

BSBI CHESHIRE RECORDING NEWSLETTER – 2006

2005 began with a visit to Anderton where 132 records were added to SJ67M with a further 44 in Hopyards Wood. The lanes round Comberbach area yielded 137 for SJ67I and a walk along footpaths and lanes at Bickley added 166 in SJ54J. Maiden Castle only yielded 21 new records but we enjoyed the bilberries and reunited a rather lost looking cairn terrier with its owner. There was no sign of *Scleranthus annuus*, but a total of 124 *Asplenium trichomanes* ssp *pachyrachis* plants were counted here, but only 30 at the adjacent Bickerton Hill where we missed the main colony. Dense bracken hampered our efforts, but 59 species were added to the hectad. At Moore NR, the *Pyrola rotundifolia* was doing well, but *Carex vulpinoidea* was suffering from mouse-attack. In SJ56X, 50 were new and in SJ58S we added 35. *Filago vulgaris* and *F. minima* are doing really well. *Calystegia sepium* ssp *roseata* was a pleasing record there. Ebnal (SJ44Z) started off very wet, but fortunately improved and 150 additions were made. A strange rose hybrid defied identity! Clutton (SJ45S) faired even better with 160 records, 95 being new including *Ceratochloa carinata* which is appearing more and more and *Prunus x fruticans* which looks like a sloe with bigger fruits. The damson parent does little to improve the flavour! At Chowley we only got 29 extras and buff-tip moth caterpillars were probably the day's highlight.

Elsewhere, Jane Roberts found a nice colony of *Catabrosa aquatica* which does not turn up often and *Eleogiton fluitans* resurfaced at Bradfield Green (Andy Harmer) and Shocklach. It is very elusive these days. Eric Greenwood was amazed to find *Orobanche hederæ* new to VC58 in a neglected corner of his garden, and on Shining Tor, David Shaw spotted a single plant of *Huperzia selago* which has not been seen for 100 years. Best of all, Roy and Marie Beacham found a fine plant of *Meum athamanticum* at Mow Cop which is an amazing record if it is native! Would anyone plant such a thing there? It seems unlikely. If you want to see Green Galingale (*Cyperus eragrostis*) which is a very handsome plant, go to the east bank of the River Dane at Rudheath SJ671730 where it is doing impressively well in a series of pools.

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CHESHIRE PLANT RECORDING MEETINGS FOR 2006

Saturday April 22nd 2pm BOSLEY

Park in layby on east of A523 at SJ918657 and walk west towards the canal. Come to the pub opposite the church for lunch and/or a drink at noon.

Sunday May 14th 2pm MARTHALL

Park in layby at SJ790762 for footpaths to north.

Saturday June 10th 2pm WRENBURY

Park on verge at SJ687481 for walk to northeast. Meet in the pub just over the canal for lunch at noon, if you wish.

Saturday July 2nd 2pm KNUTSFORD

Park in layby at SJ771796 hoping to get to Booths Mere for Cicuta.

Sunday July 30th 2pm MARTON

Park at SJ854689 and go north.

Wednesday August 16th 11am HURLESTON

Park on old road at SJ620557 (or in layby across A511) for footpaths and canal. BRING PACKED LUNCH.

Sunday September 10th 2pm NORBURY

Park on verge on straight part of lane at SJ549474

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Meum athamanticum at Mow Cop (photo by Roy Beacham)