

Norfolk Flora Group Programme 2003

There are several themes to this year's programme. Some meetings will be for the BSBI "Local Change" project, which involves revisiting the tetrads recorded for the monitoring scheme in 1987/88 to try and identify any trends in changes to the flora. Others are to seek out *Genista anglica* (Petty Whin) and *Solidago virgaurea* (Goldenrod), which we think may be declining in the county. It would be interesting to record some quadrats for these, much as we did for Sulphur Clover last year. There are a few meetings to record site lists and some are just for fun.

Altogether, this has led to a very full programme. Some of the Local Change meetings will involve looking at two or more tetrads that are further apart than usual. Similarly, some of the localities for *Solidago virgaurea* are quite widespread for a particular meeting. We have selected a single meeting place for the sake of simplicity, but it may mean a little bit of extra driving around for some of the group.

The Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society are holding two further meetings in the 'Identifying Wild Flowers' series. Once again, your assistance with these would be greatly appreciated. The details are included in the list of meetings.

Alec has again arranged a series of meetings south of the border to help with the planned Suffolk Flora. The numbers of species recorded so far for each target tetrad are shown in brackets on the list.

Let's hope that we get good weather and that other possible distractions do not get in the way. We look forward to seeing you.

Gillian Beckett, Alec Bull, Bob Ellis

All meetings at 10.30 a.m.

- Thu Mar 13th** Meet at the NWT Centre by Weeting Heath, **TL 758 881**. Surveying the annual speedwells at Weeting. Identification can quickly be learnt. Patience and a willingness to bend are most useful.
- Sat Apr 5th** Meet in car park marked on Explorer map at west end of Knettishall Heath. **TL 943 807**. To record from I (92); J (140); N (34); P (134); U (127) and 98 A(50) and J (1) (room for improvement there!)
- Wed Apr 16th** Meet at the junction southwest of Earsham, **TM 319 888**. Local Change recording in TM38.
- Sat Apr 26th** Meet at Mendlesham church, **TM105 658**. To record from 16B(153); C (79); D (103); E (87); F (13) and G (90).
- Tue Apr 29th** Meet at the N.E. Mousehold Heath car park off Gurney Road, **TG 247 104**. To record Mousehold Heath and Lion Wood.
- Wed May 14th** Meet at the forest gate at **TL 752 881**. Surveying the heathland re-creation at Fosdyke Heath (next to Weeting), also to cover tetrad TL7882.
- Sat May 17th** Meet at Kings Picnic Place, **TL 824 750**. To record from 87 E(18); J (142); K (124); L (49); M (82) and N (109).
- Sun May 25th** Meet at Holt Country Park car park **TG 082 376**. To survey Holt Lowes and Beeston Bog for *Genista anglica*.
- Wed May 28th** Meet at **TF 827 325** (parking limited so make for nearest verge). Syderstone Common for *Genista anglica* in the morning and TF7040 in the afternoon.
- Sat May 31st** Meet at Yaxley church, **TM 121 739**. To record from F (146); G (190); H (139); L (102); M (158) and R (60)
- Mon Jun 2nd** Meet at the Horsford Woods car park to the east of the Holt road, **TG 184 176**. To survey Horsford Heath, Swannington Uppgate Common, Cawston Heath and Buxton Heath for *Genista anglica*.

- Sun Jun 8th** Meet at NWT car park off A1075 **TL 940 966**. NNNS 'Identifying Wild Flowers'. Thompson Common with Gillian Beckett.
- Thu Jun 12th** Meet on the west side of the Morston Rd at **TG 007 413**. Local Change recording in TG04
- Thu Jun 19th** Flordon Common. Park on the track through the gate to the common, **TM 181 974**.
- Mon Jun 23rd** Gayton. Meet in Back Street, near the entrance to The Hall at **TF 731 190**. For TF7218 and local *Genista anglica*.
- Sat Jun 28th** Meet at Ramparts Field, **TL 788 715**. 76M (122); N (114); S (93); T (13); Y (166) and Z (112). If time permits there are some 'goodies' in a nearby tetrad that we might have a quick look at.
- Thu Jul 3rd** Meet in NWT Upton Fen car park, **TG 380 137**. Local change recording TG31W and hopefully to survey the proposed new NWT reserve.
- Sun Jul 6th** Meet in the large lay-by off the Norwich-Wroxham road, **TG 287 155**. Local Change recording in TG31 (A & J). We will be splitting up and driving on from the meeting point.
- Tue Jul 8th** Meet at the S.E. corner of the Tesco car park, **TF 998 123**. Local change recording in TG01
- Sun Jul 13th** Meet at **TL 813 967**. Ickburgh, joint meeting with Plantlife.
- Thu Jul 17th** Meet at Manor Farm, Quidenham, **TM 024 888**. Local change recording in TM08
- Sun Jul 20th** Meet at the beach car park, Winterton, **TG 499 198**. NNNS 'Identifying Wild Flowers'. Winterton Dunes with Bob Leaney.
- Sat Jul 26th** Meet in car park at west end of Knettishall Heath **TL 943 807**. To do same squares as before.
- Wed Jul 30th** Meet at the N.E. Mousehold Heath car park off Gurney Road, **TG 247 104**. To record Mousehold Heath and Lion Wood
- Wed Aug 6th** Meet at the old station in Reepham, **TG 102 235**. Whitwell Common and Mariott's Way, mainly for *Solidago virgaurea*.
- Tue Aug 12th** Meet at Beeston Common lay-by. **TG 166 426**. Sites in TG13 and TG14 for *Solidago virgaurea*.
- Sat Aug 16th** Meet at Mendlesham church, **TM 105 658**. To record as before.
- Mon Aug 18th** Meet at the forest gate at **TL 752 881**. Surveying the heathland re-creation at Fosdyke Heath (next to Weeting), also to cover tetrad TL7882.
- Sat Aug 23rd** Meet at the Mariott's Way car park at the end of Fir Covert Road, **TG 160 165**. Sites in TG11 for *Solidago virgaurea*.
- Sat Aug 30th** Kings Picnic Place **TL 824 750** (We should not be leaving any cars here. This is a bad spot for car theft.) To record as before.
- Wed Sep 3rd** Meet at Holt Country Park car park **TG 082 376**. Sites in TG03 for *Solidago virgaurea*.
- Sat Sep 6th** Meet at Yaxley church **TM 121 739**. To visit the same tetrads.
- Thu Sep 11th** Burnham Overy Staithe. Meet on the Hard at **TF 844 442**. To visit marsh, sea bank and dunes. Lunches will have to be carried!
- Sun Sep 14th** Meet at the junction southwest of Earsham, **TM 319 888**. Local Change recording in TM38.
- Sat Sep 20th** Meet at Thetford Warren Lodge **TL 841 841**. To record in tetrads 88A(117); F (2); K (13); (G (129), includes the rifle range); H (145); I (118) and N (2),