

Worcestershire plant records 2019

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The following list is a selection of records for some of the county's less common species.

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Nomenclature follows *New Flora of the British Isles*, ed.4 (Stace, 2019)

Aconitum napellus ssp. *napellus* – 37 plants, Worcestershire side of Corn Brook, SO6168.

Amaranthus hybridus – scattered on margin of arable, Clifton upon Teme, SO7162

Anacamptis morio – single plant, garden lawn, Stoke Bliss, SO6463; 76 plants, unimproved grassland, Longdon Marsh NR, SO8234

Anthyllis vulneraria ssp. *vulneraria* - several scattered small patches, grassland, Broadway Hill, SP1136.

Apera spica-venti – large quantity, arable fields, Droppingwells Farm NR, Blackstone, SO8074, B. Westwood (BW), conf. RM *et al.*

Arctium minus ssp. *pubens* – few plants, wood margin, Kyrewood, SO6067.

Arum italicum ssp. *italicum* – small patch, forestry trackside, Woodbury Hill, SO7564.

Asperula cynanchia – several scattered small patches, grassland, Broadway Hill, SP1036.

Bunias orientalis – ca 20 scattered plants, rough grassland, Bredon Hill, SO9638. Only known previous occurrence was on railway sidings at Malvern in 1898.

Callitriche platycarpa – common, Hatch Pool, Lindridge, SO6869.

Campanula glomerata – 50-100 plants, Broadway Hill, SP1036/1136.

Cardamine corymbosa – many plants in paving cracks, High Street, Stourbridge, SO9084, B. Westwood.

Carex binervis – one plant with *C. laevigata*, woodland ride, Little Farley Wood, SO9577.

C. elongata – 25 tussocks, *Alnus* carr, south of R. Cole, SP0874. Only known site.

C. laevigata – ca 15 tussocks, acid flush, base of Cofton Hill, SP0074; eight tussocks woodland ride, Little Farley Wood, SO9577.

Cirsium dissectum – 200-300 plants, rough grassland, Wythall NR, SP0876.

Clinopodium acinosa – frequent, disused quarry, Fish Hill, Broadway, SP1136.

C. ascendens – frequent, Sandbourne railway sidings, SO7974.

Cosmos bipinnatus – casual introduction among Sunflowers, Clifton upon Teme, SO7162.

Curcubita pepo – several plants, muck heap in neglected arable, Stanford Bridge, SO7165.

Cynoglossum germanicum – at least 10000 plants in woodland, Parson's Brake, Hinton on the Green, SP0339 (VC33). First recorded by M. & C. Kitchen in 2018. Last county record 1898

Dactylorhiza fuchsii x *D. praetermissa* (*D. x grandis*) – two plants with parents, sandy *Salix* scrub, Wild Goose NR, SO8361

Dipsacus pilosus – small quantity few places brookside, Corn Brook, SO6168/6169; large patch, bank of Rea, SO6570; scattered along foot of cliff, Shrawley Wood, SO8165

Dryopteris affinis ssp. *affinis* x *D. filix-mas* (*D. x complexa* nothosp. *complexa*) – 1 large plant with parents, woodland, Ayton's Heath, SO7063'

D. affinis ssp. *cambrensis* – 1-2 plants, woodland, Perry Wood, Stoke Bliss, SO6261 (VC36)'

Drymochloa sylvatica (*Festuca altissima*) – six plants in deep ravine, Areley Wood, SO7971, BW. 4th Worcs. site; 300-350 tufts, sandstone cliff, Shrawley Wood, SO8166, where first recorded in the early C19.

Epilobium roseum – foot of house walls since 1991, Stoke Bliss, SO6463; few plants margin of arable, Clifton upon Teme, SO7162.

Epipactis phyllanthes – four plants, lane bank, Highwood, SO6567.

E. purpurata – two plants trackside scrub, Footrid, SO6770.

Ervilia sylvatica (*Vicia sylvatica*) – several places, Suckley Hills, SO7352.

Euonymus sachalinensis – established shrub with other planted species, Gloucester Coppice, Wolverley, SO8379, BW.

Filago germanica – common, Sandbourne railway sidings, SO7974.

Filipendula vulgaris – 1-2 plants, grassland, Broadway Hill, SP1036; 2 plants rough grassland, Pinvin Roughs, SO9449.

Fumaria purpurea – 100s of plants of under-recorded species, verge and hedgebanks, Great Witley, SO7566, BW conf. T. Rich
Gagea lutea – small patch, Worcestershire side of Corn Brook, SO6169.

Geranium columbinum – several small patches, tracksides, Bredon Hill, SO9438/9439.

G. rotundifolium – frequent, Sandbourne railway sidings, SO7974.

Hyoscyamus niger – at least 1000 plants, neglected arable, Stanford Bridge, SO7165, J. Sparey, confirmed RM, 2018. No plants found 2019. Last recorded in the general area at Pensax in the mid C19.

Hypericum montanum – two plants, steep grassy hillside, Walsgrove Hill, SO7465, BW. Last recorded in SO73 in 2006.

Lathraea squamaria – small patches many places, brookside, Corn Brook, SO6168/6169.

Linaria maroccana – few plants, sandy waste ground, Wild Goose NR, Grimley, SO8361.

Linum bienne – several plants, lane verge, Eight Oaks, SO7738

Melampyrum pratense ssp. *commutatum* – Along 20m, roadside NR, Suckley, SO7351.

Nasturtium microphyllum – large patch, pool, Wild Goose NR, Grimley, SO8361.

Polypogon monspeliensis – several plants, waste ground, under M50 bridge, Ripple, SO8636.

Populus nigra ssp. *betulifolia* – single trees, bank of the Rea, SO6569, and Trapnell Brook, SO6571; two trees, streamside, Upper House, Kyre, SO6165.

Puccinellia distans – common, waste ground, under M50 bridge, Ripple, SO8636.

Pyrola rotundifolia – at least 100 rosettes and one flowering plant, sandy *Salix* scrub, Wild Goose NR, Grimley, SO8361. Second reserve site

Oenanthe fistulosa – few plants, poolside, Ashmoor Common, SO8446.

O. lachenalii – 1-2 plants, poolside, Pinvin Roughs, SO9449. Much declined recently due to an increase in *Bolboschoenus maritimus*.

Omalotheca sylvatica (*Gnaphalium sylvaticum*) – At least 100 plants, grassland, Clent Hill, SO9280. Appears to have recently declined at probably only extant site.

Onobrychis viciifolia – few plants, sandy waste ground, Grimley, SO8361.

Ophrys apifera var. *chlorantha* – single plant of rare variant, disused quarry, Fish Hill, Broadway, SP1136.

Orobanche minor – small quantity, grassy tracksides, Westmancote, SO9438/9439; scattered, rough grassland, Conderton Hill, SO7638, where known for over 50 years.

O. rapum-genistae – 13 plants, S. facing scrubby bank, Hanley Child, SO6564.

Polystichum aculeatum x *P. setiferum* (*P. x bicknellii*) – several scattered plants with parents, woodland, Deaths Dingle, Eastham, SO6767, where first recorded in 1999.

Roemeria argemone (*Papaver argemone*) – at least 100 plants, arable fields, Droppingwells Farm NR, Blackstone, SO8074, BW.

Saxifraga granulata - 1000s of plants, grassland and gravestones, Wolverley Churchyard, SO8279; several plants, wooded bank of Teme, Lower Rochford, SO6268; small patch bank of A451, Dunley, SO7868, where first recorded in 1979.

Scirpus sylvaticus – abundant, pool, near Severn, Shrawley, SO8165

Scrophularia umbrosa – several plants, side of the Rea, near Newnham Bridge, SO6570.

Silene catholica – seven plants, sandstone outcrop, SO87.

Population greatly reduced from a decade ago, mainly due to an overgrowth of Ivy. Only known British site, where first recorded in 1928.

S. vulgaris – large patch, trackside, Bredon Hill, SO9438.

Smyrnium olusatrum - small patches, roadside, Beckford, SO9735/9836, VC33.

Spartium junceum – single shrub, sandy scrub, Wild Goose NR, SO8361.

Spergularia marina - common, waste ground, under M50 bridge, Ripple, SO8636.

Spirodela polyrhiza – common, pool, near Severn, Shrawley, SO8165.

Symphytum grandiflorum – small patch, bank of Teme, Northwick, SO6068.

Trachystemon orientalis – large patch, verge of A451, Hagley Hill, SO9281, BW. First published record for site (Mathews, 1868).

Trifolium subterranean – frequent, garden lawn, Franche, Kidderminster, SO8278, BW.

Valerianella carinata – common, sandy waste ground, Wild Goose NR, Grimley, SO8361.

Verbascum lychnitis – small population stable at 14 plants, Sandbourne railway sidings, SO7974. Only extant colony.

V. phlomoides – At least 15 plants, Sandbourne railway sidings, SO7974.

V. phlomoides x *V. thapsus* (*V. x kernerii*) – few plants with parents, Sandbourne railway sidings, SO7974, where first recorded in 2011.

Zinnia elegans cvs. – casual introduction among Sunflowers, Clifton upon Teme, SO7162.

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