

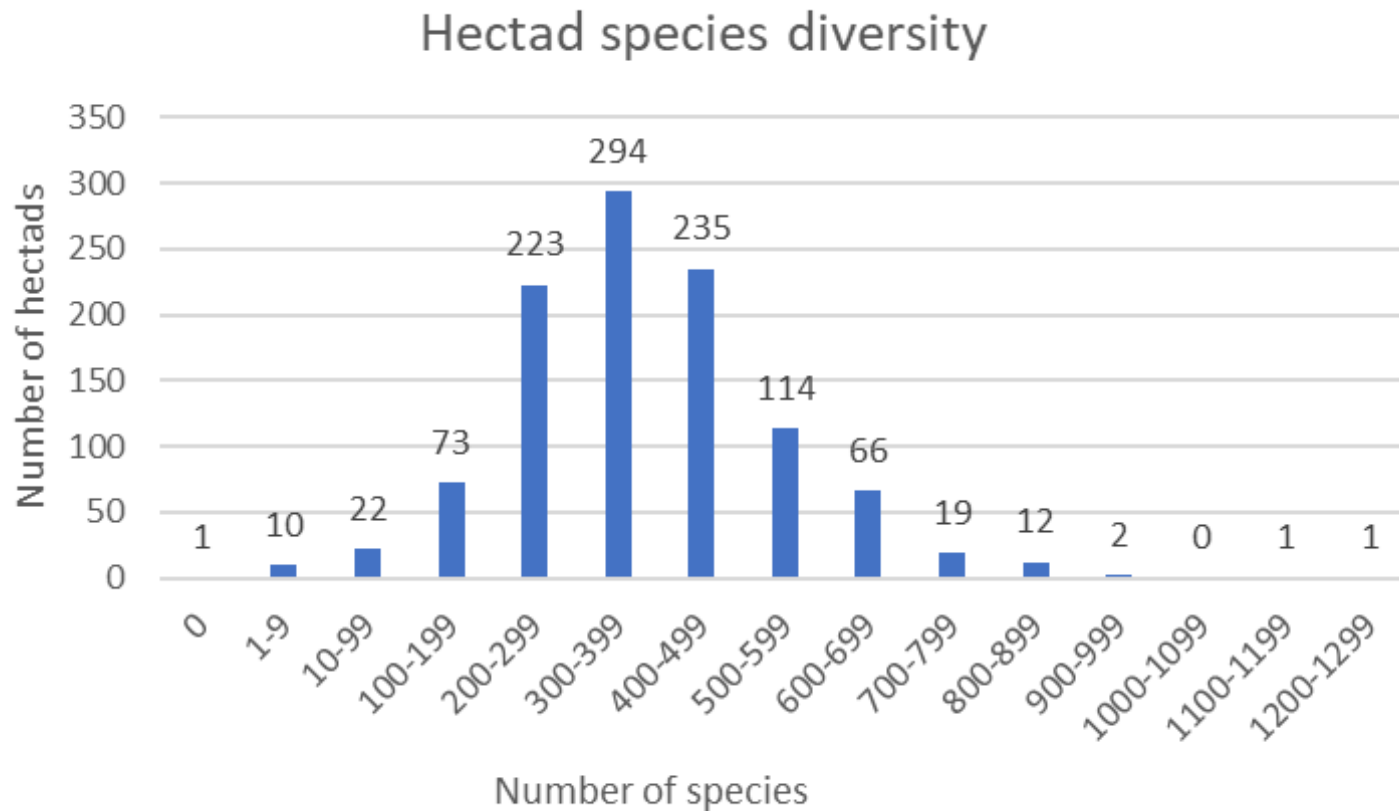


ATLAS 2020 MAKING THE MOST OF THE FINAL TWO FIELD SEASONS

BSBI Scottish Recording Conference 2018

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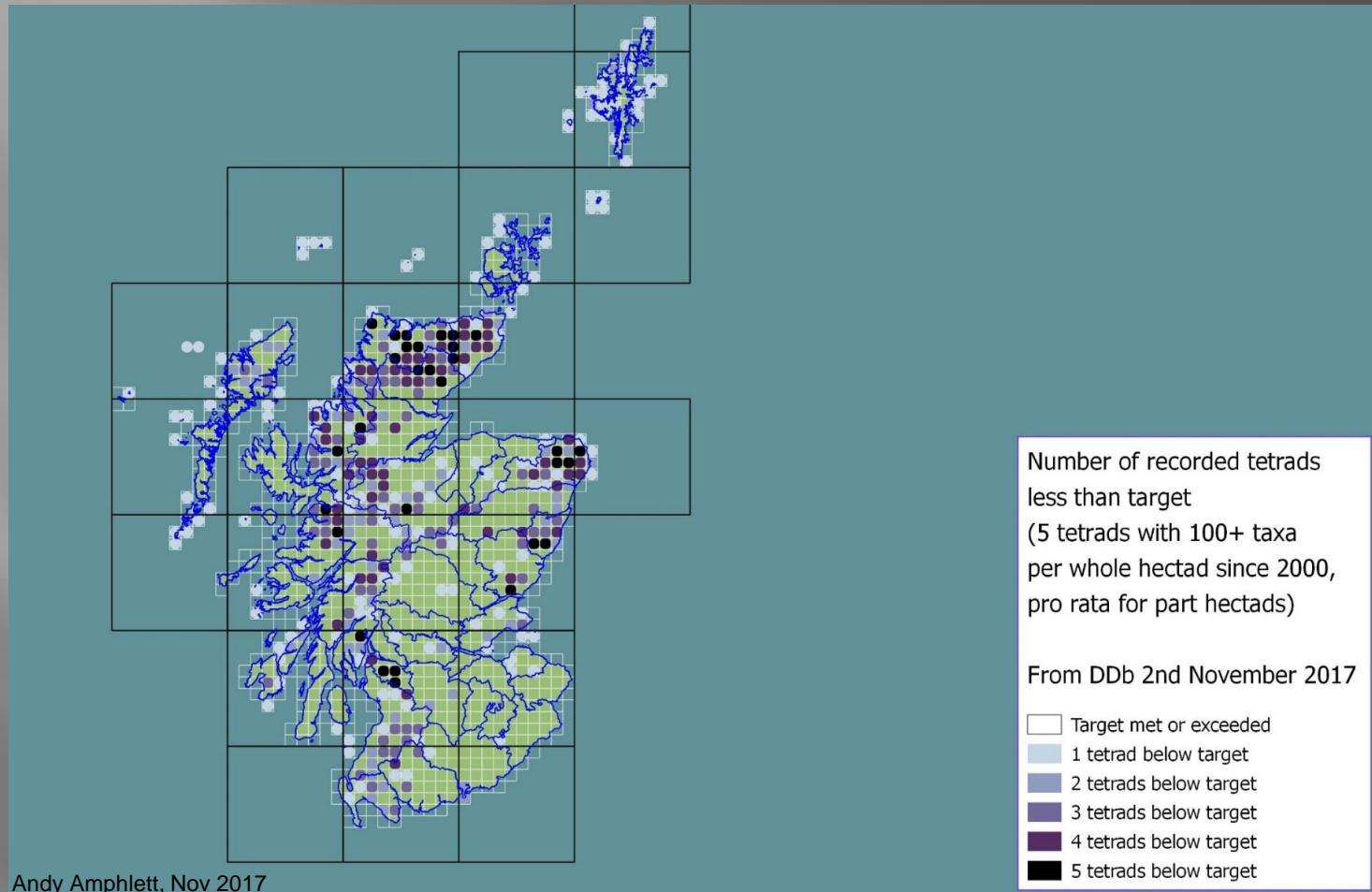
1. Survey every hectad



We are doing pretty well recording in every hectad but some have rather few species recorded...

Of the 1074 hectads that have > 1% land, As at April 2018

2. Survey Five tetrads

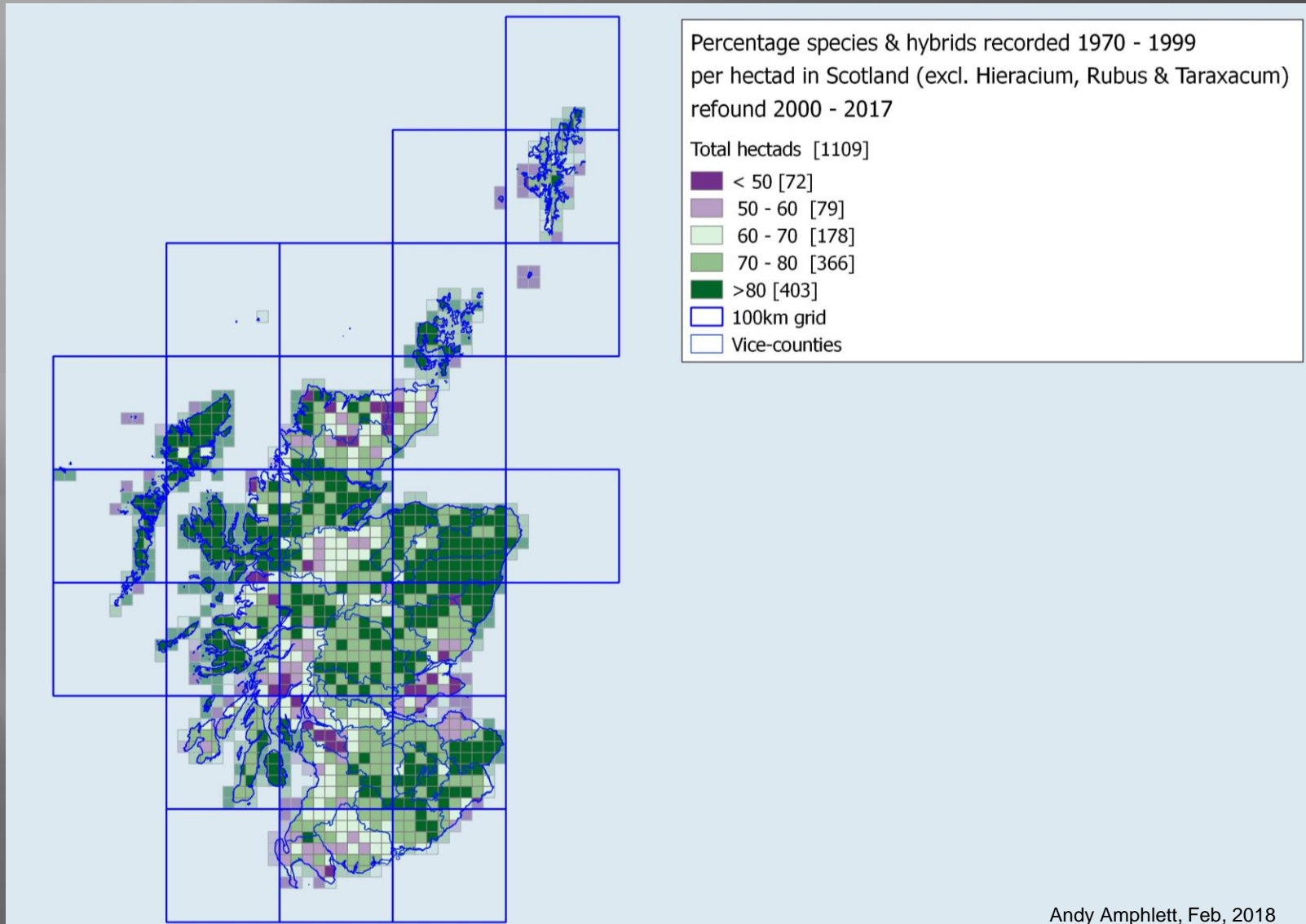


Generally we are doing pretty well surveying 5 tetrads per full hectad, but there are still gaps along the north and west – even allowing for the fact that this map was prepared 5 months ago!

3. Lowland squares surveys

Remember that lowland squares need to be visited twice in different seasons to get a full list of species; either in spring and summer, summer and autumn or spring and autumn. However, the effort required probably outweighs the benefit in remote, montane or upland squares, so those don't have to be surveyed twice.

4. Survey under-recorded hectads



5. Survey under-recorded habitats

Target particular habitats that are under-recorded.

These might include:

- Aquatic
- Arable
- Montane
- Woodland

Target under-recorded habitats in particular hectads. This might include moorland or montane in an otherwise low square (for example).



6. Survey under-recorded species

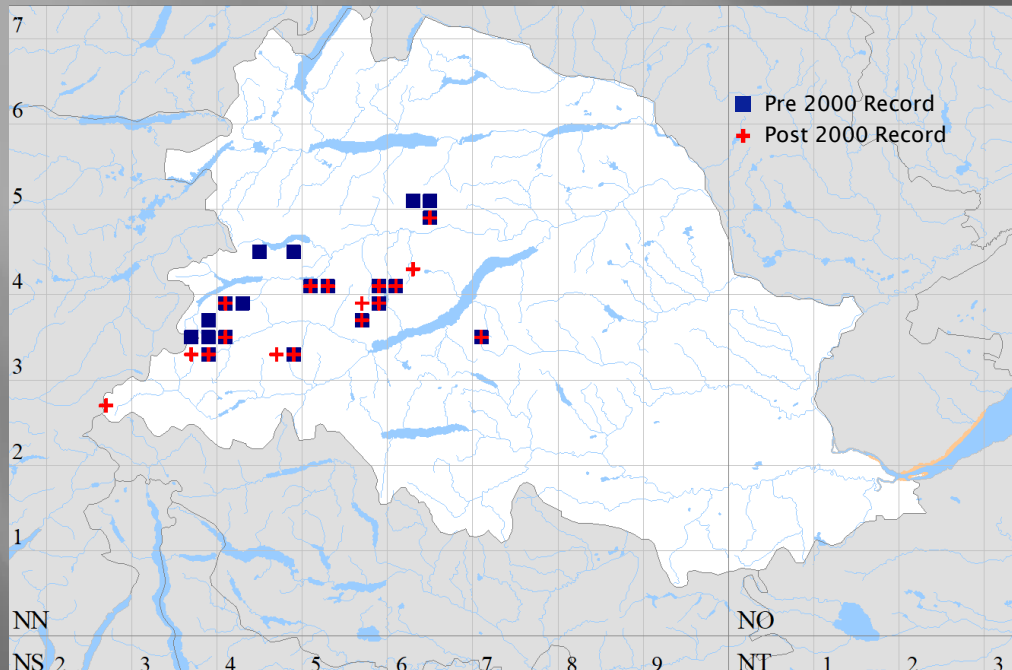
Target particular species or groups of species that are known to be under-recorded.

- Aquatics
- Arable weeds
- Montane spp.



7. Refind particular notables

Search out rare populations that if not refound will lead to Atlas 2020 showing a loss, misleadingly.



Distribution of Mountain Avens (*Dryas octopetala*) in Mid-Perthshire, vc88.



Mountain Avens (*Dryas octopetala*), Glen Affric, Jim McIntosh, 2017

8. Extend your season



9. How everyone can help

Please support:

- BSBI Recording weeks – Westernness, Wigtownshire & Argyll
- Recorders with their own recording trips
- BSBI Recording weekends – Drymen, Haddington & Kelso
- The general BSBI Field Meeting Programme across Scotland
- The Rough Crew - there is an outing to Tarf Bothy in East Perths (9-10 Aug) and possibly another in Glen Affric
- Your local recording group.



Thank you!

