

# West Galway

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# Connemara

a long way from Somerset!

- Main recording meeting of 2019 for BSBI Ireland
- Based in Clifden (West Galway)
- 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July
- 39 attendees (5 from England)



# Connemara

Mountains

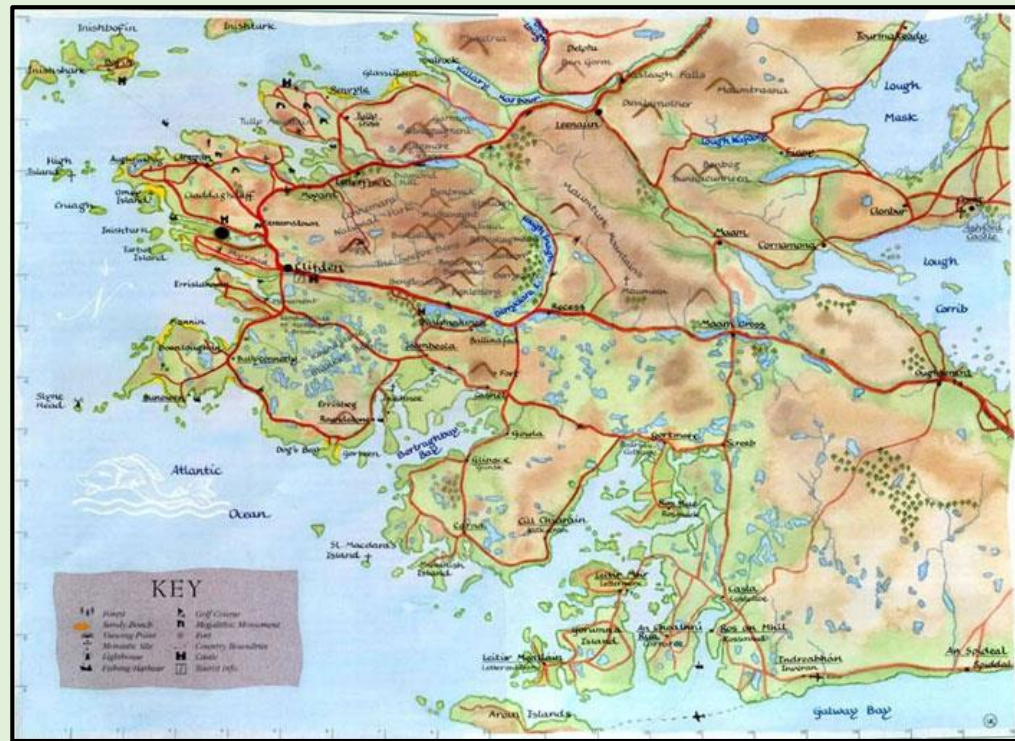
Lakes

Beautiful rocky coast

Sandy beaches

Heathland

And Lots of BOGs!



# Our Mission

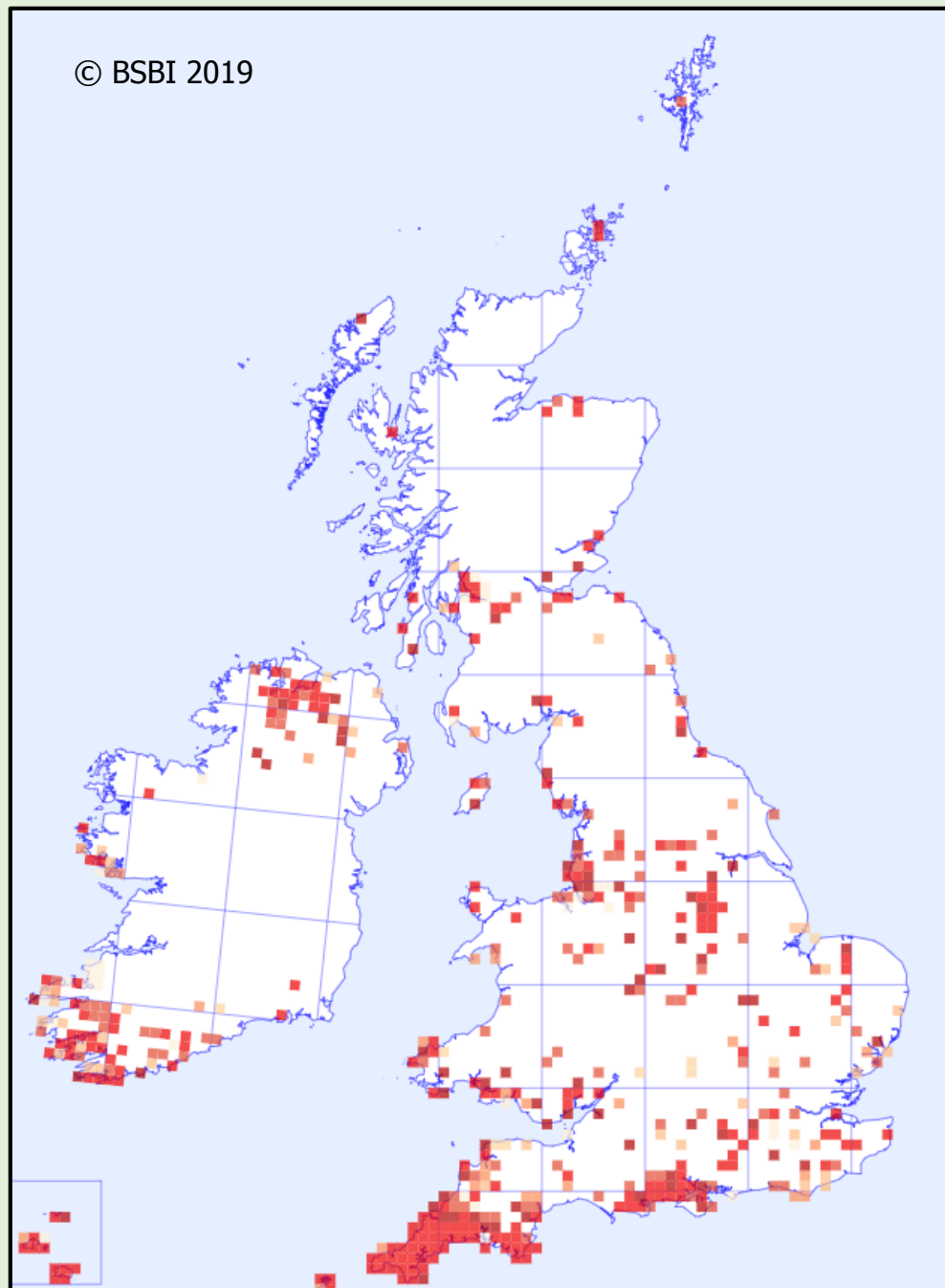
- VC H16 : 34 hectads (9 shared)
- 45,000 post-2000 records in DDb
- Visited 12 hectads, 5400 records



# Dog's Bay



***Parentucellia viscosa***  
(Yellow Bartsia)

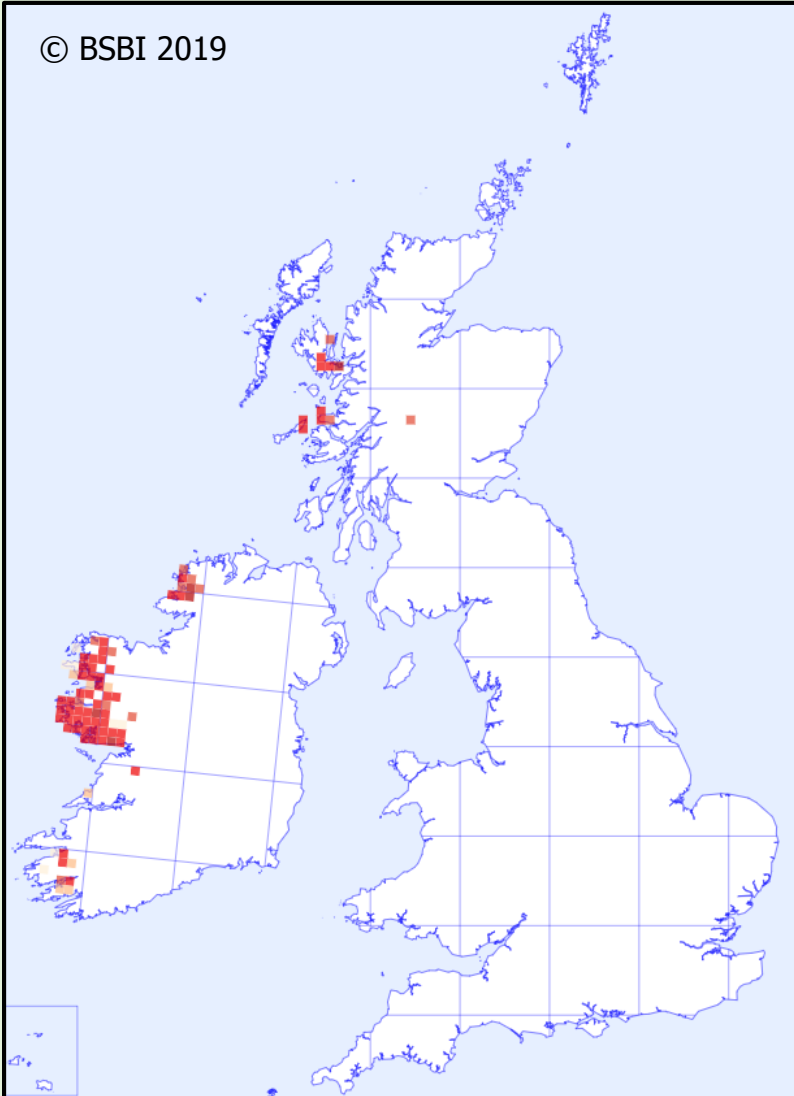


***Jacobaea vulgaris* (*Senecio jacobaea*) subsp. *dunensis***  
(Rayless Common Ragwort)



# *Eriocaulon aquaticum* (Pipewort)

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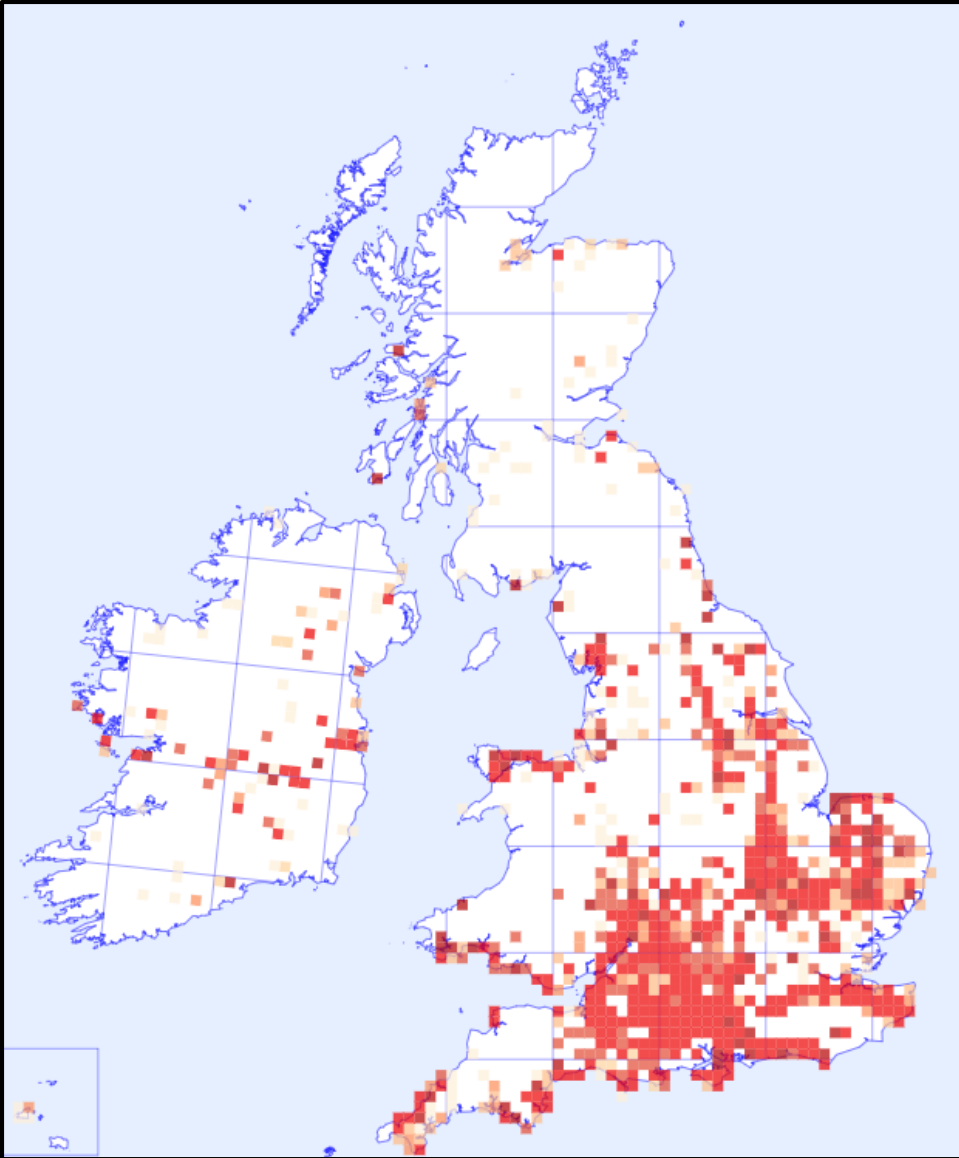




# Moyrus Beach



# *Lithospermum officinale* (Common Gromwell)

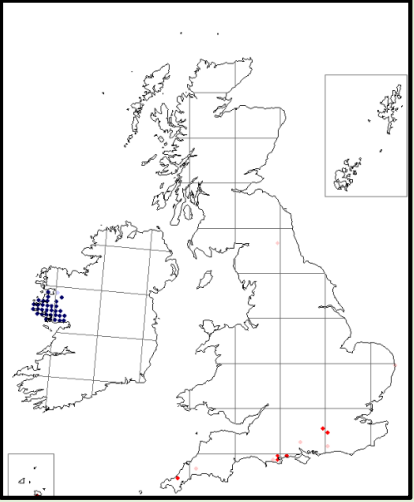


# Bogs north of Carna



***Daboecia cantabrica***  
(St Dabeoc's Heath)

Native to West Galway  
and West Mayo



***Rhynchospora fusca***

(Brown Beak-sedge)

***Eriophorum gracile***

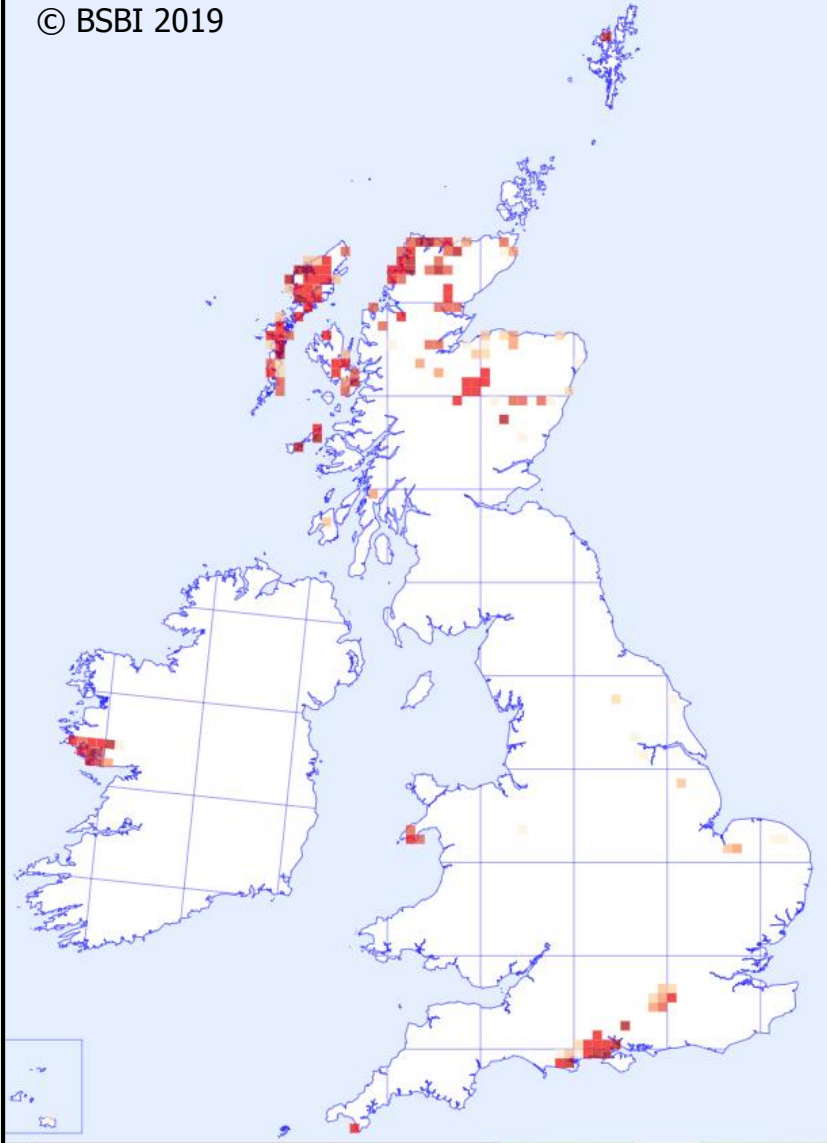
(Slender Cottongrass)

Both extinct in Somerset!



# *Deschampsia setacea* (Bog Hair-grass)

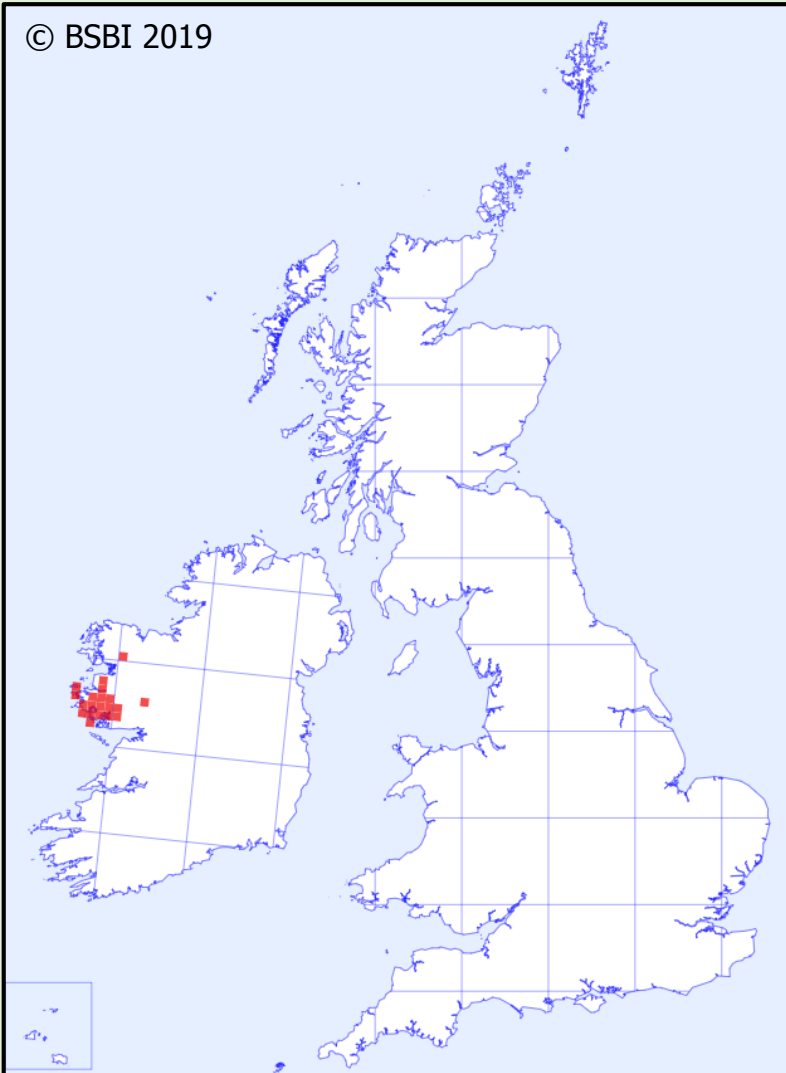
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# *Juncus planifolius* (Broad-leaved Rush)

First found here, in 1971

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# Rory Hodd and his "Rough Crew" on Ben Choona

***Huperzia selago*** (Fir Clubmoss) →







***Erica erigena***  
(Irish Heath)  
and Bob Ellis

# Eyrephort



***Gentianella campestris***  
(Field Gentian)



***Coeloglossum viride***  
(Frog Orchid)



***Antennaria dioica*** (Mountain Everlasting) on dunes



# ***Tripleurospermum maritimum*** (Sea Mayweed)



***Trocdaris verticillata***  
**= *Carum verticillatum***  
**(Whorled Caraway)**

At its only site in W Galway



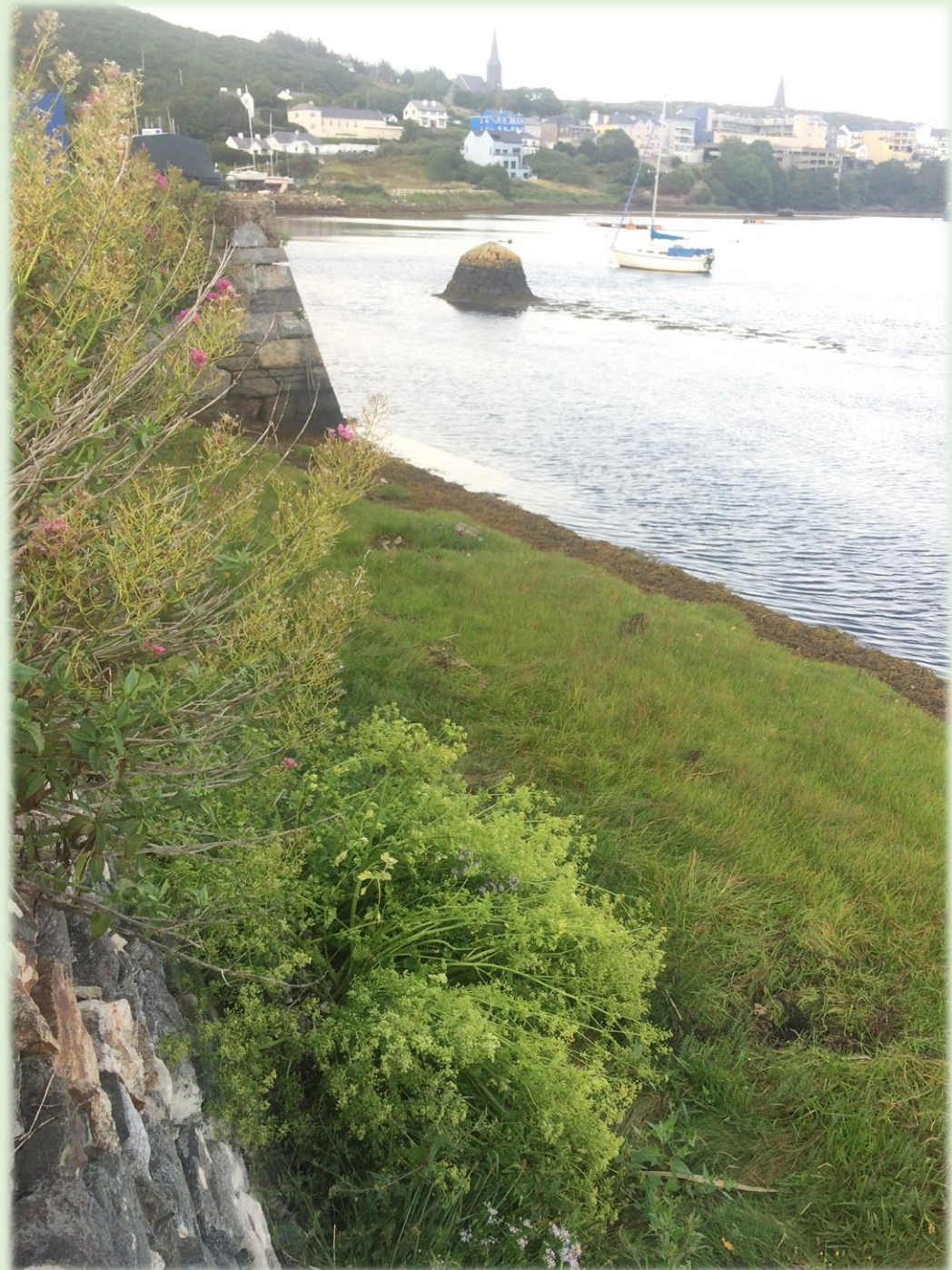
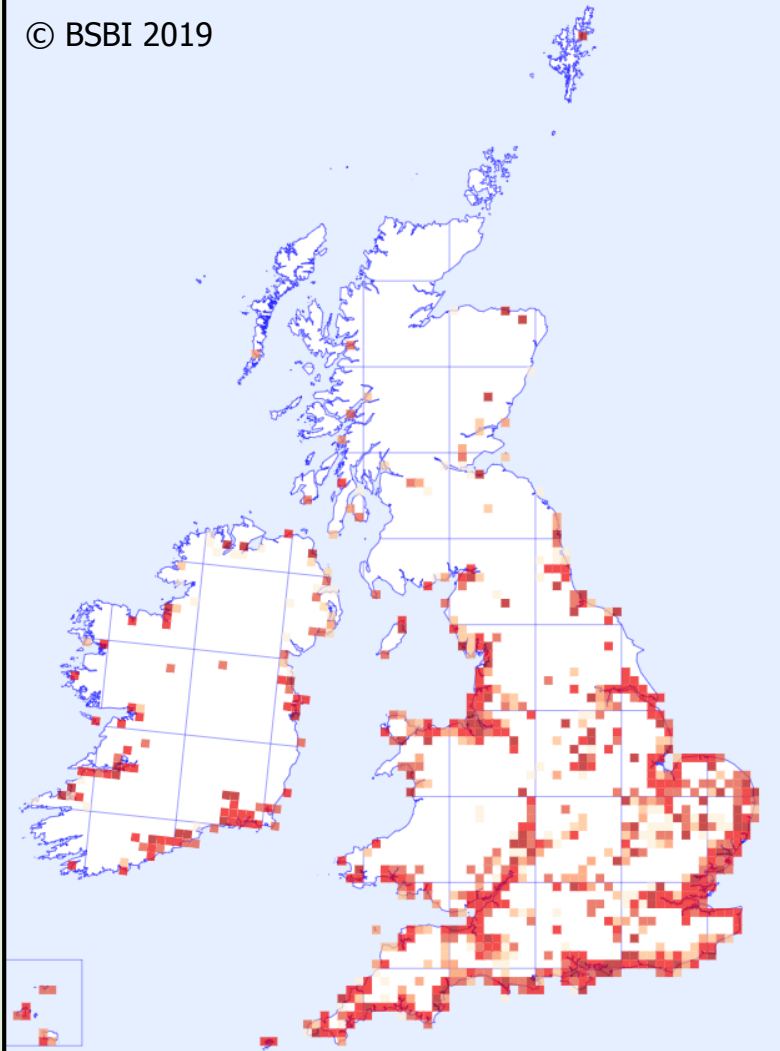


# *Apium graveolens*

(Wild Celery)

The only post-2000 record for  
West Galway!

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# BSBI meetings are also for improving identification skills



And most importantly ... BSBI meetings are FUN!



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