

Notable Finds in 2020

Alchemilla monticola (Velvet Lady's Mantle) this was found on 16th September at a new site in Deepdale Woods near Barnard Castle by Linda Robinson and Tim Laurie (NZ04.16)

Alchemilla speciosa (a Lady's Mantle) this garden escape was seen on 1st September near a farm gate in Thornton Rust by Linda Robinson and Deborah Millward. First record for v.c.65 and probably a first for the UK. (SD97.88)

Ambrosia artemisifolia (Annual Ragweed) this was reported by Guy Wilson from Cowling on July 23rd, it is thought to be a bird seed alien and a first record for the v.c.(SE23.87)

Anthriscus caucalis (Bur Chervil) this southern species was found near Snape on 12th November, the first record in the v.c. since 1957. Found by Dr. Roger Key and his wife Rosy. (SE28.85)

Campanula persicifolia (Peach-leaved Bellflower) two sites for this were recorded on a verge near Morton-on-Swale and one along the railway on the east side of Yafforth crossing near Ainderby Steeple in July by Nick Morgan, only the 4th and 5th records in v.c.65.(SE33.91 & SE34.92)

Campanula trachelium (Nettle-leaved Bellflower) found on 16th July near Ainderby Steeple by Nick Morgan, only the third record for the v.c. (SE33.91)

Crocus speciosus (Bieberstein's Crocus) found on a verge near in Ainderby Steeple by Nick Morgan on 8th October, this autumn flowering Crocus and probable garden escape is a first record for v.c.65 (SE33.92)

Galium parisiense (Wall Bedstraw) was found on 28th July near Thornton Rust sheepfold, a first record in v.c.65, by Deborah Millward and Helen Proctor. (SD97.88)

Genista tinctoria, (Dyer's Greenweed) a new site at Thornborough Henge was found on 24th July by Martin Hammond. (SE28.79)

Orobanche reticulata (Thistle Broomrape), a new site found by Pandora Soresby in 2019 and seen again by Pandora and Chris Weaver at the new extension to the Nosterfield Nature Reserve on 8th July (SE27.80) See picture on next page.

Paris quadrifolia (Herb Paris) was found by Jenny Selly in May at two new sites at the upper end of Deepdale Beck. Well spotted Jenny, not easy to see among the Wild Garlic and other spring flowers(NZ01.16 and NZ00.16).

Polemonium caeruleum (Jacob's Ladder) this probable introduction was refound in May by a stream at Mickleton by John Lonsdale, it had been previously recorded from here by John in 2013. (NY97.22)

Polypogon viridis (Water Bent) this was found in paving opposite the George Hotel in Piercebridge by Linda Robinson and Tim Laurie on 20th August. Only the second record for v.c.65. (NZ21.15)

Rubus laciniatus (Cut-leaved Blackberry) this garden escape was found near Kirkby Fleetham by Linda Robinson and Jim Parkin on 14th March. (SE28.94)

Scilla mischtschenkoana (White Squill) a good clump was found on a verge near Kirkby Fleetham by Linda Robinson and Jim Parkin on March 14th, a first record for this garden escape in v.c.65 (SE28.94)

Senecio inaequidens (Narrow-leaved Ragwort) this rapidly spreading alien was found on a track near Mellwaters Farm, Bowes, a first record for the v.c. by Linda Robinson and Tim Laurie on August 19th (NY96.12).

Trachystemon orientalis (Abraham-Isaac-Jacob) this was found on a wooded verge at Pooles Waste near Thrintoft by Linda Robinson and Jim Parkin on March 14th (SE30.04).