SBRS Quiz

Autumn 2025

Quiz

- Three sections of ten questions
  - Sussex Botany
  - General Botany
  - Photo identification

Section 1: Sussex Botany

Question 1: Which meeting had the most attendees in 2025?:

A. Wakehurst Bioblitz

B. Pagham NYPH

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A. Eryngium maritimum (Sea Holly)

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A. 35%

B. 45%

C. 55%

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Question 4: 154 people contributed records to the *Sussex Plant Atlas* (1980). Approximately how many contributed records to the Flora?

A. 300

B. 450

C. 600

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Question 5: Which of the following is not protected under Schedule 8 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act (1981)?

A. *Himantoglossum hircinum* (Lizard Orchid)

B. *Neotinea ustulata* (Burnt Tip Orchid)

C. *Ophrys sphegodes* (Early Spider Orchid)

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Question 6: Which of the following Sussex geology is oldest?

A. *Hastings Group*

B. *Purbeck Group*

C. *Lower Greenstone Group*

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A. *Rubus fruticosus agg.* (Bramble)

B. *Urtica dioica* (Nettle)

C. *Taraxacum officinale agg.* (Dandelion)

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Question 8: Which plant stars on the cover of *The Sussex Plant Atlas*?

A. *Phyteuma spicata* (Spiked Rampion)

B. *Adonis annua* (Pheasant's Eye)

C. *Seseli libanotis* (Moon Carrot)

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Section 3: Photo 1

Suaeda maritima - Annual Seablite



Section 3: Photo 2

Phacelia tanacetifolia



Section 3: Photo 3

Salsola kali -

Prickly Saltwort



Section 3: Photo 4

Serratula tinctoria

Saw-wort



Section 3: Photo 5

Hypericum pulchrum

Slender St John’s Wort



Section 3: Photo 6

Urtica dioica

Common Nettle



Section 3: Photo 7

Genista anglica

Petty Whin



Section 3: Photo 8

Bistorta officinalis

Common Bistort



Section 3: Photo 9

Ammi majus

Bullwort



Section 3: Photo 10

Filago vulgaris

Common Cudweed



