

SUSSEX BOTANICAL RECORDING SOCIETY Newsletter No. 31.

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As the 1990 field recording season gets under way, and the 'Selected Supplement to the Sussex Plant Atlas' is with the printers, our plans for future recording involve two rather major changes.

FIRST - we shall concentrate in the next few years on 10 km square records, in preparation for the proposed new 'Atlas of the British Flora'. The BSBI Monitoring Scheme 1987-88, recorded one 10 km in nine - in Sussex SU 80, 83, TQ 10, 13, 40, 43, 70. Now we hope to record those not covered by the Monitoring Scheme, until all the Sussex 10 km squares have post-1986 records. In the new Atlas, a separate symbol is planned for all records from 1987 (i.e. Monitoring Scheme onwards). For this year please select your 10km (if you have botanical near-neighbours, possibly liaise with them to divide out the 10 kms - although it has been shown that duplication brings in extra records, so the division of 10 kms is not too important at this early stage).

For the recording please use the Monitoring Scheme S. England RP 19 Cards - Louise Matcham has these if you need more - yellow, if remaining Monitoring stock, white if the recent reprint. As this recording will in general be less localised, it will now be even more important for us to have a detailed locality for any LESS COMMON PLANTS which you find. So a Grid Reference please for all records of Less Common Plants - with locality name, habitat, date etc., (as spaced out for you on the back of the RP19 cards). The question is how do we define an L.C.P. in Sussex? This is where we turn again to the 'Sussex Plant Atlas' and :

Any species with LESS than 10 DOTS in the VC in Sussex Plant Atlas
or a new 10 km Record
is a LESS COMMON PLANT
any to be recorded as instructed above.

the SECOND change is the tetrad lettering. When the Sussex Atlas project was set up in 1966 we inadvertently failed to use the standard lettering. This was particularly confusing during the Monitoring Scheme when, as you know, we had to convert our tetrad letters to those used in the Scheme. Your Committee decided that 1990 was the year to grasp this nettle, and from now, when we are using tetrads we will use the letters as shown on the map drawn by Alan Knapp enclosed. (Also shown on RP 19).

Finally, it is good to report that good new records are already coming in for this new season. Poa bulbosa has been found by Tony Spiers in Brighton churchyards in both VCs 13 and 14, and Paul Harmes has also found this Bulbous Meadow-grass in VC 13 in a park in Portslade. We look forward to many more good records this year - good hunting!

Mary Briggs.

1990 Field Recording - East Sussex.

Will those Members who are filling in yellow BSBI cards please let me know which 10 km area they are doing. If they have large print yellow cards and no RP 20 white cards to go with it, will they please make notes under the following headings: Species, locality, 6 figure Grid Reference, habitat, date and any other notes.

Thank you and good botanising

Breda Burt

ADDITIONAL FIELD MEETING.

There is an additional field meeting omitted from the earlier list

Date: Sunday 12th August, 1990.
Leader: Ann Griffiths
Place: Survey of LNR at Weirwood Reservoir
Meeting Point: Car Park on N side of the road along the S side
of Weirwood Reservoir. TQ383341.

If anyone has ideas for areas for field meetings and/or who are willing to lead field meetings, could you please contact either Pat Donovan or myself. Having suggested a meeting place you do not necessarily have to lead it if you feel you would prefer not to.

Alan Knapp

If anyone would like to give Tony Spiers and myself some of their time doing the field work for the proposed Brighton flora please contact me.

Also, additional help is needed recording for the Woodland Survey and if you feel you can help please let me know.

Paul Harmes.

Don't forget the Autumn Get-Together. Saturday 10th November at 10.00 a.m.

Soup and potatoes will be available as usual.

Tea and cakes as well.

Louise.