

Meirionnydd Naturalists' Programme 2023 Rhaglen Naturiaethwyr Meirionnydd

People new to botany and botanists visiting the Vice-County of Merioneth are welcome to join our field visits

We meet at 10am and usually finish around 3:30 pm. Bring your lunch, hot and / or cold drinks, and wear clothing appropriate to the weather, season and terrain. Field visits will be held in accordance with the Welsh Covid 19 guidelines current at the time. Members attend at their own risk.

Not all the access permissions have been arranged yet so the programme may be amended. If you wish to attend a field visit please email the group leader in advance so they can send you joining instructions etc. The leaders are the joint Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland (BSBI) Vice-County Recorders for Merioneth:

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You do not have to be a member of the BSBI to attend but we encourage regulars to consider [subscribing and supporting the important work of the society.](#)

Month	Date 2023 Fridays unless otherwise stated	Location	Habitat & terrain	Interest	Terrain	Leader
Mar	17th March	Craig Aderyn, Dysynni valley. SH60N	Predominantly acid with some base-rich marshy grassland.	Most recent records date from 2004. Of interest: <i>Hymenophyllum wilsonii</i> / <i>Wilson's filmy fern</i> , <i>Gymnocarpium dryopteris</i> / <i>Oak fern</i> .	Footpaths, uneven ground, moderate ascent	Heather
Apr	21st April	Llandanwg and south Harlech dunes. SH52	Sand dunes and coastal grasslands	<i>Crambe maritima</i> / Sea kale, <i>Myosotis ramosissima</i> / Early forget-me knot, <i>Crithmum maritimum</i> / Rock samphire, <i>Elymus athericus</i> / Sea couch grass, <i>Cynoglossum officinale</i> / Hounds tongue.	Level ground, easy walking	Jo
May	19th May	Coed y Gofer, Aberdyfi. SN6296	Woodland, pastures	Recording in woodland and pasture	Rough tracks, open pasture and woodland. Gentle ascent.	Heather
June	Saturday 10th June	Minera Quarry, Denbighshire VC50. SJ2552	Disused limestone quarry now managed as a nature reserve.	Best site in Wales for its diversity and abundance of orchids. Only Welsh site for <i>Carex muricata subsp. muricata</i> / Prickly sedge. Many other plants will also be of interest for those who usually botanise on the mainly acidic rocks of Northwest Wales.	Some rough tracks, no steep ascents.	Jo
June	16th June	Coed Dduallt, Maentwrog. SH6742	Woodland, upland pasture & freshwater	<i>Genista anglica</i> / Petty Whin update 2016 record	Footpaths, uneven ground, some uphill walking	Heather
Jul	21st July	Rhobell Fawr, Rhydymain. SH72X	Upland habitats	Mountain everlasting / <i>Antennaria dioica</i> update 2018 record	Possibly strenuous ascent unless we get forestry track access	Jo
Aug	18th August	Berwyn, Moel Ferna. SJ1239	Upland habitats	Moonwort / <i>Botrychium lunaria</i> update 2016 record	Open upland terrain, uneven ground, some strenuous ascent	Jo
Sep	15th September	Dolmelynlyn, Ganllwyd. SH7223	Woodland and grasslands	Invitation from the National Trust to survey their grasslands which have no records.	Footpaths with gentle ascent	Heather
Oct	20th October	Cors y Sarnau. SH93U	Mires and marshy grassland, pools	Nationally important peatland site. Update records post-2010	Wet, boggy ground	Jo
Nov	17th November	Aberdyfi dunes. SN69	Dune and other coastal habitats	Likely to find many species that qualify for the Meirionnydd Rare Plant Register By Sarah Stille	Level terrain easy access parking	Heather
Dec	15th December	Xmas lunch and walk TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	Heather