

A BRIEF REPORT ON RECORDING IN 2020

Despite the lockdowns and travel restrictions because of the Covid-19 pandemic, a reasonable amount of recording was still done. The main aim was to try and take monads with 180 species or more over 200. The map here shows all monads which had one or more new species added during the year. In all 20,303 records were collected in 2020, the lowest number since 2011.

Three native plants that hadn't been seen for over 20 years, and thought possible extinct were refound. *Micranthes stellaris* (Starry Saxifrage) was refound on Mount

Leinster, where last seen in 1990 by Ro. FitzGerald. The other two are aquatic plants, *Eleocharis acicularis* (Needle Spike-rush) and *Groenlandia densa* (Opposite-leaved Pondweed) found in the River Slaney, where last reported in 1987, and both were found to be common, but could only be seen, when the tide was out. This just goes to show how easy it is to overlook plants, as both were found in areas that are well recorded.

All sites for *Ceratophyllum demersum* (Rigid Hornwort) were checked as it was suspected that some might be *C. submersum* (Soft Hornwort), but it was found that all were Soft Hornwort, and it is likely that Rigid Hornwort has never occurred in Co. Wexford.

