

Norfolk Flora Group

Programme of Field Meetings 2005

Welcome to another extremely full and varied programme for 2005. We had a very successful survey of **Rock Sea-lavender**, *Limonium binervosum* last summer and will continue the project with a visit to Snettisham in August. Two other plants are featured this year: the nationally rare **Grey Hair-grass**, *Corynephorus canescens* and **Hoary Mullein**, *Verbascum pulverulentum*. The latter will probably take us a few years as there are numerous sites in *A Flora of Norfolk* – we will just make a start this summer – and perhaps some of you will be kind enough to volunteer to check your local colonies.

There are three identification workshops lined up: **Sedges** with Arthur Copping (who needs no introduction), **Pondweeds** with Chris Preston (the national authority on *Potamogeton*) and **Polypody** with Rob Cooke (BSBI referee for the genus *Polypodium*).

There are two BSBI meetings in the county this year: Arthur Copping is leading a grass and sedge identification weekend on 11th and 12th June and Alec Bull is holding a bramble meeting from 15th to 17th July. Full details are in the BSBI Year Book and if you would like to join in, please contact the leaders directly.

Alec is continuing to organise meetings in Suffolk to help with the proposed flora there and these are included in the list of meetings.

All meetings start at 10.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated (n.b. Aug 27th)

Sat April 23rd	TM 133 597	Stonham Aspell
	Meet on triangle at the end of Mickfield Road. Suffolk Flora recording.	
Fri April 29th	TF 696 046	Barton Leys
	From Barton Bendish drive south and then west along Boughton Long Road. After 1 km, at a left-handed right-angled bend, take a track west past 'Dairy Barn' ('Field Barn' on the map).	
Wed May 4th	TG 003 306	Swanton Novers
	Meet at the start of the forestry track into Brown's Covert, off the road between Hindolveston and Fulmodeston. To survey the Forest Enterprise parts of this woodland complex.	
Sat May 7th	TL 976 625	Woolpit
	Meet on the verge. Suffolk Flora recording.	

The Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society are holding two further meetings in the 'Identifying Wild Flowers' series and, as usual, your assistance with these would be much appreciated. Details are included in the list.

Please carry on recording **Alexanders**, and **Harebell**. The picture is building up well, but there are still plenty of gaps in the coverage. If you would like copies of the maps so far, please ask Gillian or Bob. Plantlife are organising a survey of four species of *Campanula* (including Harebell, which complements our own survey rather nicely). Further information will be available later in the year.

We have produced a list of those species for which we would like detailed records. If you would like a copy of this, please ask Gillian or Bob.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you at many of the meetings and, once again, would like to stress that botanists of all abilities are very welcome.

**Gillian Beckett, Alec Bull,
Bob Ellis, Frances Schumann**

Wed May 11th	TF 679 145	Blackborough End
	Drive down very rough track, past woodland and an isolated house, then turn immediately right into an area of old gravel pits signed King's Lynn Angling Association. In the afternoon meet at Park Farm (TF 673 123) in front of Farm Office.	
Sat May 21st	TM 236 633	Earl Soham
	Meet at the church. Suffolk Flora recording.	
Tue May 24th	TL 951 937	Great Hockham Common
	Park on short stretch of road east of A1075, which accesses fields east of Breckles Gate. A meeting there several years ago produced <i>Orchis morio</i> , <i>Dactylorhiza traunsteineri</i> , <i>Eriophorum latifolium</i> , <i>Carex appropinquata</i> etc.	

Sun May 29th	TG 110 436 Meet at the beach car park (a charge applies). NNNS 'Wildflowers revealed'.	Weybourne
Sat June 4th	TM 241 801 Meet at the church. Suffolk Flora recording.	Weybread
Thu June 9th	TM 026 932 Take the minor road between the A11 and Great Ellingham, and close to the A11 turn-off, turn down the lane to Fen Farm. We will collect here as the reserve car park holds only 4-6 cars and we may need to bunch up.	Swangey Fen
Wed June 15th	TG 380 136 Carex workshop with Arthur Copping Meet in the NWT car park.	Upton Fen
Sat June 18th	TL 737 715 Meet on the green. Suffolk Flora recording.	Tuddenham St. Mary
Wed June 22nd	TF 968 339 Park at corner of Little Snoring airfield for meadow by river Stiffkey. We shall move on to other local sites in the afternoon.	Thursford
Sat June 25th	TG 110 249 Meet at Salle Church. To survey <i>Verbascum pulverulentum</i> etc.	Cawston area
Sat July 2nd	TM 135 618 Meet at the church. Suffolk Flora recording.	Mickfield
Tue July 5th	TL 732 998 Half a kilometre SW of Oxburgh Hall, turn south down Ferry Road. Drive past Ferry Farm and Ferryman's Retreat and park on the verge opposite Bramble Cottage.	Oxburgh Hythe
Mon July 11th	TG 527 120 Meet at the beach car park. To survey <i>Corynephorus canescens</i> from Caister to Yarmouth North Denes	Caister-on-Sea
Wed July 20th	TG 464 242 Meet at Horsey Gap car park. To survey <i>Corynephorus canescens</i> from Horsey to south of Winterton.	Horsey/Winterton
Sun July 24th	TF 679 228 NNNS 'Wildflowers revealed'.	Roydon Common
Fri July 29th	TL 991 866 Enter track running north from B1077 to Waterways Farm, via white field gate opposite West Harling Road. A hundred acres of pasture, woodland and stream, part of which is an SSSI.	East Harling
Sat July 30th	TM 133 597 Meet on triangle at the end of Mickfield Road. Suffolk Flora recording (2 nd visit).	Stonham Aspoll
Thu Aug 11th	TF 647 335 Meet at the beach car park, c £2 parking charge. To survey <i>Limonium binervosum</i> and look for other goodies.	Snettisham Beach

Sat Aug 13th	Potamogeton workshop with Chris Preston. Please contact Frances Schumann for further details (see below).	Wormegay
Fri Aug 19th	TF 665 336 Ken Hill Estate. Meet on the disused railway track. Turn north off Beach Road onto a short track just west of Locke Farm. To look for plants on the railway track including <i>Filago lutescens</i> and survey for arable weeds in the fields adjoining.	Snettisham
Sat Aug 20th	TL 976 625 Meet on the verge. Suffolk Flora recording (2 nd visit).	Woolpit
Tue Aug 23rd	TG 003 306 Meet at the start of the forestry track into Brown's Covert, off the road between Hindolveston and Fulmodeston. (2 nd visit.)	Swanton Novers
Sat Aug 27th 7.40am	TG 413 022 We will leave cars at Reedham Station, take the 7.56 train to Yarmouth and walk back along the north bank of Breydon Water and the R. Yare (approx. 15 km). The current rail timetable expires in June, so please check beforehand for any changes.	Reedham
Sat Sep 3rd	TM 236 633 Meet at the church. Suffolk Flora recording (2 nd visit).	Earl Soham
Sat Sep 17th	TL 837 677 Meet at the church. Suffolk Flora recording.	Fornham All Saints
Sat Oct 1st	TG 325 057 Polypody workshop with Rob Cooke. Please notify Bob Ellis if you wish to attend, as there is limited space (see below).	Wheatfen
Wed Oct 19th 2.00pm	TF 975 170 Annual Meeting in the conservatory, Gressenhall Rural Life Museum.	