



Attendance
open to all!

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SAT 5th to TUE 8th MAY – Wicklow (v.c.H20), Meath (v.c.H22), North Tipperary (v.c.H10) & Monaghan (v.c.H32)
Taraxacum training and recording workshops, organised in conjunction with the Dublin Naturalists' Field Club.
Leader: John Richards. **Contact:** Declan Doogue for further details or to book (see also: <https://bsbi.org/field-meetings>). John Richards' Taraxacum ID cribs available to download here: <https://bsbi.org/identification>

THUR 10th & FRI 11th MAY; SAT 12th & SUN 13th MAY – WESTMEATH – LOUGH OWEL AREA (v.c. H23)
This event consists of two separate two-day Charophyte ID courses, lead jointly by two leading experts, and put on with significant support from National Parks & Wildlife Service, as well as Inland Fisheries Ireland. Full details will be announced soon, and booking will be essential. There are likely to be both field and indoor elements. We hope to include an open session where participants can discuss ongoing activities in charophyte recording and conservation in Ireland, and people not attending the course are welcome to participate in this.
Leaders: Cilian Roden & Nick Stewart. **Contact:** Maria Long (maria.long@bsbi.org)

SUN 13th MAY – WEXFORD – CURRACLOE DUNES (v.c. H12)
This will be a meeting with a theme on *Viola* and other dune species. The [BSBI Viola Handbook](#) may come in handy! It is also hoped that *Vicia lathyroides* (Spring Vetch) will be found on the day, as it hasn't been seen at the site since 2006. **Leader:** Paul Green. **Meet/bring:** 10.30am in public car park on edge of dunes at T11342752. There is a café and public toilets by the car park. Bring a packed lunch. **Contact:** Paul Green (paulbsbivcr4h12@gmail.com or 00353 87 7782496)

SAT 19th & SUN 20th MAY – SOUTH KERRY – IVERAGH PENINSULA (v.c. H01)
This outing will focus on the mountainous, inaccessible interior of the Iveragh peninsula. On Saturday, the area south of Glenbeigh will be visited. A Rough Crew group will visit slopes above Coomacullen Lough, where *Sausurrea alpina* and other rarities need refinding, and another group will explore the lowland areas nearby. Sunday's outing will be to the remote interior of the peninsula near Derriana Lough. If weather conditions allow, there will again be Rough Crew and lowland options. **Leader:** Rory Hodd. **Contact:** Rory (rlhodd@gmail.com or 00353 87 7692001) to express an interest or for more info.

SUN 9th JUNE – NORTH-EAST GALWAY – MONIVEA, WOODLAWN AREAS (v.c. H17)
This one day trip will visit under-recorded areas in the vicinity of Monivea and Woodlawn, north-east Galway in order to improve Atlas 2020 coverage. **Leader:** Chris Peppiatt. **Bring:** Rain gear, boots and lunch are essential. **Contact:** Chris (chris.peppiatt@iol.ie or 00353 86 3125356) for details of meeting points and times.

FRI 15th to SUN 17th JUNE – EAST DONEGAL – INISHOWEN AREA (v.c. H34)
A range of under-recorded areas in the Inishowen peninsula will be visited with the aim to record for Atlas 2020. There will be a number of diverse habitats (bog, heath, upland and coastal) to explore. Each day we will divide into a number of smaller groups to maximize coverage. The trip will be suitable for all levels of botanical experience. **Leaders:** Oisín Duffy, Mairéad Crawford and John Conaghan. **Bring:** Please bring appropriate footwear, clothing, suncream and lunch for all days. **Contact:** Oisín (oisinsduffy@gmail.com or 00353 86 0526161) for further details and to confirm attendance.

SAT 23rd & SUN 24th JUNE – LEITRIM - various (v.c. H29)

On Saturday the Leitrim shore of Lough Melvin will be visited along with the lower ground of the nearby hills. On Sunday morning upland habitats in Slieve Anieran will be visited, with a visit to some drumlin lake and associated wetlands/grasslands habitats in the afternoon. **Leaders:** Eamon Gaughan & Aoife Delaney. **Meet:** On Sat - 10.00am at Kinlough near junction of R281 with R280 (Grid ref. G 815 554). On Sun - 10.00am at Drumshanbo car park between library and Bank of Ireland (Grid ref. G 973 109). **Contact:** Aoife Delaney (amdelane@gmail.com or 00353 86 3632426) or Eamon Gaughan (egaughan2016@gmail.com or 00353 86 0590323)

SAT 7th & SUN 8th JULY – LAOIS – various (v.c. H14)

On Saturday morning we will visit some diverse wet, orchid-rich pasture and scrub at Wolfhill (home of Hugh Sheppard) with the aim of Atlas 2020 recording. In the afternoon we will explore old clay pit tailings nearby. On Sunday morning we will visit a small woodland at Killeshin Reservoir, and in the afternoon, Rossmore for peatland habitats and great views over the Barrow floodplain. **Leaders:** Mark McCorry and Fiona MacGowan. **Meet/Bring:** On Sat – 11.00 at The Swan (Grid ref. S 5654 8232). Note that there is no shop in The Swan so bring a packed lunch. On Sun – 10.30 at Killeshin (Grid ref. S 6782 7802). **Contact:** Mark McCorry (mark.mccorry@bnm.ie or 00353 87 7530718)

FRI 13th to SUN 15th JULY – WEST GALWAY – INISHBOFIN ISLAND (v.c. H16)

Inishbofin is a beautiful island located 5km off the west coast of Co. Galway. The main habitats are dry heath and semi-natural grassland, with rocky ground also frequent. The island has been reasonably well recorded in the recent past, however there are a number of rarer species such as *Tuberaria guttata* and *Eriocaulon aquaticum* which require confirmation. The island is very popular in July, so advance booking of accommodation is advised. **Leader:** John Conaghan. **Contact:** John (johnconaghan18@gmail.com or 00353 87 2239858) to confirm attendance.

SAT 21st & SUN 22nd JULY – ANTRIM – CAUSEWAY COAST (v.c. H39)

The aim of this meeting is to record in two spectacular north-coast hectads which have been under-recorded since 2000. On Saturday, we will follow the long-distance coastal path from Dunseverick to the Giant's Causeway. On Sunday, we will visit the White Rocks and Ramore Head. [There is also the opportunity of a visit to the magnificent cliffs of Fair Head (hectad D14) with the Rough Crew on Fri 20th July.] **Leader:** David McNeill. **Meet/bring:** 10.30am on both days. Sat - at Dunseverick Castle car park (C98704450). Sun - at the bottom White Rocks car park (C88354072). A packed lunch and waterproof clothing will need to be carried on Saturday. Strong footwear is recommended on both days. **Contact:** David (dw.mcneill13@gmail.com or 0044 7599 902076) for more information, or to express interest in the Saturday evening meal and/or the Fair Head trip

WED 8th to SUN 12th AUGUST – MAYO – MAIN LONG RECORDING EVENT – various (v.c. H26, H27)

This will be our main long recording event, and we aim to increase the botanical recording coverage across areas of both East and West Mayo. This is a stunning part of Ireland – with boggy wilderness, dramatic mountains, exceptional coastlines, dunes, machair, and scenic internal rural lowlands. No matter where we focus on during this 4.5 day event, it will not disappoint! **Leaders:** Maria Long, Gerry Sharkey, Eamonn Delaney, John Conaghan. **Contact:** Maria (maria.long@bsbi.org or 00353 87 2578763) to express interest

SAT 1st & SUN 2nd SEPTEMBER – NORTH KERRY – BALLYBUNION AREA (v.c. H02)

The often neglected northern part of Kerry still requires much recording to get ample coverage for Atlas 2020. The northwest of the county, between Kerry Head and the mouth of the Shannon Estuary, and south to Abbeydorney, will be the focus of this outing. It is envisaged that a number of smaller groups will go out each day undertaking targeted recording. **Leader:** Rory Hodd. **Contact:** Rory Hodd (rlhodd@gmail.com or 00353 87 7692001) to express an interest or for more information.

SAT 8th & SUN 9th SEPTEMBER – WEST & MID CORK – TIMOLEAGUE & INISHANNON (v.c. H03, H04)

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 saltmarsh, stubble fields and woodland. Bring a packed lunch. **Leaders:** Clare Heardman, John Wallace. **Meet:** Day 1 - 10.30am, public toilets nr Timoleague Abbey (W 4718 4371). Day 2 - 10:30am, Topaz Garage, Inishannon (W 5443 5717). **Contact:** Clare (clare.heardman@ahg.gov.ie or 00353 87 6781613) or John (johnwiegm@gmail.com) for more information.

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

Local groups: Kerry (contact Jessica Hamilton Jhbsbikerry@gmail.com); Cork (contact Edwina Cole edwinacole@eircom.net); Clare (contact Stephen Ward sdward@eircom.net); Waterford/Wexford (contact Paul Green paul.green@bsbi.org or paulaomeara@eircom.net); Galway (contact Maria Long maria.long@bsbi.org); Dublin (contact Colm Clarke dublinsbsi@gmail.com); Down (contact Graham Day gvd@cherrycottage.myzen.co.uk). 'Rough crew' for some adventurous botany (contact Rory Hodd rlhodd@gmail.com)