

A short botany report for vice-county 95, 2022

Many thanks for all the plant recording everyone did during 2022 across vc95, a total of 24,305 records were collected, a very good total again. All these records go towards an Atlas Flora of vc95 plus to the BSBI database. The aim is to have all the monads (1km x 1km squares) across vc95 surveyed by the end of 2025.

Eighteen new species were added to the vc95 list during 2022, see list below.

Alcea rosea (Hollyhock)

One plant self-sown at base of wall, Findhorn NJ038644, Ian Green.

Alnus rubra (Red Alder)

One small tree on west road bank of the A940, Logie NJ01075044, Ian Green. Most likely self-sown.

***Alopecurus x haussknechtianus* (*A. aequalis* x *A. geniculatus*)** (Orange Foxtail x Marsh Foxtail)

Several plants with both parents on the edge of Fochabers Loch, Fochabers NJ34205921 and NJ34225916, Ian Green.

This is also the first record for this hybrid from Scotland. A very rare hybrid in the UK having only been found in 8 other locations. Orange Foxtail was first found at this site in 2016 by Peter Gordon Smith.



Photos showing the flowering stems and habitat of New Zealand Hair-sedge

Carex comans (New Zealand Hair-sedge)

About 11 clumps in area of cleared woodland, Pittensair NJ28516073, Ian Green. Only the third time this has been found as an escape in Scotland.



Bilbao's Fleabane

Conyza floribunda (Bilbao's Fleabane)

8 plants as a garden weed, St Leonards Road, Forres NJ03925879, Ian Green.

Only found for the first time in Scotland in 2005 when found as a garden weed in Bogmoor, vc94.

Centaurea debeauxii (Chalk Knapweed)

Several plants on grassy bank on the south side of the A96, Bridge of Findhorn NJ012580, Stephen Clarkson. If this is correctly named, then probably common in vc95.



Angel's-trumpets

Datura ferox (Angel's-trumpets)

Two plants on waste ground, Cloddach Quarry, Elgin NJ20606049, Moray Botany Group.

Euphorbia characias (Mediterranean Spurge)

One small self-sown plant on stone wall on the west side of Cathedral Road, Elgin NJ221628, Ian Green.

Galium parisiense (Wall Bedstraw)

One plant by path to entrance of Forres Health Centre, Forres NJ03195815, Ian Green.

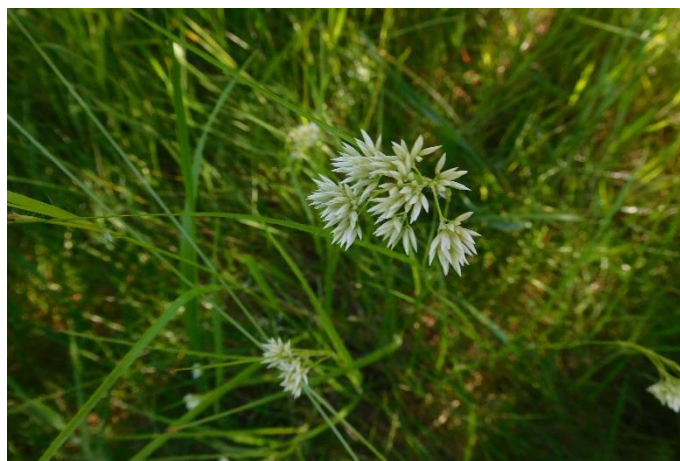
The plant got sprayed with weed killer before it had chance to set fruit. Only the fourth record for Scotland.

Herniaria glabra (Smooth Rupturewort)

Several plants as a weed in pot plants in B&Q garden centre, Elgin NJ220619, Ian Green.

Lonicera pileata (Box-leaved Honeysuckle)

A very small bush under trees on north side of ditch, Elgin NJ23106272, Ian Green.



Snow-white Wood-rush

Luzula nivea (Snow-white Wood-rush)

A small group of plants by a narrow track, Speybridge NJ03722625, Audrey and Bob Turner.

Rubus tricolor (Chinese Bramble)

A few stems growing out of a high stone wall by path, Elgin NJ20836270, Ian Green.

Sambucus canadensis (American Elder)

2 large bushes in one clump, beside track, Beachen Wood, Grantown-on-Spey NJ02032680, Andy Amphlett.

Scilla bifolia (Alpine Squill)

Lots on east bank of lane, plus some also on west verge of lane, Forres NJ04015848, Ian Green. A short lane leading off the south side of Nelson Road.

Spirodela polyrhiza (Greater Duckweed)

Lots in old quarry ponds, Cloddach Quarry, Elgin NJ206603 and NJ20615995, Ian Green.

Symphytum x hidcotense 'Hidcote Pink' (Hidcote Comfrey)

Good size patch on east bank of the Muckle Burn, Dyke NH993585, Ian Green.

Verbena bonariensis (Argentinian Vervain)

One plant self-sown at base of wall, Fleurs Drive, Forres NJ034581, Ian Green.

A few other interesting records

Chenopodium murale (Nettle-leaved Goosefoot)

Two plants on waste ground, Cloddach Quarry, Elgin, NJ20606049, Ian Green. Second record for vc95.

Erigeron annuus (Tall Fleabane)

One plant on waste ground, Cloddach Quarry, Elgin, NJ20606049, Robert Potter. Second record for vc95 and the third Scottish Record.



Tall Fleabane

Galinsoga quadriradiata (Shaggy Soldier)

One small plant on heap of soil, near Cassieford, NJ05696033, Ian Green. Second record for vc95.



Shaggy Soldier

Limnanthes Douglass (Meadow-foam)

Disturbed ground by path to Woodburn Drive, Grantown-on-Spey NJ026273, Andy Amphlett. Only the



Marsh Yellow-cress

second record for vc95.

Rorippa palustris (Marsh Yellow-cress)

A few plants at entrance of a field and along the edge of a barley field, Balormie, NJ21346824 and NJ21406812, Martin Cook. The third record for vc95.

If anyone wants any recording cards, please do let me know so I can send you some.

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