

Plant Records, 2021.

The *Flora of Staffordshire* dealt with records made up until the end of 2011. (Further matters relating to that time period are dealt with in a series of supplements.)

This short account is the tenth annual report listing some of the more interesting results of later fieldwork.

Dates are all 2021, unless stated otherwise.

New records for VC39

Betula albosinensis, SJ8510, Sheila Moore (= SRM), east side of Belvide Reservoir Nature Reserve.

Carduus tenuiflorus, SO8890, Gavin Allan, about 18 plants on grassy verge by A449, Himley.

Corydalis cava, SJ8808, SRM, six plants remote from gardens and tipped material, by a footpath, Brewood.

Deutzia x elegantissima, SJ9202, Paul Newton (=PN), single plant, woodland edge, possible garden outcast, Bushbury Hill.

Luma apiculata, SP0797, Nik Aspey (=NA), single flowering bush, roadside flowerbed, Lilac Avenue, Streetly.

Puschkinia scilloides, SJ8800, PN, original 2 sq. m. patch increased to many satellite colonies up to 10m away, Tettenhall.

Rumex maritimus x obtusifolius = *R. x callianthemus*, Mike Smith, SK2220, two plants in roughly grazed grassland, near a pond, Branston Lees Nature Reserve.

Triteleia laxa, SJ9205, PN, single flower stalk near road tunnel under railway, Brinsford.

Species seen again after a gap of several years

Acer davidii, SJ9097, NA, small tree planted on east side of Merridale Cemetery, Wolverhampton. Last seen SJ8244, Barnes Dell, Keele University, 1986.

Acer rubrum, SJ9099, NA, still in West Park, Wolverhampton where it was last recorded in 1996.

Eleocharis multicaulis, SJ9404, PN, large mat of several sq. m., shallow pool, disused sand quarry. Last seen SO7578, Pound Green Common, 2010.

New tetrads for rarer taxa

The following have been seen in a total of less than about seven tetrads, since 1994.

Acer griseum, SJ8825, planted on west side of church, Seighford; SO8998, east side of north entrance of Bantock Park, Wolverhampton; SO9098; east side of Merridale Cemetery, Wolverhampton: all NA.

Acer rufinerve, SO8998, north side of Bantock Park; SO9098, Merridale Cemetery; still in SO9099, West Park, Wolverhampton: all NA.

Allium siculum. SJ9703, PN, two plants away from habitation, Essington East.

Berberis wilsoniae, SJ9015, NA, two small fruiting bushes in hedge, Levedale Road, Longridge.

Betula pendula 'Laciniata', SO9596, NA, three small, planted fruiting trees, Etruria Way, Bilston.

Calystegia silvatica var. *quinquepartita*, SJ9004, PN, Springhill.

Cornus mas, SJ9906, NA, hedge, Hilton Lane, Great Wyrley.

Iberis sempervirens, SK0658, Elaine Radford (= ER), near Town Head Farm, Lower Elkstone.

Juglans nigra, SO9099, NA, planted on eastern edge of West Park Lake.

Lonicera tatarica, SJ9406, PN, single large bush, roadside, Shareshill.

Misopates orontium, SJ8709, SRM, several patches by the Shropshire Canal, Shutt Green.

Narcissus moschatatus x poeticus = *N. x boutignyanus*, SJ9304, Moseley Old Hall; SJ9404, site of the ex Hilton Main Colliery; SJ9704, Springhill; SJ8088, east of Six Ashes: all PN.

Narcissus minor, SJ8800, Tettenhall Green; SJ9304, Moseley Old Hall; SJ9403, west of Essington; SJ9804, Long Lane; SO8596, Trescott Grange: all PN.

Oenanthe pimpinelloides, SK1320, Erika Clarkson, det. John Hawksford (= JEH), hayfield north of Yoxall. This is much further north than the SP0199 site at Mill Lane (2001 & 2002) previously thought to be the most northerly in Britain.

Persicaria mitis, SJ9003, NA, several as weeds, Pendeford Drove Allotment, Fordhouses.

Picea pungens, SK0067, ER, west of Turn Edge.

Platanus orientalis, SJ8134, David Hall (= DH), next to village pond, near Standon Church.

Salix daphnoides, SJ9023, NA, three planted saplings, Doxey.

Salvia officinalis, SJ9104, PN, presumed garden outcast, roadside, Coven Heath.

Scilla siberica, SJ8809, SRM, by pool in Brewood sandbeds.

Sisymbrium loeselii, SK1209, DH, shrub bed, Tesco car park, Lichfield.

Sorbaria kirilowii, SP0895, NA, present since 2006 and now a 10 x 3m patch, south of Banners Gate Road, Kingstanding.

Tristagma uniflorum, SJ8800, PN, many naturalised among trees, Tettenhall Green.

Tulipa sylvestris, SK0813, NA, half a dozen plants at top of laneside bank, south-east of Longdon.

Ulmus minor ssp. *minor*, SJ9602, PN, two large mature trees, Ashmore Park North.

Verbascum speciosum, SJ9203, PN, several, Bushbury.

Zelkova serrata, SO8998, NA, single large fruiting tree, Merridale Cemetery.

Further observations

In Update No. 2 (July 2012) to the 2011 Flora of Staffordshire details were given for British Altitude Records for taxa found in Staffordshire. Flash is the highest village in England. All items were from there and beside, or near, the adjacent A53. They were made by Ian Hopkins (*Carex otrubae*) and JEH (the others):

Aegopodium podagraria *Artemisia vulgaris* *Carex otrubae* *Centaurea montana*
Cicerbita macrophylla *Dactylorhiza praetermissa* *Fallopia japonica*
Lapsana communis *Rumex alpinus* *Symphytum x uplandicum*.

The following were added in 2021, JEH:

Cochlearia danica, 470m, east verge of A53, north of Flash, SK02916466.

Hesperis matronalis, 465m, Flash, SK02656726.

Lamium album, 465m, Flash, SK02596722.

Salix aurita x *cinerea* = *S. x multinervis*, 440m, north verge of minor road, east of A53, south of Flash, SK02996368,

Sonchus oleraceus, 445m, north-east corner of A53/minor roads crossing, south of Flash, SK02566366.

Tragopogon pratensis, 470m, east verge of A53, Flash, SK03146770.

Rather obviously, some groups of taxa are under-recorded because of difficulties in identification. Additionally, there are many gaps, in lists from some localities, of early flowering species. Many botanists are not active until later in the year when such plants are inconspicuous or not readily named. Examples include *Crocus* sp. and *Prunus cerasifera*, which are widely planted/naturalised in amenity areas.