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Attendance
open to all!

SATURDAY 13th MAY – NORTH-EAST GALWAY – GLENAMADDY AREA (v.c. H17)

Leader: Chris Peppiatt. This meeting will focus on recording in hectads IM65 and IM66. Glenamaddy turlough and/or Kiltullagh Lough, along with areas of local raised bogs and also esker (either near Glenamaddy or at Richmond Esker, which is not too far to the south, in hectad IM55) are the habitats to be visited.

Bring: Rain gear, wellies or boots, food and water are essential.

Contact: Chris (chris.peppiatt@iol.ie), 00-353-86-3125356, for details of meeting points and times.

SATURDAY 27th MAY – CO. LEITRIM – LOUGH RINN AREA (v.c. H29)

Leaders: Michael Archer and Michelle Molloy. We will visit deciduous woodland and lakeshores in south-east Leitrim to improve coverage for Atlas 2020. **Meet:** 10.30 at Dromod train station (Grid N 0555 8995).

Contact: Mike (michaeldarcher@eircom.net), 00-353-86-1716286, or Michelle (00-353-89-2452559)

THURSDAY 1st JUNE TO MONDAY 5th JUNE – DINGLE PENINSULA and TRALEE, KERRY (v.c. H1 & H2)

Leaders: Rory Hodd and Caroline Mhic Daeid. This event will focus on both the mountainous uplands of the Dingle peninsula and the adjacent lowlands and coast, and will be based on the North side of the peninsula, west of Tralee. On most days, forays will take place into the rich uplands, which include the famous Mt Brandon, with gentle lowland options also on offer. This will be one of our main recording events this year, and so is not to be missed. We will suggest a location for people to stay, and establish a 'base camp' there. There will be activities additional to daytime recording. This is one of the most stunning parts of the country – so keep your eyes and ears peeled for further details. **Enquiries:** Rory (rlhodd@gmail.com), 00-353-87-7692001 for details.

SATURDAY 10th JUNE AND SUNDAY 11th JUNE – EAST DONEGAL (v.c. H34)

Leaders: Oisín Duffy, Mairéad Crawford and John Conaghan. A range of under-recorded areas in the centre of the vice county will be visited with the aim to record for Atlas 2020. Habitats will include bog and heath. **Bring:** appropriate footwear and lunch for both days. **Meet:** both days at 10.00 in Ballybofey at the car park beside McElhinneys Department Store (Grid H 1426 9466). **Contact:** Oisín (oisinsduffy@gmail.com), 00-353-86-0526161 for further details and to confirm attendance.

FRIDAY 16th JUNE TO SUNDAY 18th JUNE – NORTH ROSCOMMON (v.c. H25)

Leaders: Robert Northridge and John Earley. North Roscommon contains a good range of natural habitats with raised bog and lake areas especially frequent. This meeting will aim to improve recording coverage in the north of the county for Atlas 2020. As with similar targeted recording events, we will break into small groups and head off in pre-assigned directions. This maximises recording coverage, but also ensures that all participants are in the thick of the action and learn lots! **Meet:** entrance to Lough Key Forest Park (G 839 023) each day at 10.00.

Contact: If you wish to attend please email Robert Northridge (robhannort@aol.com) or John Earley (jeasley@eircom.net)

SATURDAY 24th JUNE – BALLYMACODA & KNOCKADOON HEAD, CO. CORK (v.c. H5)

Leaders: Edwina Cole and Finbarr Wallace. Records will be collected for Atlas 2020 from various habitats, including coastal grassland, dunes and hedgerows. **Bring:** Walking boots/wellingtons, raingear, sunblock and a packed lunch required. **Meet:** 10.30 in the carpark at Ballymacoda (X 077 711).

Contact: Edwina (edwinacole@eircom.net) or Finbarr (finbarrwallace@gmail.com) for further details.

SATURDAY 1st AND SUNDAY 2nd JULY – SOUTH-EAST GALWAY (v.c. H15)

Leaders: Micheline Sheehy Skeffington and John Earley. This meeting will focus on recording in under-recorded monads in and around the River Suck, with a focus on early summer flowers. **Meet:** car park of the LIDL supermarket in Ballinasloe (M 854 308) at 10.00 on both days.

Contact: Please contact Micheline (micheline.sheehy@nuigalway.ie) to confirm your attendance.

SATURDAY 22nd JULY AND SUNDAY 23rd JULY – LEENANE & MAUMTURK MTNS, WEST GALWAY (v.c. H16)

Leader: John Conaghan. The northern half of the Maumturk Mountain range and the Leenane area will be the main focus of recording, visting areas of salt marsh, blanket bog and heath. **Bring:** Rain gear, walking boots, sunblock and lunch. **Contact:** John (conaghaj@indigo.ie), 00-353-87-2239858 for meeting points and times.

SATURDAY 5th AUGUST – DERRY (v.c. H40)

Leaders: Sharon Spratt and Maria Long. This meeting will be based in the Sperrins Mountains in mid-Ulster. We will most likely visit Carn Daisy Glen - a lovely wooded glen with a rich spring ground flora. This leads up to Slieve Gallion, the highest point in the area, with upland habitats interspersed with agricultural fields and nice traditional field boundaries. There are other interesting sites nearby which we may also explore.

Contact: Sharon Spratt (sharonsp@hotmail.com) for details.

SATURDAY 12th AUGUST – WORKSHOP WITH RICHARD McMULLEN – ‘Introduction to Botanical Keys’ – National Botanic Gardens, Dublin

Many people are daunted by the terms used in botanical keys. This workshop aims to demystify and explain the terms used in botanical keys so that it is possible to track down a species definitively rather than just flick through an illustrated flora. We will have a wide range of botanical structures to demonstrate in the session and by the end, we should be well on the way to using keys effectively. **Bring:** if you have it, a copy of Webb's 'An Irish Flora' (8th edn) and a hand lens. **Note:** places will be limited for this workshop, and there may be a small charge to attend. Further details available next year. **Please contact** Richard McMullen (rmmcm24@hotmail.com) for queries on content and Maria Long (maria.long@bsbi.org) to book a place.

SATURDAY 19th AUGUST – WESTMEATH – EASTERN END OF COUNTY (v.c. H23)

Leader: Con Breen. This meeting will focus on recording in hectads N55 and N56 in the eastern end of Westmeath. Lough Lene/Sheever and Lough Adeel are located at the northern end of this area, and there are many under-recorded habitats to be explored. Details will be refined closer to the time.

Bring: wellies, water-proofs, sunscreen, lunch and ID books will be required on the day.

Contact: Con (conbreen101@yahoo.com), 00-353-86-3539295 for details of meeting points and times.

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER – DRINAGH, WEXFORD TOWN (v.c. H12) – Joint outing with NBDC (National Biodiversity Data Centre)

Leader: Paul Green. The aim of the day is to look at and learn how to identify coastal *Atriplex* and their hybrids. This hopefully will include 5 species and 5 hybrids. One of the hybrids being *Atriplex longipes* (Long-stalked Orache) x *Atriplex littoralis* (Grass-leaved Orache), a new hybrid to the Irish flora in 2016. Will also look at other saltmarsh species. May have a chance to see *Puccinellia fasciculata* (Borrer's Saltmarsh-grass).

Places limited: email Irish Officer Maria Long (maria.long@bsbi.org) immediately to book your place

SATURDAY 9th & SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER – KINSALE & OYSTERHAVEN, CO. CORK (v.c. H3 & H4)

Leaders: Clare Heardman (H3) and John Wallace (H4). This weekend is located across the boundary between two Cork vice counties and is aimed at collecting records for Atlas 2020. Habitats covered will include brackish marsh, saltmarsh, coastal heath/grassland and hedgerows. **Bring:** walking boots/wellingtons, raingear and packed lunches. **Day 1:** 10.00 carpark by toilets, Garrylucas beach (W 609 432). **Day 2:** 10:00, Charles Fort carpark (W 655 495). **Contact:** Clare (clare.heardman@ahq.gov.ie), 00-353-87-6781613, or John (johnwiegm@gmail.com)

Other outings and events may be announced during the year – watch the Irish webpage (<http://bsbi.org/Ireland>), also Facebook (IrishSectionBSBI) and Twitter (@BSBIbotany; @murlong77).

Local groups: Cork (contact Edwina Cole edwinacole@eircom.net); Clare (contact Stephen Ward sdward@eircom.net); Wexford (contact Paul Green paul.green@bsbi.org or paulaomeara paulaomeara@eircom.net); South-east Galway (contact Micheline Sheehy-Skeffington micheline.sheehy@nuigalway.ie); Dublin (contact Colm Clarke dublinbsbi@gmail.com); Down (contact Graham Day gvd@cherrycottage.myzen.co.uk); Longford-Westmeath 'roving recorders' (contact Maria Long maria.long@bsbi.org or Robert Northridge robhannort@aol.com). **'Rough crew'** for some adventurous botany (contact Rory Hodd rlhodd@gmail.com)