



BSBI Atlas 2020

How you can help in the final year

BSBI Scottish Spring Conference 2019

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1. Book on BSBI Field Meetings

Long weekends to help with in Atlas 2020 recording: -

- [Haddington](#), East Lothian 17-19 May (11 booked)
- [Dunfermline](#), Fife & Kinross 7-9 June (12)
- [Hawick](#), Roxburghshire 12-14 July
- [Orkney](#) 19-21 July (7)
- [St John's Town of Dalry](#), Kirkcudbrightshire 25-28 July (5)
- [Fintry](#), Stirling 9-11 August



2. Go on Local Group field meets

- There are Local Groups in [Dumfriesshire](#), [Kirkcudbrightshire](#), Ayrshire, [Lanarkshire](#), [East Lothian](#), [West Lothian](#), [Fife](#), [Stirling & Moray](#) - just contact the VC Recorder
- We have close links [Perthshire Society of Natural Sciences](#), [Inverness Botany Group](#) and several other Natural History Societies
- The [Botanical Society of Scotland](#) has one of the strongest field meeting programs ever



3. Rough Crew

Hope this is the year we get the Rough Crew idea up and running in Scotland.
If you would like to be added to the Scottish Rough Crew mailing list - please contact [Matt Parratt](#).



Diphasiastrum alpinum,
Alpine clubmoss

Minuartia recurva,
Recurved sandwort

4. Ask your local BSBI Recorder

Even in a relatively well-recorded VC there are always gaps to fill: -

- Particular under-recorded squares
- Particular under-recorded habitats - e.g. weedy arable fields, open water
- Particular rare plant populations



5. Ask northern Recorders

Help is particular needed in northern and western counties -

[South Eubudes](#), [Argyll](#), [West Ross](#), [Easterness](#), [Sutherland](#), [Caithness](#) & [Shetland](#)

All of which would make a fantastic recording holiday destination...



6. Ask southern Recorders

But it is not just in the north and west that recorder need help:
Help is also needed in [East Lothian](#) & [West Lothian](#), [Fife](#), [Stirling](#),
[Renfrewshire](#), [Kirkcudbrightshire](#)



7. Like to be a Recorder?

We have vacancies in

- Berwickshire
- Dunbartonshire
- Argyll

It looks unlikely that any of these will be filled anytime soon.

So any recording in these VCs will be better than none!

Interested? -

Contact [Jim McIntosh](#)



8. Check recording method

Check with recorder:

- Whether they record in 2x2 km (tetrads) or 1x1 km (monads) and...
- What recording card they use - I would recommend [VC customised cards](#)
- There are [simple instructions](#) on how to complete them

Recording cards

We have recording cards customised for all counties in Britain and Ireland, and a [coversheet](#) if you want to print them out double-sided.

Once you have filled in your recording card, please send it to your County Recorder, using the links on our Local Botany page [here](#).

England, Wales and the Isle of Man

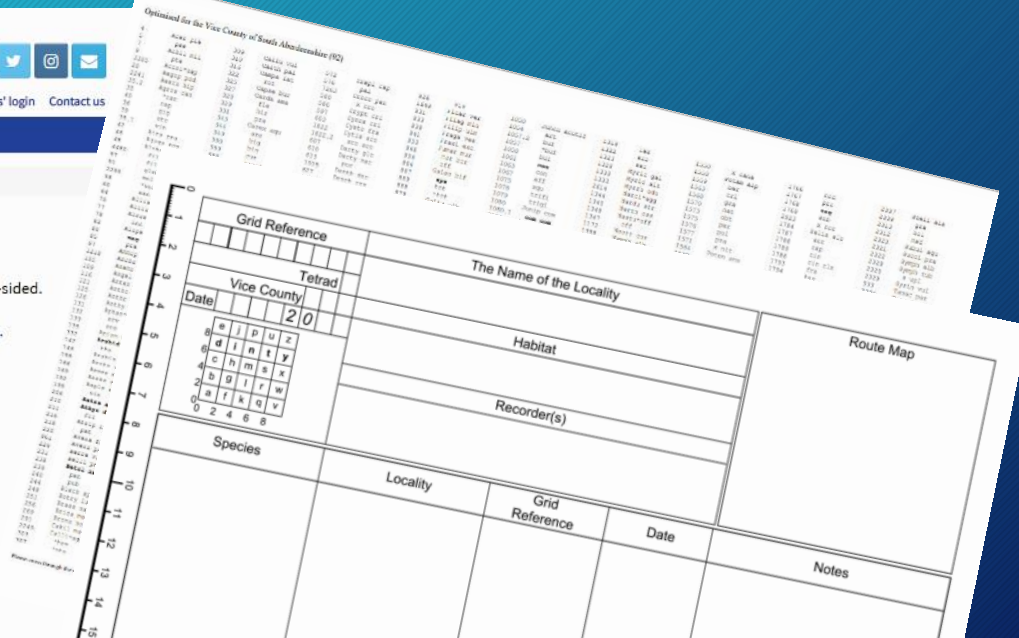
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Scotland

- [72 Dumfriesshire](#)
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9. What to look for

Ask the Recorder for a list of records to look for

But anyone can get these easily by checking in the [DDb Tools > Grid Ref Checker](#)

Enter 10km or 2km square grid ref, click lookup grid reference & view detailed taxon list

The screenshot displays the Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland Distribution Database interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Distribution Database > Map of NN56' and 'my mapmate records | my county | user'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Map of NN56', shows a map of the area with a grid reference 'NN56' entered in a search box. A red circle highlights the 'NN56' input, and a red arrow points to the 'look-up grid reference' button. Below the map, there is a 'taxon list' tab. The right column, titled 'Distribution Database > taxon list', shows a form for entering grid reference, exclude taxa with fewer than, earliest year, recent record boundary year, and county. The 'grid reference' field is filled with 'NN56'. Below the form, there are checkboxes for 'include taxon list from the whole county', 'sort recent records separately', and 'include infra-specific taxa'. A 'show taxon list' button is located below the form. The taxon list for NN56 within VC88 only is displayed below the button, listing various plant species and their counts.

grid reference: look-up grid reference

Map of NN56

Map (Google) map (OS) taxon list

Map of NN56

VC88 Mid Perthshire

show taxon list

Taxon list for NN56 within VC88 only.

Agrostis canina s.s. (1996) 3 0
Agrostis capillaris (1996) 12 0
Agrostis stolonifera (1996) 4 0
Alchemilla filicaulis (1998) 3 0
Aronia sorpyllifolia (1996) 2 0
Arenaria serpyllifolia s.l. (1996) 2 0
Betula pendula (1987) 1 0
Callitriche brutia (1998) 2 0
Carex flacca (1996) 1 0
Carex lasiocarpa (1998) 2 0
Carex lopicarpa (1996) 3 0
Carex limosa (1998) 3 0
Coeloglossum viride (1998) 2 0
Cryptogramma crispum (1998) 3 0
Dryopteris affinis s.s. (1998) 1 0
Dryopteris carthusiana (1998) 4 0
Dryopteris expansa (1998) 3 0
Dryopteris filix-mas (1996) 3 0
Dryopteris orsedes (1998) 3 0
Eleocharis multicaulis (1998) 2 0
Erodium cicutarium s.s. (1996) 1 0
Erodium cicutarium agg. (1998) 2 0
Euphrasia confusa (1998) 3 0
Euphrasia officinalis agg. (1996) 6 0
Euphrasia scottica (1998) 3 0

Athyrium filix-femina (2017) 3 2
Avenula pratensis (2017) 0 2
Bellis perennis (2017) 7 2
Betula nana (2010) 15 12
Betula pubescens (2017) 2 2
Blechnum spicant (2017) 12 7
Botrychium lunaria (2017) 1 4
Calluna vulgaris (2017) 22 6
Campanula rotundifolia (2017) 16 6
Cardamine flexuosa (2008) 3 1
Cardamine pratensis (2017) 0 2
Carex bigelowii (2010) 11 3
Carex binervis (2017) 13 6
Carex canescens (2008) 0 1
Carex caryophyllaea (2017) 4 4
Carex demissa (2010) 13 5
Carex dioica (2017) 9 4
Carex echinata (2017) 15 4
Carex hostiana (2008) 9 2
Carex isophrina (2008) 3 1
Carex nigra (2017) 15 5
Carex pallenscens (2008) 0 1
Carex panicea (2017) 13 5
Carex pauciflora (2010) 6 3
Carex pilulifera (2017) 11 6

Galium palustre (2017) 0 2
Galium saxatile (2010) 18 4
Galium verum (2017) 0 3
Gentiana anglica (2008) 8 1
Gentianella campestris (2008) 3 4
Geranium robertianum (2017) 0 1
Geranium sylvaticum (2008) 6 1
Geum rivale (2017) 5 6
Glyceria fluitans s.s. (2008) 2 1
Gnaphalium supinum (2010) 4 1
Gnaphalium sylvaticum (2008) 0 3
Gymnocarpium dryopteris (2017) 4 1
Holcus lanatus (2008) 4 1
Holcus mollis (2010) 3 2
Huperzia selago (2017) 15 6
Hypericum pulchrum (2017) 5 3
Hypochaeris radicata (2017) 4 2
Isoplepis setacea (2008) 0 1
Juncus articulatus (2017) 10 3
Juncus bufonius s.s. (2008) 0 1
Juncus bulbosus (2010) 12 3
Juncus conglomeratus (2010) 5 2
Juncus effusus (2017) 6 3
Juncus squarrosus (2017) 13 5
Juncus triglumis (2010) 2 2

11. Photos & Specimens

Golden rule about recording - if in doubt leave it out!

OR (better) collect a specimen if it is sustainable to do so

OR (better still) take photographs ideally with a rule for scale - and in focus!

Remember to note details of this possible record, adding a question mark

Investigate later and show an expert (like the Recorder) to get confirmation.

Have fun!!

