



Tuesday 14 May 2019 (Recording)

Joint BSS/BSBI/PSNS Urban Flora meet

Clackmannan, West Perthshire (v.c.87)

Leader: Liz Lavery

Joint BSS/BSBI/PSNS (Perthshire Society of Natural Science.) This excursion will collect records for the Urban Flora of Scotland from within the village boundary.

For more information and to book contact [Liz Lavery](#).

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May (Recording)

Haddington, East Lothian (v.c.82)

Leaders: Jim McIntosh & Helen Jackson

This long weekend meeting (starting on Friday morning) aims to help the Recorder improve Atlas 2020 coverage in East Lothian. We will be based in the old county town of Haddington, which is a conveniently central base. East Lothian is one of the smallest vice-counties and has a rich and varied coastline – with dune systems, marshes, scrub and grassland to the west of North Berwick – and a rockier coastline to the east. The hinterland is largely farmland, with small woodlands, and scattered settlements and gently rises to moorland of The Lammermuir Hills. So, there will be a good variety of habitats to visit and record.

Booking is essential – click here for [further information and to book](#). Contact [Marion Moir](#) for queries. Participants are welcome to come along on one, two or all of the days.

Thursday June 6th 2019 (Recording)

Conon Bridge, [Easter Ross \(v.c.106\)](#)

Leaders: Brian Ballinger and Mary Dean

This is a joint meeting with the Botanical Society of Scotland (BSS) which will contribute to the BSBI Atlas and also to the BSS urban flora project. Conon Bridge is a village lying at the outflow of the River Conon into the Cromarty Firth. We are likely to explore three areas in particular, firstly the footpath along the urban edge to the railway station and then upstream along the wooded bank of the River Conon. Finally, we would follow the path downstream onto the periodically flooded island. The paths are generally level although may be damp in places. We would be searching in particular for species not refound since 2000 and also review the unusual aliens on the island such as *Rudbeckia lacianata* (Coneflower) and *Physocarpus opulifolius* (Ninebark).

Bookings to Brian Ballinger (brian@garrickwood.org.uk)

Friday 7 to Sunday 9 June (Recording)

Dunfermline, [Fife \(v.c.85\)](#)

Leaders: Jim McIntosh & Sandy Edwards

This long weekend meeting (starting on Friday morning) aims to help the Recorder improve Atlas 2020 coverage in Fife, which is a moderately big county. We will be based in near Dunfermline which is a conveniently central base – especially for the under-recorded areas around the town and towards the western county boundary. This area of Fife has surprisingly rich and varied habitats – with coastal habitats, lowland raised bogs, many lochs, woodland, farmland and moorland rising up to 400m in the Cleish Hills. So, many interesting habitats to explore! We shall be looking out for Small Cudweed (*Filago minima*), Common Wintergreen (*Pyrola minor*), Hairy Stonecrop (*Sedum villosum*) and Spignel (*Meum athamanticum*).

Booking is essential – click here for [further information and to book](#). Contact [Sandy Edwards](#) for queries. Participants are welcome to come along on one, two or all of the days.

Sunday 16 June (Training)

Plant Families Field Meeting, [Aberdeen \(v.c.92\)](#)

Leaders: Faith Anstey and Aileen Meek

This is the follow-up field day for participants of the [BSBI Workshop on Identifying Plant Families](#) at Mar Lodge on the 15 June but everyone interested is welcome. More experienced botanists are welcome but may find themselves pressed into service to help the beginners! The emphasis will be on learning how to pursue identifications in the field, by means of plant families. It will be an advantage to have a copy of the *Pocket Guide to Wildflower Families* – which will be available on the day – as well as your favourite field guide. This meeting is specially for beginners & improvers. Time and venue to be confirmed; further information from [Aileen Meek](#).

Saturday 22 to Saturday 29 June (Recording)

Whitebridge, Easternness Atlas 2020 Recording Week (v.c.96)

Leaders: Jim McIntosh & Adam Fraser

Easternness is the biggest and most mountainous Vice-counties. This meeting aims to help the Recorder with Atlas 2020 in the area to the east of Loch Ness, between the loch and the Monadliaths. The meeting will also provide a great opportunity to help improve field identification skills and to see nice plants in nice places and have a lot of fun in the process! The area is fairly mountainous, and a reasonable level of fitness is required but we will aim to offer a range of different ability routes every day. At some point during the week we will take time off, to give you a chance to explore on your own. We will be based at Dell Lodge, Whitebridge. The Lodge is 10 miles from Fort Augustus. It accommodates 16 in total, variously in double or two bedded rooms, so participants should expect to share. Hilary Hawker has kindly agreed to cater for us again, so expect delicious home-cooking!

For further details and to *note your interest* please contact [Jim McIntosh](#), BSBI Scottish Officer.

Sunday 30 June (Recording)

BSS / BSBI Alpine Meeting

Ben Cruachan, Main Argyll (v.c.98)

Leader: John Holland, Gordon Rothero & Jim McIntosh

There are no post 2000 records from Ben Cruachan main ridge or from hills and corries in the hectad immediately to the south. We would *hope* to record all the usual summit arctic-alpines as well as a number of more local species such as Sibbaldia (*Sibbaldia procumbens*), Globeflower (*Trollius europaeus*) and Alpine Saw-wort (*Saussurea alpina*). This will be a reasonably stiff round trip walk of 8 miles and 1000m total ascent. Numbers are strictly limited.

For further details and to book please contact [John Holland](#).

Friday 12th to Sunday 14th July (recording)

Hawick, [Roxburghshire \(v.c.80\)](#)

Leaders: Jeff Waddell & Jim McIntosh

This year's annual Scottish Borders field meeting will take place over three full days and be based in Hawick, Roxburghshire. It's a central location from which many areas of the southern third of the county can be easily reached in a day trip, and these areas will be the focus of the meeting. The aim is to improve coverage for Atlas 2020 by targeting tetrads with no or few post-2000 records and promising habitat. Recent finds here include (Rough Horsetail) *Equisetum hyemale* and Parsley Fern (*Cryptogramma crispa*) and the ground is likely to be rich in places with a good range of habitats. It's hard to predict what species we will encounter as we will be breaking new ground. All levels of physical and botanical ability will be accommodated as usual. With groups organised to take account of both of these factors. Beginners are welcome as are vice county recorders and other experts. Participants are welcome to come along on one, two or all of the days. To book please email [Jeff Waddell](#).

Friday 19 to Sunday 21 July (mainly Recording)

[Orkney \(v.c.111\)](#)

Leader: John Crossley

This three-day meeting will include visits to some of the remoter parts of the Orkney Islands in order to fill some gaps in Atlas 2020 coverage. The outer islands of Sanday, Stronsay and Westray will be the main destinations, and, hopefully, the uninhabited islands of Copinsay or Eynhallow (to be decided), with alternatives in the event of poor weather or other unavoidable factors. There is additional cost in visiting small islands by private hired boat. The larger islands have a good variety of habitats, including coastal heath and grassland, lochs, varied wetlands and farmland. We should see such northern specialities as *Primula scotica* (Scottish Primrose), *Mertensia maritima* (Oysterplant) and coastal Euphrasias (Eyebrights). Numbers will be limited to 12 because of limited space on small boat and inter-island ferries.

Contact [John Crossley](#) to book and for more information including on travel and accommodation.

Thursday 25 to Sunday 28 July (Recording)
St John's Town of Dalry, Kirkcudbrighshire (v.c.73)
Leader: David Hawker & Jim McIntosh

Merrick (843m) is the highest mountain in the Southern Uplands. The aim of this field meeting is to help the VC Recorder with Atlas 2020 recording in the north of his big vice-county. One of our targets will be the ridges and corries along the Corserine - Carlins Cairn and Merrick ridges (weather permitting) looking for such rarities as Pyrenian scurvygrass (*Cochlearia pyrenaica*). There will also be plenty to do on lower ground with no, or very few, recent records of Bog-orchid (*Hammarbya paludosa*), Petty Whin (*Genista anglica*) and Bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*). It would also be great to renew the only record of Cloudberry (*Rubus chamaemorus*) in the VC.

Generally, we will aim to go out in small groups of threes and fours every day to maximise Atlas coverage and make best use of scarce botanists! We will base ourselves in the Clachan Inn in St John's Town of Dalry, but there are several other hotels and B&Bs available in the local area. Booking is essential – click here for [further information and to book](#).

Friday 9 to Sunday 11 August (Recording)

Fintry, [Stirling \(v.c.86\)](#)

Leaders: Matt Harding & Phil Sansum

This long weekend meeting (starting on Friday morning) aims to help the Recorders improve Atlas 2020 coverage in Stirlingshire. We will be based in Fintry, which is an ideal base for accessing Glen Carron, with easy access south to Campsie and Lennoxton - all of which are rather under-recorded. So, lots of interesting moorland, woodland and aquatic species to record! For further information and to book please contact Matt Harding: - matt@hardingecology.com

Saturday 17 August (Recording)

Cashel, Balmaha, [Stirling \(v.c.86\)](#)

Leaders: Matt Harding & Carol Crawford

Join BSBI members in a "Bio-Blitz" at Cashel Forest, a 'Millennium Forest' new native woodland on the east shore of Loch Lomond. The aim is to record as many taxa as we can for the Bio-Blitz in an area of new woodland with crags and open moorland, streams, gorge woodland and an area of SSSI Oak woodland. There are baseline biological records available from the late 1990's when the sheep stock was removed and the native woodland planting started. There has been no grazing since (other than deer) and the woodland is now well established. For further information please contact [Matt Harding](#).