

BSBI CHESHIRE RECORDING NEWSLETTER – 2010

The first meeting took us on a pleasant walk by the River Bollin from Wilmslow to Styal in SJ88G where 51 additions were made. A large colony of *Tolmiea menziesii* was thriving in a long established site and *Erophila glabrescens* still survived in Styal Mill car-park along with *E. verna*. *Alnus x hybrida* was another interesting find. In SJ85C near Alsager, interest was shown in *Bellis perennis* forma *discoformis* (with no ray florets) and *Capsella bursa-pastoris* with undivided leaves. An old railway line gave us *Tellima grandiflora* and later *Pulmonaria officinalis* survived where it had been dumped. A nice unimproved pasture finished the day, which yielded 169 species. The lanes north of Little Budworth Common in SJ56Y were our next target with 157 additions including *Rosa mollis* agg, *Senecio sylvaticus* and *Polygonatum x hybridum*. A pub lunch in Barbridge preceded the next meeting in SJ65D where 14 additions included *Ranunculus fluitans* in a small tributary of the R. Weaver. Then we continued into SJ65I where 170 new records were made. A hedgerow rose, which looked like *R micrantha*, caused excitement, but a later (more mature) visit showed it to be *R rubiginosa* probably introduced, as was *Inula helenium*. *Bidens frondosa* by the canal was new along with *Arctium lappa* which seems to be still spreading.

SJ55M and N were the subject of a whole day's scrutiny with the former gaining 135 new. *Bidens cernua* var *radiata* was gracing a pond and a patch of thistles brightened the day with 9 species of butterfly. Both *Galeopsis tetrahit* and *bifida* were seen and *Lotus corniculatus* var *sativus* was thriving in a corner of a maize field, which we skirted after mislaying the correct path! In SJ55N a remarkable arable field had *Amsinckia micrantha* in 2 places and *Onopordum acanthium*, *Echium vulgare* and other "weeds" helping the total of 160. *Anagallis arvensis* f. *carnea* was another unusual find. In SJ55X, 160 additions were made including *Oenanthe aquatica*, *Populus nigra* ssp *betulifolia*, *Rumex x pratensis*, *Rosa sherardii* and *Crataegus laevigata*. Attention was distracted by a hobby that flew over us. The final meeting was in SJ57G in Delamere Forest with apologies for the incorrect map reference. 143 additions included *Galeopsis bifida* and *Potentilla x mixta* and good views of a sparrow-hawk made for variety.

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CHESHIRE PLANT RECORDING MEETINGS FOR 2010

Meetings begin at 2pm unless otherwise stated and last until 5-6pm. It is usually a gentle stroll and all are invited but these days it is at your own risk.

Sunday 18th April Newhall 2pm

Park in lane at about SJ615458

Saturday 15th May Aston juxta Mondrum 2pm

Park near war memorial at SJ652568.

Sunday 27th June Woodley Cross 2pm

Park in lane at SJ579527 to go west. Lunch at the Thatch Inn at SJ591530 at noon onwards.

Sunday 11th July Chorlton 2pm

Park in lane at SJ731497 and go west.

Thursday 29th July Wheelock Heath 10.30am

Park in the lay-by by Winterley Pool SJ747571 to record in this tetrad and the one to the south. Bring packed lunch.

Sunday 15th August Coole Pilate 11am

Park by canal bridge at SJ649462 and walk south. Bring packed lunch.

Saturday 4th September Mickle Trafford 2pm

Park in the lay-by at SJ448703. Lunch at the Shrewsbury Arms just to the north on the A56 at Bridge Trafford at 12 noon.

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Arctium lappa



Bidens cernua var *radiata*



Alnus incana



Alnus x hybrida