

Cambridgeshire Flora Group

NEWSLETTER Spring 2004

Records from the 2003 field season

During the last field season the group collected some 3500 records, the very large majority of them for parishes with few recent records in the database. If any of you still have record cards for 2003 please send them to me as soon as possible.

The first year of the BSBI Local Change Survey progressed well, with all but one of the eight tetrads receiving a number of recording visits during the season. Additional visits to those tetrads which require further recording effort in order to ensure that all species, as far as practicable, have been found will take place this year.

During the winter I have been inputting records from Wildlife Trust survey work carried out in the 1990s; so far I have completed Fenland and East Cambridgeshire Districts but there are still many survey reports to go. In total, including all records input by Derek Wells, the database now stands at about 123,000 records.

Many thanks to all those who attended one or more of the 2003 excursions; we hope to see you all again, plus some new faces, this year.

Excursions in 2004

This year the format of a couple of excursions has been altered to allow some time for botanising in a group. We hope this will provide an opportunity to socialise, to share knowledge and to increase the skills and experience of the less practiced botanists in the group.

The April excursion will start at 10.00am and we will spend the morning botanising in a group in and around Brinkley Wood. After lunch I will be at the afternoon meeting point at 2.00pm in order to meet those who wish to attend in the afternoon only. The format of the afternoon session will follow that of recent years, with people being divided into pairs/groups and assigned areas from which to record. As before, the afternoon session will finish around 4.30pm or so.

Similarly, the May excursion will have a morning session exploring one or more of the Soham commons and an afternoon session spent at large in the parish.

Date	Morning session meeting point – 10.00 am	Afternoon session meeting point – 2.00pm
17th April	The meeting point is on the minor road running southwest from Dullingham past the western side of Brinkley Wood. Meet at TL609557 – this is the beginning of the track running from the road southeast to Brinkley Wood. Parking will be available on the gallop on the opposite side of the road.	Brinkley church TL629548
15th May	Meet at Paddock St. entrance to East Fen Common TL598732	Soham St Andrew's church TL593731
19th June		Oakington church TL415648
17th July		Witchford church TL503788
14th August		Melbourn church TL382448
11th September		Duxford St Peter's church TL480459

NO DOGS PLEASE

Please note that there is no guarantee that you will be able to park directly at the meeting points listed (unless the table states otherwise)

We would welcome anyone who is willing to adopt one of the less well recorded parishes that we are not able to cover in the excursions. If the idea appeals please contact Nick Millar to ensure that we do not have any duplication of effort; from the CFG database we are able to supply a list of species recorded so far for any parish to give you an idea of what has already been found.

PLEASE SEND ALL RECORDS AND ENQUIRIES TO OUR CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:

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