

The BSBI in Ireland



Pinguicula grandiflora,
Large-flowered butterwort

Maria Long,
BSBI Irish Officer

- New position,
began Oct 2012

- Initially 2 days a week,
now 3.2 (external
funding for the 1.2!)

KEY ROLES:

1. Support VCRs
2. Arrange training
3. Raise the profile of the
organisation, and botany in general

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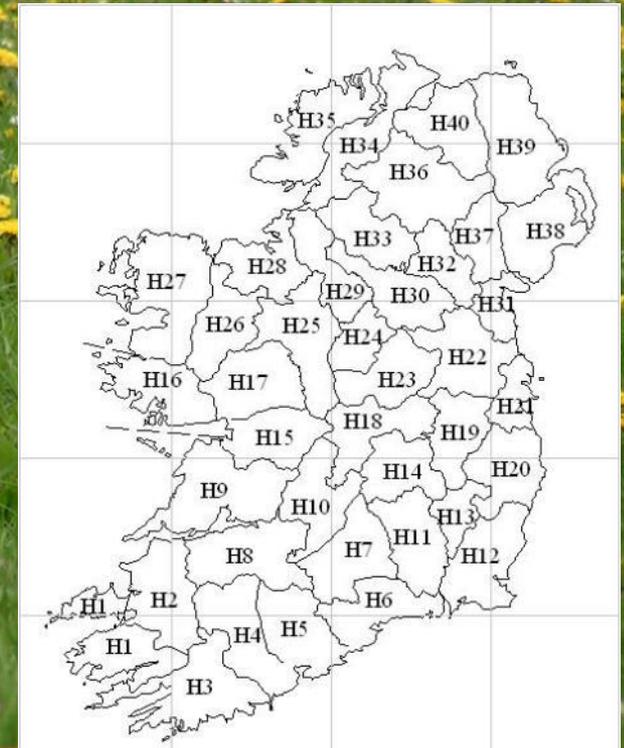
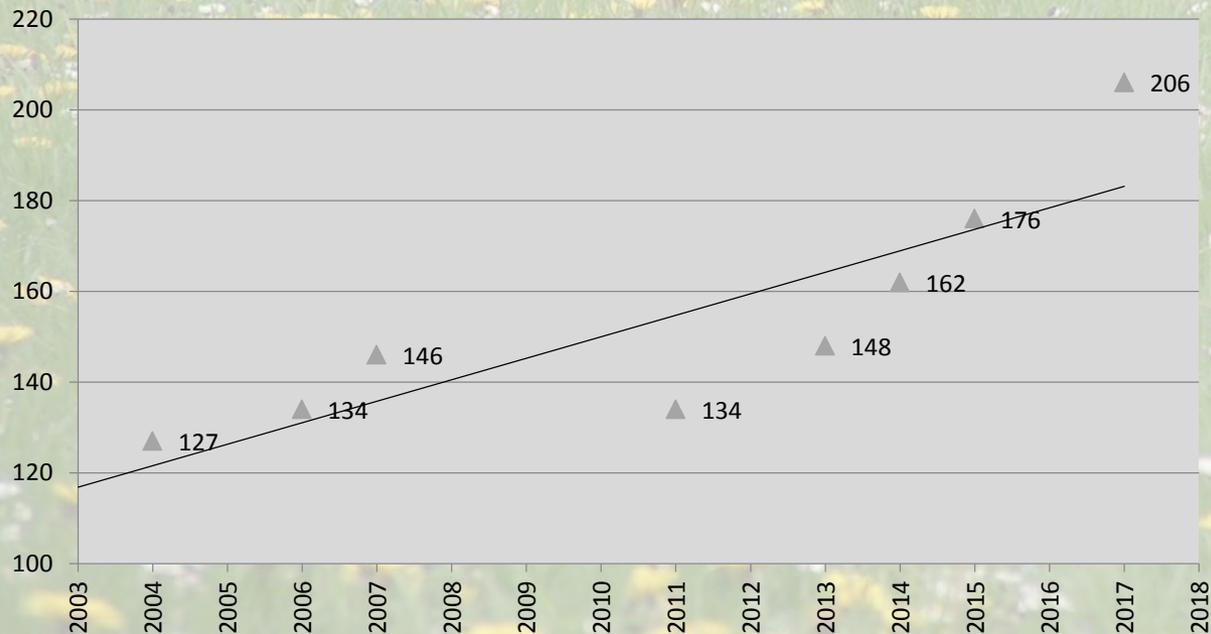


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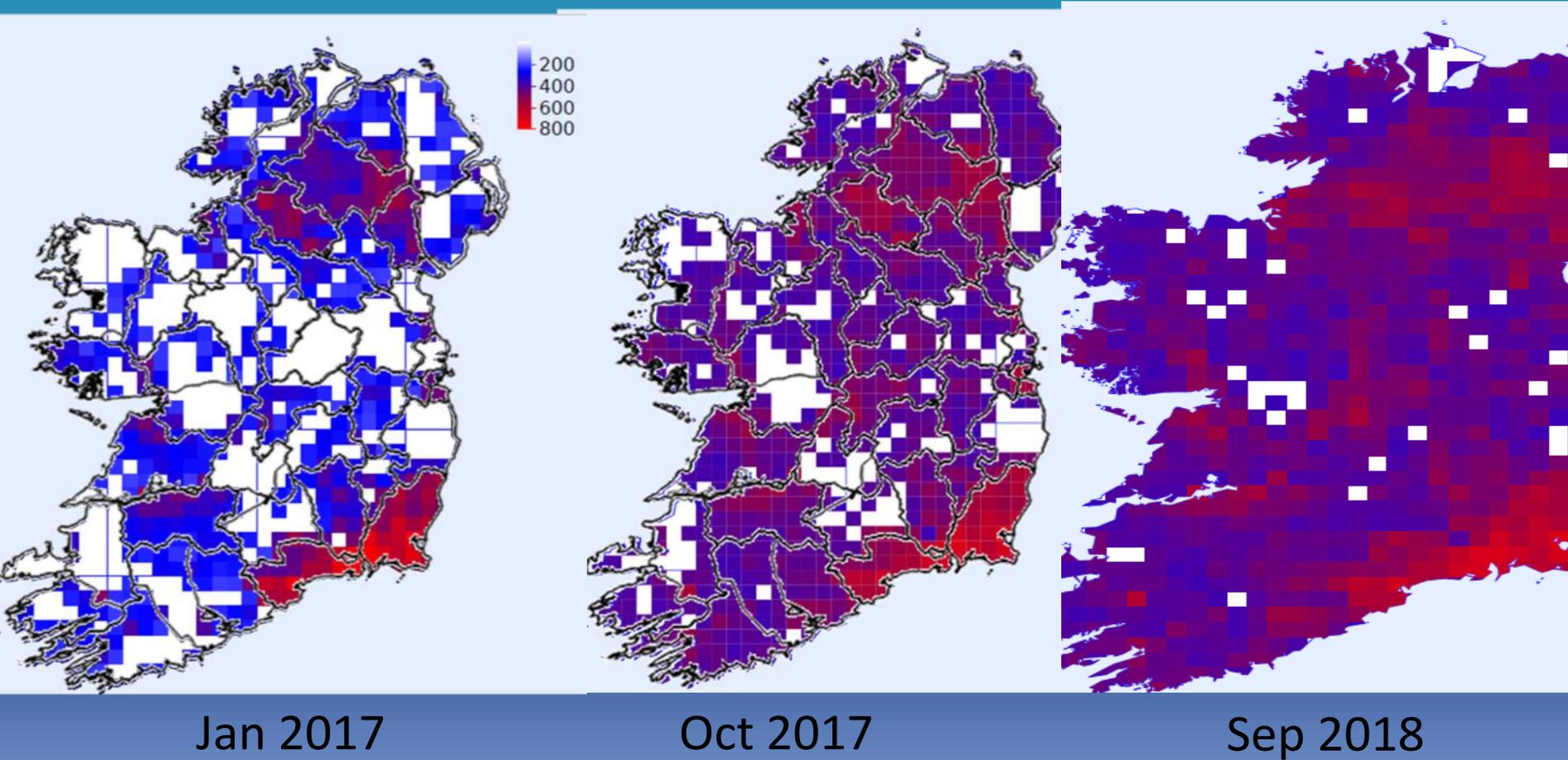
BSBI members and recorders in Ireland

40 VCs, 2 countries
46 VCRs, 224 members

Number of BSBI members - Ireland 2004 to 2017

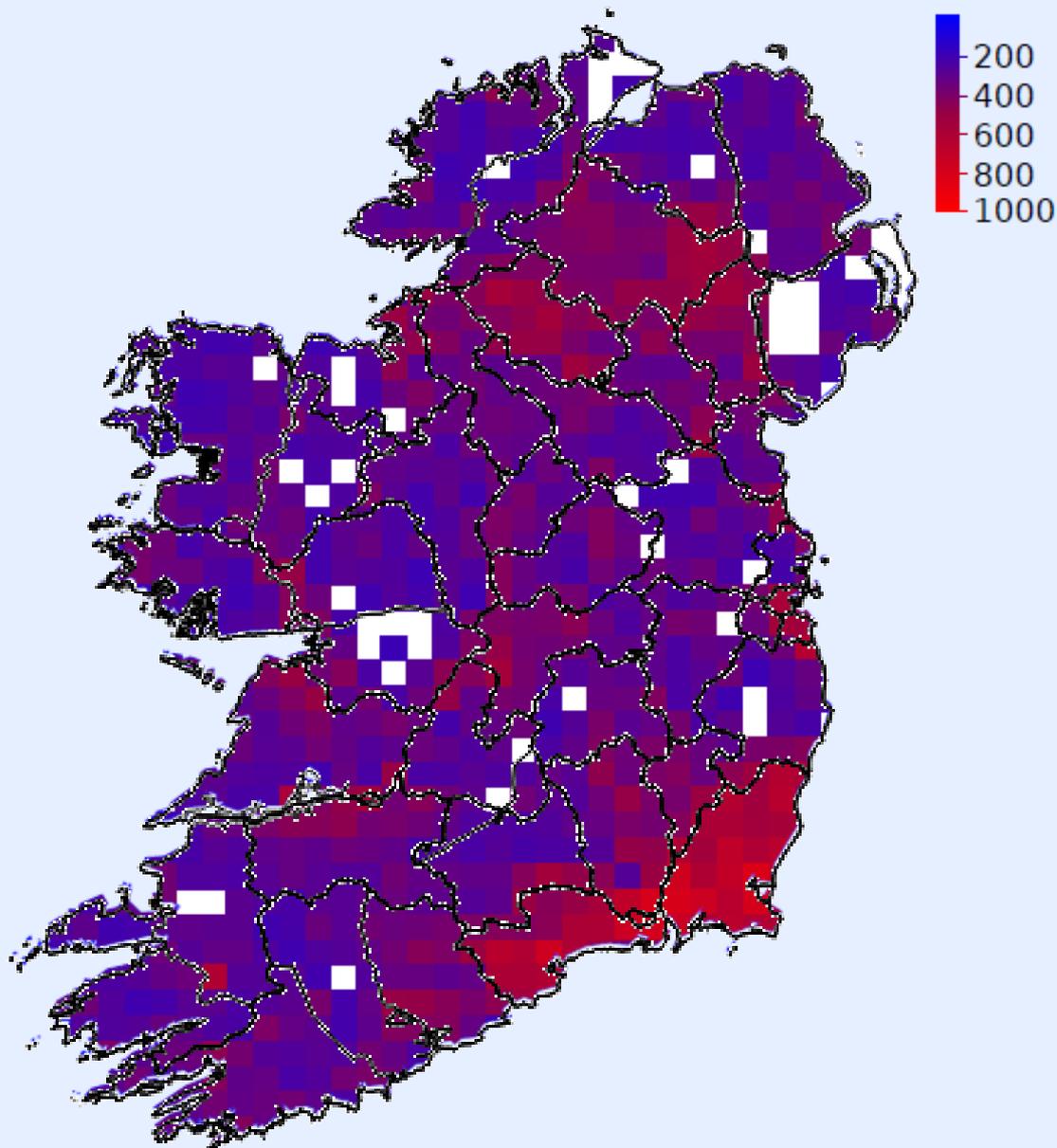


Hectads (10 km sqs) with <200 taxa recorded since 2000
shown in white



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- Social media
- I.O. position being a hub/focus
- Training, workshops
- Conferences
- Newsletters
- ... general sense of common purpose
- ... general sense of momentum

The Rough Crew!



Photo: Oonagh Duggan



Diphasiastrum alpinum,
Alpine clubmoss



Minuartia recurva,
Recurved sandwort



Ph: Clare Heardman

River deep, mountain high



Phs: Kate Marie O'Connor

Ph: Robert Northridge – gathered around *Salix herbacea*,
dwarf willow



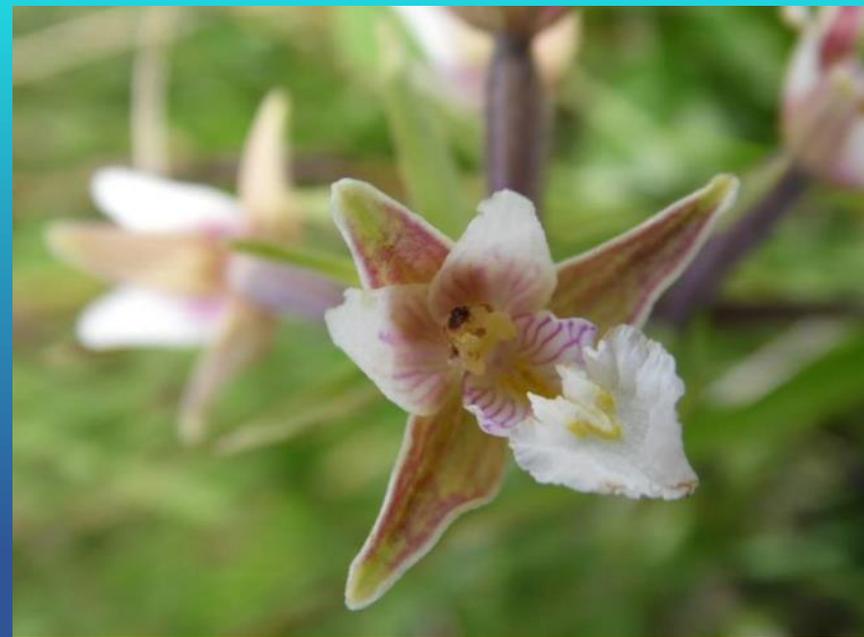
Glorious lunch spots



Ph: Rory Hodd

Kerry recording event Dingle peninsula

- 45 ppl took part over 5 days
- 3x events by I.O. for public
 - talk and two walks
- Main event recorded in ...
 - 17 different hectads (10x10 km sqs)
 - 74 different monads (1x1 km sqs)
- Working mostly in teams of 3 or 4, but sometimes larger, we made almost 6,000 records
- And importantly... we gave 45+ ppl positive exposure to botany and to the BSBI, as well as no small measure of botanical training



Epipactis palustris. Ph: Oisín Duffy



Base camp, making plans



Car park logistics ☺



Working late into the night!



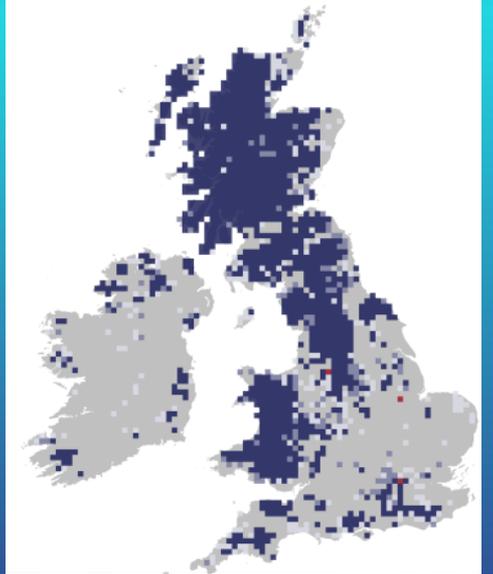




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Lemon-scented fern,
Oreopteris limbosperma





New location for Killarney fern – *Trichomanes speciosum*





Mayo recording week 2018 – partly on Clare Island



The daily commute,
Clare Ireland

Lycopodiella inundata, Marsh clubmoss –
a Flora (Protection) Order species in Rol, and known from
only one site in NI



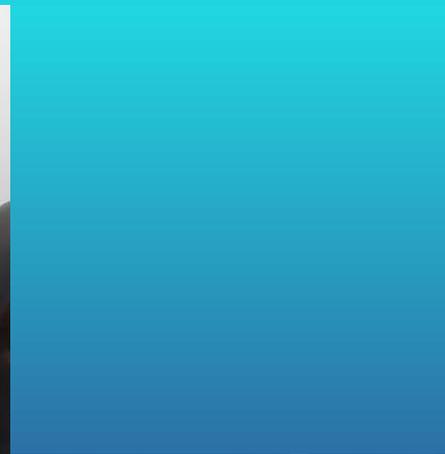


Gentiana verna, Spring gentian –
at its most northerly site in
Ireland









Workshop on aquatic plant ID –
jointly held with the National
Biodiversity Data centre (NBDC)



Results?

- Increased membership
- More younger people
- Vibrant online/social media community
- BSBI involved in relevant projects
 - e.g. Red list, submissions sought on developments, etc.
- Funding – ERG - CEDaR, NPWS, Heritage Council
- Atlas coverage progress
- Volunteer input outside of VCRs
- Partnerships and shared projects/events w NBDC, NPWS, CEDaR, etc.

The challenges...

- Atlas 2020 – rarities, aquatics, validation....
- Training up the large groups of interested improvers
- Continuing to keep momentum after Atlas
- Developing social media and other communications and keeping up with the (digital) times...
 - app development, online data entry, etc, etc.

Thank you!

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