ASSESSING YOUR ATLAS 2020 COVERAGE

And plugging the gaps!



PLANNING THE FINAL THREE YEARS

- 1. You now need to take stock and plan how you will achieve full Atlas 2020 coverage across your vice-county in the remaining three years
- 2. If starting afresh, a typical plan would involve listing the hectads in the VC and deciding how many tetrads or monads to aim to survey in each. 1
- 3. Then assess how many squares have already been well recorded and work out how many remain *to be* recorded.
- 4. Originally, we specified a minimum sample of five selected tetrads per full hectad or pro rata.
- 5. But we'd much prefer it if people recorded in monads. To achieve the equivalent rerecording rate statistically you need to survey 16 selected monads.
- Which is a lot and you need to be realistic about much can be done in the time available to you and your regular contributors.
- 7. Remember it is supposed to be fun!
- 1. With an adjustment for partial hectads.



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If your numbers don't stack up, you must ask for help:-

- 1. Ask local members (or non-members) who are not already contributing
- 2. Ask neighbouring recorders if they might help
- 3. Advertise for help in BSBI News or the Scottish Newsletter
- 4. Assign squares to your volunteers
- 5. Organise recording field meetings
- 6. Or ask me for other ideas (like holding Recording Weeks)



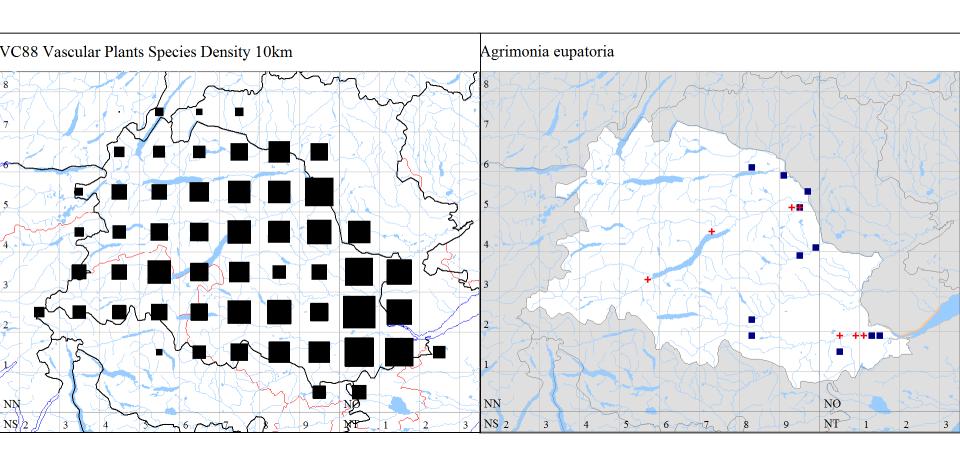
HOW BEST TO ASSESS ATLAS COVERAGE?

Here are eight different ways...

- Probably no single way is best all have pros and cons
- And some are definitely simpler than others...
- All depend on all your records being digitised and on the BSBI DDb!



1. USING MAPS IN MAPMATE





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Advantages

- Simple
- Easy to look up species by species.

- MM may not have all the records that the DDb has (e.g. pre-2000, or third-party records)
- Tricky to set up to view species or record density maps for monads or tetrads



2. USING MY COUNTY MAPS IN THE DDB

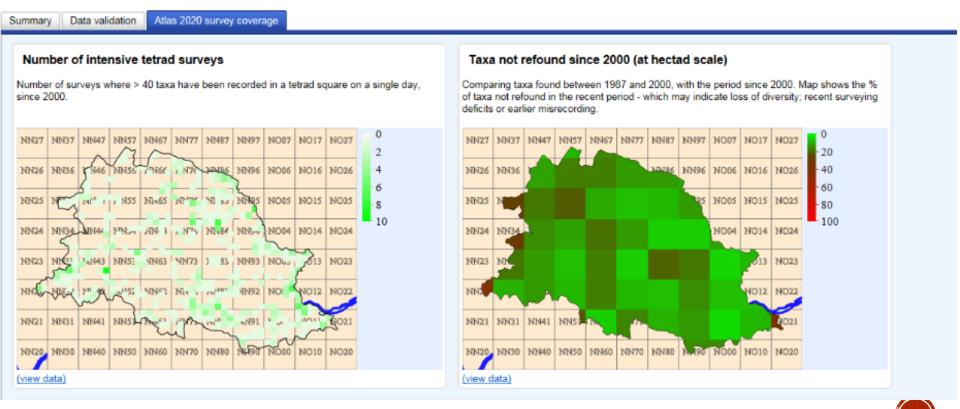
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Generally, the more intensive surveys per hectad the better and any full hectads with few tetrad surveys probably need a closer look.

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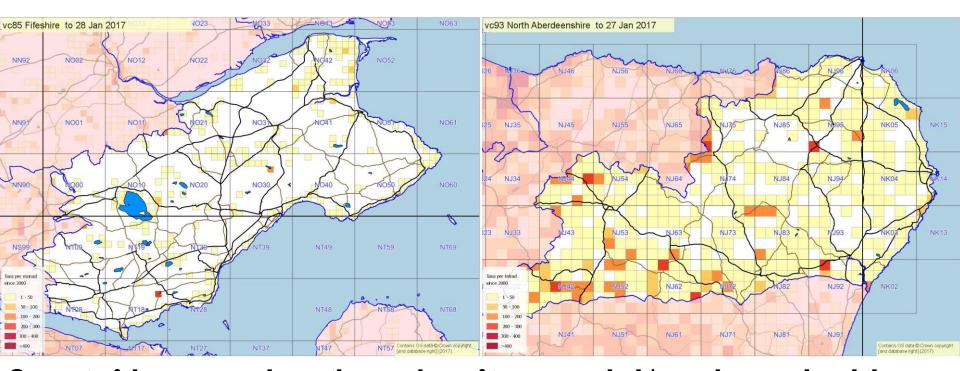
Advantages

- The Taxa not refound since 2000 map can give a good overall indication of progress in each hectad
- Easy to spot the hectads with few tetrad surveys on the *Number of Intensive tetrad surveys* map. Any full hectads with few tetrad surveys probably need a closer look.

- You do need to have all the VC data in the DDb (and not stuck in MM or on paper!)
- The Taxa not refound since 2000 map may falsely indicate post 1999 under-recording if hectads were well recorded 1987-1999.
- Or, conversely, it may falsely indicate that hectads are well recorded post 1999, if they had been poorly recorded 1987-1999.



3. USING ANDY'S GIS MAPS



One set of these maps shows the number of taxa recorded in each monad and the other shows the number of taxa recorded in each tetrad – for each county against a simple very clear backdrop showing rivers, lochs and roads.

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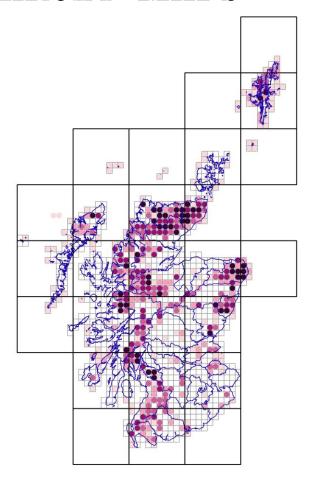
Advantages

- Simple, very clear
- Gives an absolute impression with no reference to previous recording or records

- Any map with number ranges needs careful interpretation
- The tetrad maps can give impression of better coverage
- Gives an absolute impression with no reference to previous recording or records



4. USING ANDY'S TARGET MAPS



Number of recorded tetrads less than target
(5 tetrads with 100+ taxa per whole hectad since 2000, pro rata for part hectads)

From DDb 16th Jan 2017

Target met or exceeded

1 tetrad below target

2 tetrads below target

3 tetrads below target

4 tetrads below target

5 tetrads below target

Scotland vcs

100km grid
Hectad grid



4. USING ANDY'S TARGET MAPS

Advantages

- Simple, very clear
- Require little interpretation

- Same criteria used across Scotland
- (But there is a version with 200+ taxa per tetrad)



5. USING THE DDB ANALYSIS

Hectad and tetrad recording coverage

Summary of recording-coverage based on pre/post-2000 re-recording rate and number of visits to a tetrad. The report is closely based on a <u>spreadsheet developed by Andy Amphlett.</u>

The form uses a concept of a 'well-surveyed tetrad' based on threshold values of re-recording and absolute minimum species per tetrad.

The default thresholds are ≥100 spp in all years and ≥ 75% of species recorded since 2000). These values are not be universally applicable and you may need to modify the thresholds to match local conditions.

Percentage re-find threshold | 75 | %

Target number of tetrads per hectad to survey | 5

Also count partial (< 1km² in county) tetrads when assessing survey coverage | ✓

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survey coverage

Hectad	Tetrad	% land or freshwater in vice- county	% sea	% land in another vice- county	Majority of land area in vc?	At least 1km² land in vc?	Species recorded (all years)	species recorded, that have been recorded since 2000	Well recorded?	Species not refound since 2000	Species refound since 2000	Newly found species since 2000	Recording days since 2000	
<u>NN22</u>							<u>322</u>	68	1 / 1 (65% refound)	103	<u>195</u>	<u>24</u>	8	^
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NN22	NN22Z	91	0	9	yes	yes	<u>1</u>	0	no	1	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0	
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NN32							<u>457</u>	70	7 / 4 (61% refound)	<u>139</u>	223	<u>95</u>	17	
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NN32	<u>NN32D</u>	100	0	0	yes	yes	<u>42</u>	90	no	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>38</u>	2	
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NN32	NN32V	3	U	97	no	no	5	0	no	5	<u>U</u>	<u>0</u>	U	
NN32	<u>NN32W</u>	54	U	46	yes	yes	<u>130</u>	93	yes	9	1	<u>120</u>	2	
NN32	NN32X	99	U	1	yes	yes	<u>199</u>	97	yes	<u>5</u>	1	<u>193</u>	3	
NN32	NN32Y	100	0	0	yes	yes	0		no				0	
NN32	<u>NN32Z</u>	100	0	0	yes	yes	2	0	no	2	<u>U</u>	<u>0</u>	0	
NN33							<u>419</u>	78	5 / 4 (72% refound)	<u>92</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>84</u>	21	

% of total

The analysis below the VC maps on the My County Atlas 2020 Survey Coverage tal

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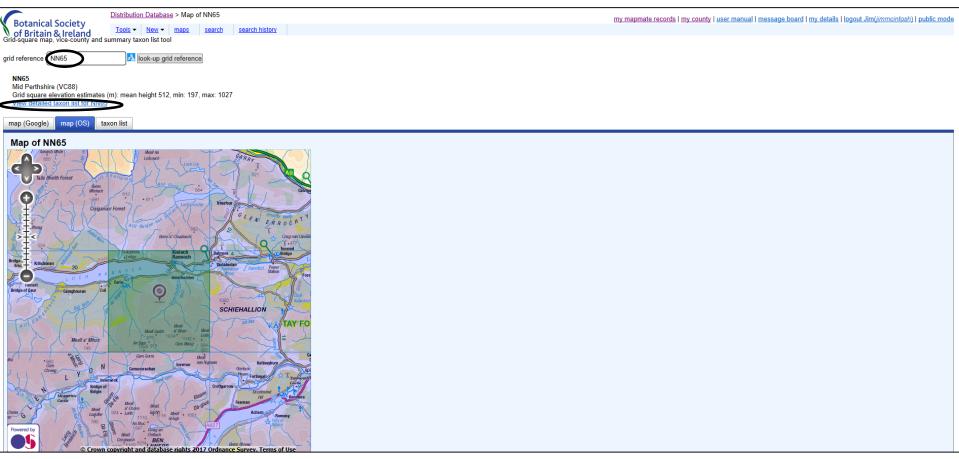
Advantages

- Great if you want to drill down and see how your Atlas 2020 recording is going
- Helpfully works out how many tetrads in each partial hectad you should survey
- Can (and should) adjust defaults to suit your VC.

- Complicated
- May falsely indicate post 1999 under-recording if squares were previously well recorded.
- May falsely indicate well recorded squares post 1999 if previously poorly recorded.
- Default settings may not be suitable for all squares in your VC.
- Only gives details for hectads and tetrads (not monads)



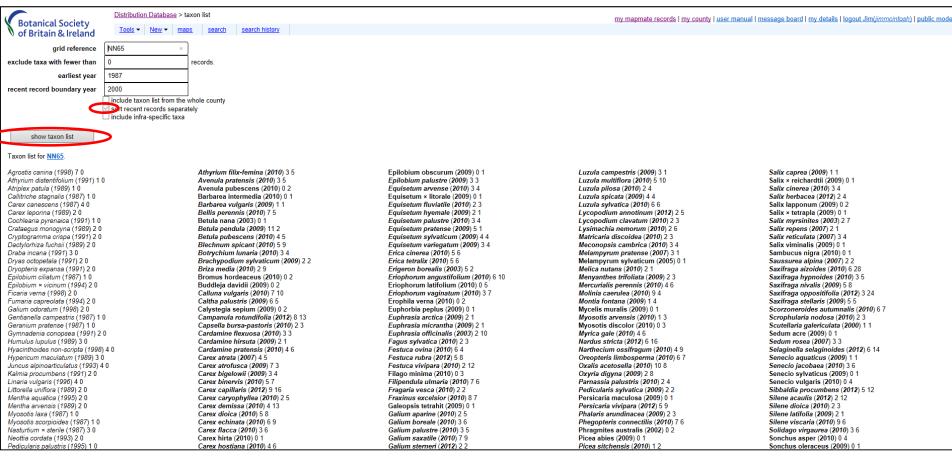
6. ATLAS 2020 COVERAGE IN A HECTAD



A very simple check which anyone can do (even without a login): Just type the hectad or tetrad grid reference in the <u>Grid Reference Lookup</u> tool. Then click the *View Taxon list for hectad*...



6. ATLAS 2020 COVERAGE IN A HECTAD



Tick sort recent records separately and click show taxon list. Et voilà! All the taxa that haven't been re-recorded since 2000 are in feint at the top of the list. And all the taxa that have been recorded post 1999 are in bold further down.



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Advantages

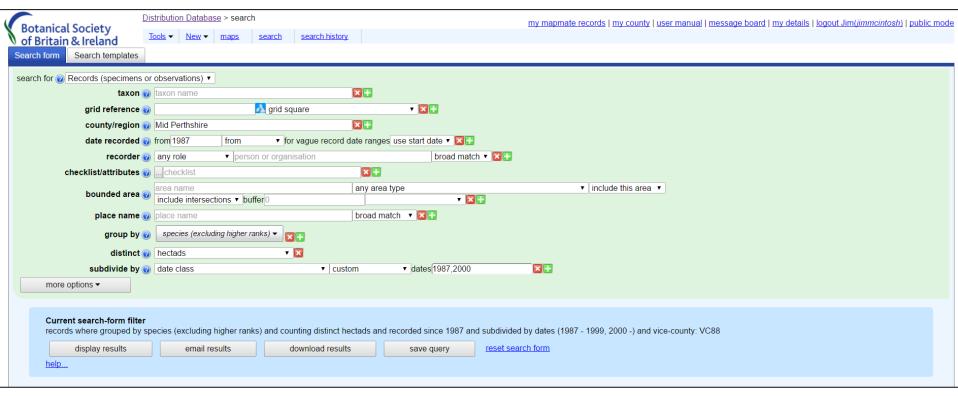
- Simple
- Anyone can do it (even without a login)¹
- Useful to pick-up accidentally over-looked common species
- Useful to identify notable species that have not been recorded post 1999

Disadvantages

Does rely on reasonably well-recorded squares pre 2000

1. With a login it can also be done for monads.





Enter your VC, return; date recorded 1987, from, More Options Group by...species excluding higher ranks, More Options... Distinct hectads, More Options... subdivide by dateclass custom, Dates 1987, 2000. Then click display results. Or click here and just amend the VC and click display results.

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species (exclusive)	qualifier	1987 - 1999	2000 -	Number of hectads
Abies alba		<u>5</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
Abies grandis		4	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
Abies procera		2	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>
Acaena anserinifolia		1	2	2
Acaena inermis		0	1	1
Acaena ovalifolia		0	1	1
Acer campestre		<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	7
Acer japonicum		0	1	1
Acer macrophyllum		0	1	1
Acer palmatum		0	2	2
Acer platanoides		<u>12</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
Acer pseudoplatanus		<u>38</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>41</u>
Achillea distans		1	0	1
Achillea millefolium		<u>51</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>
Achillea ptarmica		<u>46</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>52</u>
Aconitum lycoctonum		0	1	1
Aconitum napellus		9	9	<u>14</u>
Aconitum napellus	s.l.	0	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Aconitum napellus x variegatum = A. x stoerkianum		1	<u>4</u>	4
Acorus calamus		1	0	1
Adoxa moschatellina		<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>
Aegopodium podagraria		<u>31</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>40</u>
Aesculus carnea		0	1	1
Aesculus hippocastanum		<u>16</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>29</u>



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Achillea distans		1	0	1
Acorus calamus		1	0	1
Alchemilla glomerulans		1	0	1
Amsinckia lycopsoides		1	0	1
Armoracia rusticana		1	0	1
Atriplex littoralis		1	0	1
Aubrieta deltoidea		1	0	1
Berula erecta		1	0	1
Brachypodium pinnatum	s.l.	<u>3</u>	0	<u>3</u>
Bromus hordeaceus x lepidus = B, x pseudothominei		1	0	1
Campanula medium		1	0	1
Campanula patula		1	0	1
Campanula rapunculoides		1	0	1
<u>Campanula trachelium</u>		1	0	1
Cardamine impatiens		1	0	1
Carex bigelowii x nigra = C. x decolorans		1	0	1
Carex flava	agg.	1	0	1
<u>Carex rariflora</u>		1	0	1
Cerastium nigrescens		<u>3</u>	0	<u>3</u>
Chamaecyparis pisifera		1	0	1
Chenopodium album	agg.	<u>3</u>	0	<u>3</u>
<u>Clematis vitalba</u>		1	0	1
Conium maculatum		1	0	1
Corydalis solida		1	0	1

Interesting to sort by clicking the 2000 column to show species that have been recorded pre 2000 but not post 1999.



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Acer japonicum		0	1	1			
Acer macrophyllum		0	1	1			
Acer palmatum		0	2	2			
Aconitum lycoctonum		0	1	1			
Aconitum napellus	s.l.	0	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>			
Aesculus carnea		0	1	1			
Aethusa cynapium		0	1	1			
Agrostis gigantea		0	2	2			
Alchemilla conjuncta		0	2	2			
Alnus cordata		0	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>			
Anemone apennina		0	1	1			
Anemone hupehensis x vitifolia = A. x hybrida		0	1	1			
Anthemis tinctoria		0	1	1			
Antirrhinum majus		0	1	1			
Araucaria araucana		0	2	2			
Arctium nemorosum		0	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>			
Arctostaphylos alpinus		0	1	1			
Arenaria leptoclados		0	2	2			
Arum italicum		0	1	1			
Asperula taurina		0	1	1			
Aster lanceolatus x novi-belgii = A. x salignus		0	1	1			
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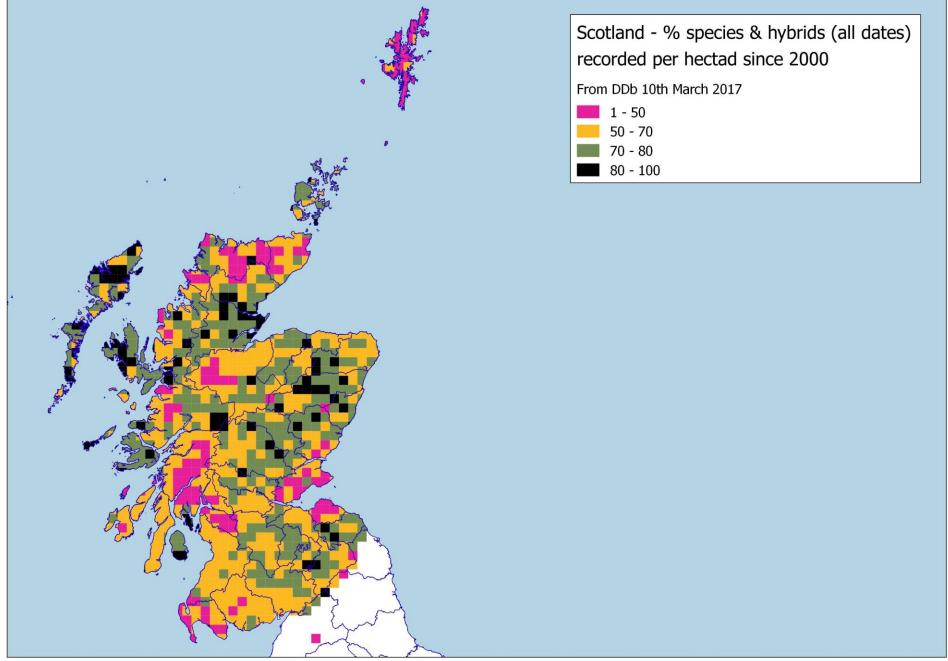
Or by the 1987-1999 column to show species that have been recorded post 1999 but not pre 2000.

Advantages

- Fairly simple
- Good for looking at species level

- Any pre/post 2000 comparison depends on how well recorded squares were pre 1999
- Less good for getting a square by square overview





Finally another interesting map from Andy....

