlands, lakes and riparian.

Leaders: Eamonn Delaney (eamonn.delaney@hotmail.com, 353-87-7784284) and John Conaghan

Meet: 10.30am both days. On the 18th, Charlestown (G 47884 01893); on 19th, Fofford (G 26973 04121)

SAT 25th MAY – NORTH LONGFORD (H24)

This meeting will focus on recording in a relatively under-recorded hectad in the north of the county. A range of habitats will be visited including wetland/lakeshore.

Leader: Ciarán Bruton (crnbruton66@gmail.com)

Meet: 11.00am, Moyne cross roads (N 24308 96236)

SAT 22nd JUN – MONASTERBOICE, LOUTH (H31)

Cartanstown is a promising fen/marsh site in need of exploration at an optimal time of year for sedges. If we have time in the afternoon we'll drive to Glack Bog which is in the most under-recorded hectad in Louth. A pair of wellington boots will be essential.

Leaders: Kate Harrington & Cliona Byrne. Please confirm your attendance with Kate (harringtonkm@gmail.com or 353-86-3856713) so we can plan ahead - parking very limited both sites.

Meet: 10.30am, Donegans, Monasterboice Inn on the R132 just off M1 Junction 11 (O 056 812)

SAT 6th JUL – YOUGHAL, CO. CORK (H5)

The plan is to record around the environs of Youghal. Possible habitats include marsh at Ballyvergan, amenity walks, coastal areas, waste ground and suburban areas.

Leaders: Edwina Cole (edwinacole@eircom.net or 353-86-8200060) & Finbarr Wallace

Meet: 10.00am, carpark beside the beach (X 09714 75788).

SAT 13th JUL - WEST SLIGO (H28) [with possible addition of extra day Sun TBC]

This field trip will explore a range of habitats located in the western end of County Sligo.

Leaders: Jesse Tregale and Bridget Keehan - assisted by Róisín NigFhloinn

Meet: contact Róisín NigFhloinn (rnigfhloinn@gmail.com) for further information

THUR 25th TO SUN 28th JUL – CONNEMARA, WEST GALWAY (H16)

This four day meeting will explore the wonderful botanical country of west Connemara. The base for the meeting will be the town of Clifden which boasts a large number of accommodation options. We recommend you book early. On each day a range of habitats will be explored including blanket bog, heath, lake and coastline. A focus of the meeting will be lake/wetland species, especially pondweeds.

Leader: John Conaghan

Meet: Please contact John (johnconaghan18@gmail.com, 353-87-2239858) for information

SAT 3rd & SUN 4th AUG – EAST TYRONE (H36) & DERRY (H40)

A number of sites in east Tyrone, such as Lough Neagh shore and the Ballinderry River, will be explored on the Saturday. A visit to Ballynahone Bog, Co Londonderry is planned for Sunday.

Meet: 10.30am, the bridge in Coagh village, H891786, on Saturday. Waterproof footwear essential.

10.30am, gate at H 8526 9754 on Ballynahone Road for Sunday. Waterproof footwear again essential.

Leaders: Ian McNeill (Sat), Dave Riley (Sun), assisted by Sharon Spratt

Contact: Ian McNeill (0044-48-86762939; ian@imcneill.plus.com) for further information on Saturday, and Dave Riley (dhrriley04@gmail.com) for information on Sunday

SAT 10th & SUN 11th AUG – SLIEVE AUGHTY MOUNTAINS, SOUTH-EAST GALWAY (H15)

The Slieve Aughty mountains are dominated by blanket bog habitat much of which has been afforested with conifers in the past. Despite this there are several interesting fen/flush/wet bog areas worth exploring. This is rough terrain and may require tough walking through bog. Stout waterproof boots or wellingtons are important. Please bring clothing for exposed, possibly wet weather and food and beverage for the whole day each day.

Leader: Micheline Sheehy Skeffington. Please contact Micheline (michelinesheehy@gmail.com) if you intend to come, so she knows who to expect each day.

Meet: 10.30am both days Egan's Bar, Derrybrien North, H62 HX81 (M596020).

Other outings and events and workshops will be announced during the year – watch the Irish webpage (<http://bsbi.org/Ireland>), also Facebook (search for @IrishSectionBSBI) and Twitter (@BSBIbotany).

Botany local groups:

Clare (contact Stephen Ward sdward@eircom.net);

Cork (contact Edwina Cole edwinacole@eircom.net);

East Coast (contact Colm Clarke/Kate Marie O'Connor dublinbsbi@gmail.com);

Galway (contact Ciarán Bruton crnbruton66@gmail.com);

Kerry (contact Jessica Hamilton Jhbsbikerry@gmail.com);

Ulster BSBI Botany Group (contact Irish Officer irishofficer@bsbi.org)

Special interest:

- **'Rough crew'** for adventurous botany, tackling mountains, bogs, islands, contact Rory: rlhodd@gmail.com
- **Aquatic Plants** – we will almost certainly have a big project running in 2019, including providing a range of courses and trips focused on aquatic plants in 2019 – grab the opportunity to upskill! Contact irishofficer@bsbi.org or visit Irish webpage for more information