

## Plants in Vice-County 104: A Review of January - June 2021

Skye Botany Group met twice, visiting Raasay in May and Stockval and Loch Sleadale in June. The latter was a trial run for the new [SHARP project](#). None of the five target species in NG32 was re-found but most were probably errors anyway. However, other less rare species missing since before 2000 were re-found and we added *Neottia cordata* (Lesser Twayblade) to the hectad list.

The most important find so far this year was a new site for *Arabis alpina* (Alpine Rock-cress) some 1.5 km from the nearest known site by visiting BSBI member Lynn Youngs.

The only new vice-county record was of *Buddleja globosa* (Orange-ball-tree).

Six *Hieracium* specimens were taken on Skye and Raasay in June for expert determination. More will be taken as the season progresses.

There were 20 new hectad records including *Botrychium lunaria* (Moonwort) in NG61, *Dryopteris aemula* (Hay-scented Buckler-fern) in NG42, *Dryopteris expansa* (Northern Buckler-fern) in NG33, *Mercurialis perennis* (Dog's Mercury) in NG45 and *Scutellaria galericulata* (Skullcap) in NG26.

Thanks are due to the twenty folks who, in addition to myself, have contributed records so far this year, totalling just short of 1,000 records.

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Meanwhile, Lee has found an extraordinary number of *Orobanche alba* (Thyme Broomrape) spikes – over 300 – near Coaire, and Seth followed by Keith have reported *Alstroemeria aurea* (Peruvian Lily) as garden escapes.