Notable Finds in 2019

*Alchemilla conjuncta* (Silver Lady’s Mantle). This garden escape was found near the packhorse bridge near the falls at West Burton by LR and Jim Parkin on the 8th May (SE01.86)

*Alchemilla glaucescens* (Silky Lady’s Mantle). This was found along the Scar and in a field below by LR and Sarah Chilton, the landowner on the 10th April (SE06.91)

*Alopecurus myosuroides* (Black Grass). This agricultural pest of a grass was found on an open access area near Crag Bridge near Bowes by LR on 7th September (NY99.15)

*Anacamptis morio* (Green-winged Orchid). One plant was found in Swinithwaite Pasture on the 27th May by LR and Yan-Yee Lau, this was the second recent record from this site since the 1980’s (SE04.90)

*Anchusa arvensis* (Bugloss). Found in two adjacent sites near Blois Hall and Pilmore Carr, both on the edge of arable fields, on 10th August by LR (SE34.72 and SE33.72).

*Arctium nemorosum* (Wood Burdock). This was found in adjacent monads at Blois Hall and Hutton Conyers by LR on 10th August (SE34.72 and SE33.72)

*Atropa belladonna* (Deadly Nightshade). This was found at Snape Castle on the 1st June by Geoffrey Hall (SE26.84)

*Betula utilis var jacquemontii* (Jacquemont’s Birch). This was found planted and well established in Bedale by Geoffrey Hall on the 6th June (SE26.88)

*Borago officinalis* (Borage). One plant was spotted on the verge at Crag Bridge, near Bowes by LR on the 7th September (NY99.15)

*Carex divulsa subsp. leersii* (Many-leaved Sedge). Deborah Millward’s last century record was recorded and updated by LR and Jim Parkin just over the packhorse bridge at West Burton near the falls on the 8th May (SE18.86)

*Catabrosa aquatica* (Whorl-grass). This was spotted in a flush on Mickie Fell by LR, Trevor Lowis and Jim Parkin on the 13th July bringing a 1980’s record up to date (NY80.25)

*Coeloglossum viride* (Frog Orchid). Seven flowering spikes found in the Long Flats field at Low Wanless during a Natural England survey on 4th June by LR, Deborah Millward, Trevor Lowis, and Chris Weaver (SE06.88)

*Conyza Canadensis* (Canadian Fleabane). Found on the edge of the car park at Leeming Services on 23rd September by LR and Sue Morris (SE28.99)

*Crepis mollis* (Northern Hawk’s-beard). This was seen by Tony Mundell on a visit to Teesdale on 1st July, welcome confirmation of an old record (NY90.27)

*Cyclamen hederifolium* (white form) (Cyclamen). This was found by Frank Morgan naturalised in woodland at the extension of the Nosterfield Nature Reserve on the 14th October (SE27.80)
Dryopteris affinis subsp. paleaceolobata (Scaly Male-fern). This under-recorded species was found on 19th February by Trevor Lowis near Richmond Old Station (NZ17.00)

Dryopteris affinis subsp. paleaceolobata (Scaly Male-fern). This was found again on Cronkley Scar by Bruce Brown, Trevor Lowis and LR on 20th July (NY83.29)

Dryopteris expansa. A few plants of this species were found by Trevor Lowis, Jim Parkin and LR growing in block scree on Mickle Fell on 13th July (NY80.24)

Epilobium anagallidifolium (Alpine Willowherb). This was found in a flush on Mickle Fell on 13th July by LR, Trevor Lowis and Jim Parkin (NY80.24)

Eranthis hyemalis (Winter Aconite) A good patch of this species was found on the verge near Fairfield Mill, Sedbergh on the 18th February by Dee Holladay (SD67.91)

Erigeron karvinskianus (Mexican Fleabane) this garden escape was seen as a pavement weed in Gayle during the New Year Plant Hunt on 4th January 2020 by LR, Trevor Lowis, Bradman Walker and James Walker (SD87.89)

Euphrasia ostenfeldii (An Eyebright). This rare eyebright was a first record for v.c.65, found by Brian Burrow and David Tennant on Mickle Fell on the 13th July. This was the second record of this species on the Northern Pennines, it had been found on the previous day on Little Fell in Cumbria about 3km south west of Mickle Fell by John O’Reilly (NY81.24)

Festuca rubra subsp. arctica (Red Fescue, arctic type). This probably overlooked subspecies of Red Fescue was spotted by Lizzie Maddison, Alison Donald, Richard Friend and Steve Gater on Mickle Fell on the 13th July. Only the second record for v.c.65 (NY82.24)

Fragaria ananassa (Garden Strawberry). This escape was spotted at Jervaulx Abbey by Fal Sarker on the 15th June (SE16.85)

Geranium x magnificum (Purple Cranes-bill). This garden escape was well established on the verge over from Barney Beck near Healaugh. It was spotted on 27th April by LR, Deborah Millward, Yan-Yee Lau and Jim Parkin (SE00.98)

Guizotia abyssinica (Niger). This bird-seed alien was found on a roadside kerb in Richmond on the 29th September by David Green (NZ16.00)

Hieracium triviale (Grey-headed Hawkweed). This was found by Fal Sarker at Jervaulx Abbey on the 15th June (SE16.85)

Lepidium didymum (Lesser Swine-cress). Found in Emgate, Bedale by Geoffrey Hall on the 6th June (SE26.88)

Malva neglecta (Dwarf Mallow). This was found on The Wynd, Bedale, by Geoffrey Hall on the 6th June (SE26.88)

Minuartia hybrida (Fine-leaved Sandwort). This was found on the walls of Jervaulx Abbey by Fal Sarker on the 15th June (SE16.85)
**Neotinea ustulata** (Burnt Orchid). Assisting with a survey on 4th June by Natural England, LR, Deborah Millward, Jim Parkin, Trevor Lowis, Michael Foley and Chris Weaver found 76 spikes in the fields on Low Wanless Farm. Over 300 were seen in the same fields in the 1980’s by Michael Foley and Mike Porter. (SE06.89 and SE06.88)

**Ophrys apifera** (Bee Orchid). This was seen flowering by Sue Millard in Leyburn Glebe on the 12th June, good to know it is still there. (SE10.89)

**Oxalis corniculata** var. **atropurpurea** (Procumbent Yellow-sorrel). This bronze leaved variety was found established in St. Gregory’s Churchyard in Bedale by Geoffrey Hall on 6th June (SE26.88)

**Papaver orientale** (Oriental Poppy). This was a first record for v.c.65, it was found by LR and Sarah Chilton in a lay-by just downhill of Preston Scar Quarry entrance on the 10th May (SE06.91)

**Polypogon viridis** (Water Bent). A first record for v.c.65. Found in Richmond on a cobbled verge by David Green on 29th September (NZ16.00)

**Polystichum x bicknellii** (**P. aculeatum** x **P. setiferum**). Found along the Tees Bank to Rokeby Park footpath by Trevor Lowis on the 20th March (NZ07.14)

**Prunus domestica** subsp. **insititia** (Damson/Bullace). Found in a hedgerow from Leeming to Gatenby on the 10th September by LR (SE31.88)

**Prunus domestica** subsp. **insititia** (Damson/Bullace). Found in an abandoned orchard/pasture by LR and Deborah Millward near Howgill Head, Lunedale, on the 28th August (SD62.97)

**Prunus domestica** subsp. **italica** (Greengage). Found alongside the above Damson record near Howgill Head, Lunedale, by LR and Deborah Millward on 28th August (SD62.97)

**Sagina filicaulis** (Upright Pearlwort). Found in Bedale on 6th June by Geoffrey Hall (SE26.88)

**Scilla sibirica** (Siberian Squill). Found above the road bridge over the Ure at Masham by LR and Deborah Millward on the 30th March (SE22.81)

**Solanum tuberosum** (Potato). Found along verges and tracks at Gatenby by LR on the 6th June (SE32.87)

**Solidago virgaurea** subsp. **minuta** (Dwarf Goldenrod). Found at High Force by Chris Meek, Caroline Stott and Ann Luxmoore on the 10th August, confirmation of a 1980’s record (NY88.28)

**Syringa vulgaris** (Lilac). Found in a hedgerow just outside Burneston on the 10th September by LR (SE31.85)

**Trifolium fragiferum** (Strawberry Clover). Spotted and identified by Helen Proctor and LR on a dry bank near Scorton on the 31st May, this is a first record for v.c.65 (SE24.99)