

Norfolk Flora Group

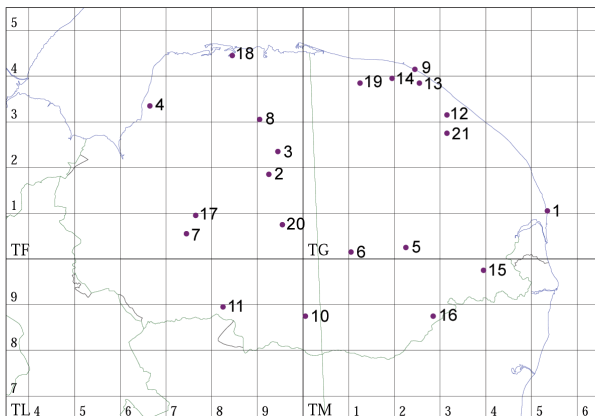
Joint Programme of Field Meetings 2006

Firstly, my apologies for sending this programme out so late and that the first meeting is almost upon us. **Bob**.

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.

There are no organised meetings of the Norfolk group in Suffolk this year. This will be the last recording year for the proposed Suffolk flora and if anyone would like to pay informal visits across the border, we can let you have maps of the less-well recorded areas. Nor are there any BSBI national meetings in the county, but there is a meeting in Huntingdonshire on 24th and 25th June to Woodwalton and Holme Fens (further details in the BSBI Year Book).

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



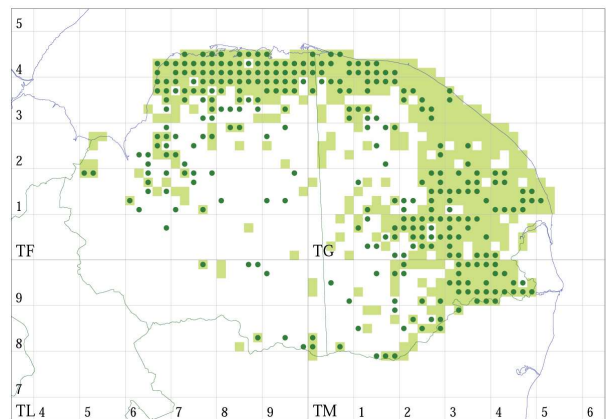
Map of meeting points

Gillian Beckett

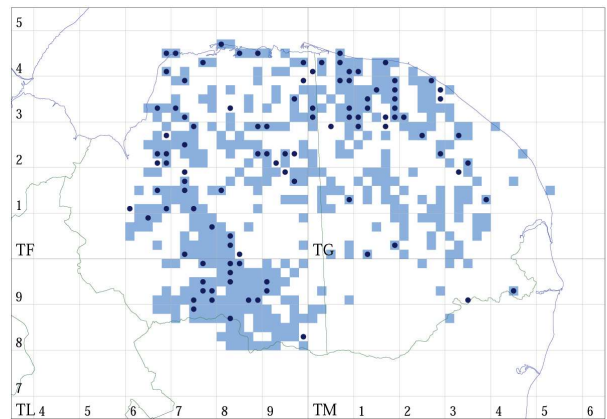
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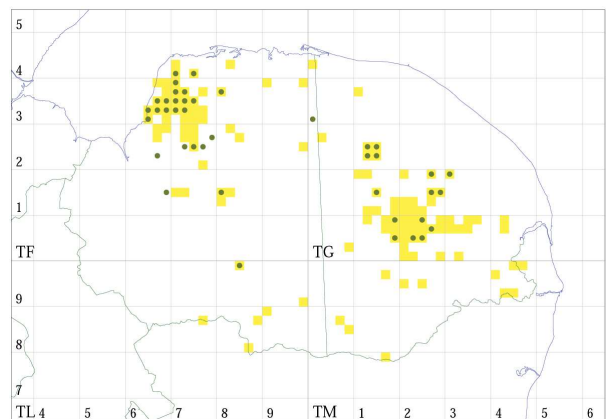
Widespread surveys As you can see from the maps, where the large squares are Flora tetrads and the smaller dots are records from 2000 onwards, there is still a fair way to go with all three of these species. We would like to complete the Alexanders survey this year, and there are still large gaps particularly in the north-east of the county. Please keep the records coming in.



Alexanders *Smyrnium olusatrum*



Harebell *Campanula rotundifolia*



Hoary Mullein *Verbascum pulverulentum*

All meetings start at 10.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated (N.B. Aug 24th)

Sat May 6	TG 531 102 Yarmouth North Denes Meet on North Drive (opposite the caravan site). This area was very productive last summer; a visit earlier in the year should be worthwhile. (1)
Tue May 9	TF 920 185 Mileham am Horse Wood is an SSSI. Take the metalled track on the south side of the B1145, opposite Mileham Primary School down to the wood. pm Mileham Castle Mound, also an SSSI. (2)
Sun May 21	TF 944 238 Horningtoft Wood A NNNS 'Wildflowers Revealed' meeting at this woodland SSSI. Meet at Manor Farm. (3)
Tue May 23	TF 665 336 Snettisham Ken Hill Estate. As last year, turn north off Beach Road onto a short track just west of Locke Farm and assemble here. We shall convoy to the grazing marsh, last surveyed in 1994, since when the water levels have been raised. (4)
Sat May 27	TG 227 025 Dunston Meet in Dunston Common car park. Dunston, Smockmill (and possibly) Fritton Commons. (5)
Thu June 8	TG 105 014 Wymondham area Meet in the Abbey station car park. Tetrad recording. (6)
Tue June 13	TF 745 058 Beachamwell Fen Park in front of the house at St John's Farm where we shall bunch up into as few cars as possible and drive to the Fen, a base-rich site and a County Wildlife Site. (7)
Thu June 22	TF 900 303 Sculthorpe Moor Turn south off the A148 down a track which is nearly opposite a bus-shelter, to park. The Hawk and Owl Trust Reserve, comprises Reedbed, Valley Fen, Alder Carr and Woodland, now extending to 200 acres. (8)
Tue June 27	TG 246 410 Overstrand Meet in the pay-and-display car park - share cars if possible as it's quite expensive. To look at the soft cliffs where there is <i>Dactylorhiza incarnata</i> subsp. <i>coccinea</i> and <i>Equisetum x rothmaleri</i> etc. N.b. there is some difficult terrain. (9)
Tue July 4	TM 007 873 East Harling Common Meet on the roadside here and we will proceed down a track from there to the Common. (10)

Thu July 13	TL 824 890 Grimes Graves area At this point enter Fire Route 24 adjacent to Lains farm and head west to park in the vicinity of the fire tank at TL 812 894. The area outside the official site, which should produce both chalky and acid-loving plants. (11)
Sat July 15	TG 317 312 Bacton Wood Rubus workshop with Alec Bull Meet in Bacton Wood car park. (12)
Wed July 19	TG 256 382 Frogshall Templewood Estate by kind permission of Eddie Anderson. Wet woods & meadows. (13)
Sun July 23	TG 194 394 Felbrigg Park A NNNS 'Wildflowers Revealed' meeting. Meet in NT car park near the hall. (14)
Thu Aug 3	TM 394 971 Raveningham Raveningham Hall Estate by kind permission of Sir Nicholas Bacon. Wet woodland & arable headlands. Meet at village hall car park - n.b. we will be moving on from there. (15)
Sat Aug 12	TM 286 873 Denton area Meet at St Mary's Church car park, Denton. Tetrad recording. (16)
Sat Aug 19	TF 767 091 Swaffham Forest Meet at the signed 'Picnic Site' (not the one shown on the OS map) by taking a metalled track south off the A1122. The northern end of the Forest, looking for typical Breckland flora. (17)
Thu Aug 24	TF 844 443 Scolt Head Island <i>Limonium binervosum</i> and other plants, c £6 return by ferry from Burnham Overy Staithe, leaving c 8am and returning late: approx 9 hours on the island (no shelter unless you bring a tent). (18) Limited numbers. Must book with FS.
Wed Sep 6	TG 121 381 Baconsthorpe Tetrad recording in the Bodham/West Beckham area. Meet at Baconsthorpe Castle car park. (19)
Fri Sep 22	TF 959 074 Shipdham Park at the Green, Shipdham, on the south side of the A1075, opposite the post office. Intensive recording of one or two tetrads. (20)
Sat Sep 30	TG 316 276 Honing area Tetrad recording. Meet in the Weavers' Way car park just north-east of Briggate Bridge. (21)