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New *Census Catalogue* now available

The 2008 *Census Catalogue* presents a full revision of the classification, nomenclature and v.-c. distribution of British and Irish bryophytes. In 304 genera it lists 1,056 species (4 hornworts, 297 liverworts, 755 mosses), 7 subspecies and 88 varieties. Genera are arranged in families

and orders according to recent global taxonomic arrangements by Crandall-Stotler *et al.* (2008) for liverworts and Goffinet & Buck (2004) for mosses.

Nomenclature generally follows the standard British floras of Paton (1999) and Smith (2004). All deviations from the nomenclature of these floras are fully annotated. The 68,764 v.-c. occurrences correspond to an average 62 records per listed taxon, of which 10% are old (i.e. pre-1960) records.

All listed v.-c. occurrences correspond to at least one localized record in the BBS database.

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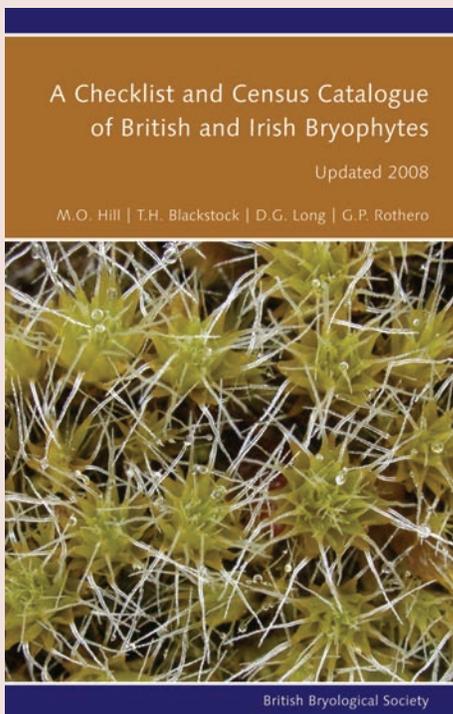
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Change in journal paper-length policy in *Journal of Bryology*

Authors may be interested to note that the *Journal of Bryology* has changed its policy on charging for lengthy papers which is now as follows.

Papers should not normally exceed 16 pages. However, henceforth, papers of more than 16 printed pages will be considered for publication, subject to the availability of space and the overall balance of the contents of the Journal. (Normally, such papers would be published in the Bryological Monographs series.)

These papers will be subject to the normal refereeing process. It is intended that such papers, if accepted, will be published free of charge, but it may be necessary to make a charge to meet some of the costs of publication. Therefore, authors who wish to submit such papers should contact the Managing Editor (Howard Matcham; [e hwlgmatch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hwlgmatch@yahoo.co.uk)) at an early stage to clarify whether or not a publication charge will be made.

There is clearly a limit to the number of longer papers that the Journal can include, but authors who wish to submit such papers are urged to do so via the online Editorial Manager facility at <http://jbr.edmgr.com>

Essex Bryophyte Group

The first meeting of this new local group will take place on Saturday 2 May at Ching Brook, Epping Forest. The group will meet at 11.00 am at Connaught Waters car park, on the north side of Rangers Road (TQ477950). Beginners are very welcome. If you wish to attend this meeting, please contact Sally Gadsdon (t 07879 245647).



Conservation Award for David Holyoak

Plantlife makes one or two 'Outstanding Contributions to Plant Conservation' awards annually. This year it is evidently the turn of cryptogams, since the awards are being made to Professor Juliet Brodie (based at the Natural History Museum, London) for work on the conservation of marine algae, and to our Vice-President and former Conservation Officer, Dr David Holyoak for his work on bryophyte conservation.

David's involvement with *Plantlife* as a Project Officer goes back to 1996 when he started work on *Petalophyllum ralfsii* for them under their 'Back from the Brink' programme and the UK BAP arrangements. Since then he has continued working for *Plantlife* each year on a range of bryophyte species, which in 2008–2009 includes *Bryum warneum*, *Lejeunea mandonii* and *Petalophyllum ralfsii*, with recent work also on other *Bryum* spp., *Dendrocryphaea lamyana*, *Riccia huebeneriana* and *Weissia rostellata*.

We extend our congratulations to David.

Election of Officers and Elected Members of Council

Dr D.T. Holyoak, the current Vice President, will become President on 1 January 2010 and it is necessary to elect a Vice President who will take up office on that date and will become President on 1 January 2012.

The terms of seven Officers: the General Secretary, the Bulletin Editor, the Conservation Officer, the Librarian, the Meetings Secretary, the Membership Secretary and the Recording Secretary, expire at the end of 2009. The current holder of the post of General Secretary will not be standing for re-election. All of the present incumbents of the other offices are eligible for re-election.

The Recorder for Hepatics relinquished office on 31 December 2008 and Council co-opted **Mr S.D.S. Bosanquet** in his place. The AGM will be asked to confirm Mr Bosanquet in this office until 31 December 2010.

Dr J. Denyer and **Mr J.J. Graham** will leave Council on 31 December and two Elected Members need to be elected for a period of 3 years. Dr Denyer is eligible for re-election but Mr Graham is not eligible until a period of 3 years has passed.

Members are invited to submit nominations for Vice President, Officers and Elected Members, sending them to the General Secretary of the BBS, Mr M.A. Walton, Ivy House, Wheelock Street, Middlewich, Cheshire CW10 9AB, to arrive **no later than 31 August 2009**. A nomination must not be made without the consent of the person whom it is wished to nominate. If elections are needed, they will be held at the AGM at Sussex University on 12 September 2009.

M.A. Walton, General Secretary, October 2008

Annual General Meeting 2009

The 2009 AGM will be held at 4.00 pm on Saturday, 12 September 2009 at the University of Sussex, Brighton.

At the time of writing, the agenda will comprise the standard business: namely, minutes of the 2008 AGM, Accounts and Treasurer's Report for 2008, other Officers' reports, Report from Council, the election of Officers and Elected Members (see notice on left), the place and date of the 2010 AGM, and any other business.

The agenda, minutes and reports will be issued with the next issue of *Field Bryology* (vol. 98) which will be with members in June.

*M.A. Walton
General Secretary
October 2008*

Leicestershire Bryophyte Flora

Leicestershire Bryophyte Flora 2004.

The Mosses and Liverworts in the County

By D.W. Ballard

A4, ringbound, 144 pp.

Dennis Ballard's bryoflora of Leicestershire contains a complete, annotated checklist of species found in the county, together with tetrad distribution maps, and introductory chapters about topography, geology, climate, etc., and the

history of bryological recording in Leicestershire.

If you wish to obtain a copy of the Flora, please write to Mark Lawley, 12A Castleview Terrace, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 2NG, including a cheque (payable to 'Mark Lawley') for £3.50 to cover the costs of postage and packing. Or if you wish to avoid these costs, you are welcome to collect a copy by prior arrangement at a BBS or other meeting.

Index Hepaticarum now available online

Index Hepaticarum is now available online through the website of the Conservatoire et Jardin Botaniques (G), Geneva, as the *Index Hepaticarum Names Database* (IHND) at the following address: www.ville-ge.ch/musinfo/bd/cjb/hepatic/index.php

The *Index Hepaticarum* is a list of all specific and infra-specific hornwort and liverwort names published between the effective dates of 1 May 1753 and 31 December 1973, with names published from 1974 onwards collated in supplements.

The original aim of the project, started in the 1950s by Charles Bonner, was to collate together all published hornwort and liverwort names and make these available to the scientific community to

facilitate systematic research on these two groups of plants. A total of 12 volumes of *Index Hepaticarum* have been published to date and the final two volumes in this series are currently in preparation.

Collectively this work represents an unparalleled resource for bryophyte systematists all over the globe. The database provides access to name (basionyms, recombinations), author, reference and type information contained within the *Index Hepaticarum* series. Please note, however, that at present the website is available in French only.

Any queries regarding the IHND should be addressed to Dr Michelle J. Price (e michelle.price@ville-ge.ch).

Changes to the Membership List, January 2009

These changes refer to the September 2008 list.

Changes of address and amendments

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Jackson, Mrs Val, Modesgate, Tidenham Chase, Chepstow NP16 7LZ, UK, (F), (2009)

Lyons, Ms Melinda, 38 Marino Green, Marino, Dublin 3, Ireland, (O), (2008)

Matheson, Ms Christine, Clachmhor, Abriachan, Inverness IV3 8LA, UK, (O), (2009)

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Myall, Ms Bronwen, PO Box 131, Coffs Harbour, New South Wales 2450, Australia, (O), (2009)

O'Connor, Mr Robert, 97 High Street West, Glossop, Derbyshire SK13 8BB, UK, (O), (2008)

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Resignations

Edmondson, Dr J R, Botany Department, Liverpool Museum, William Brown Street, Liverpool L3 8EN, UK, (O), (1968)

Gibson, Dr J A, Foremount House, KILBARCHAN, Renfrewshire PA10 2EZ, UK, (O), (2004)

Thomson, Mr G K, GPO Box 2396, Melbourne, Victoria 3001, Australia, (O), (1968)

It is traditional to start the President's Report with reference to the *Journal of Bryology*. As a long-established society we have been proud to maintain the Journal as a prestigious peer-reviewed scientific publication which provides a stimulus and service to international bryology. As Managing Editor, Howard Matcham has worked hard to keep up the standards of the publication, liaise with our publishers Maney, handle the online submission system, and persuade the authors and referees to fulfil their responsibilities in a timely manner. Managing such a publication is no easy matter, and Howard is to be congratulated on what he has achieved. With the erosion of academic bryology from our universities, we are presented with more of a challenge to find from within our society the skills and resources needed to make such an international publication a success. On the other hand, negotiations with Maney will be permitting us to increase the length of papers we can publish, making it even more attractive to contributors, and we hope to be able to offer non-institutional members online access in the near future.

Our other regular publication, *Field Bryology*, goes from strength to strength as its metamorphosis continues under Ian Atherton. Building on the work of his predecessors, Ian has compiled some stunning issues, full of fascinating papers and beautiful illustrations. Whilst I sometimes look back with fondness to the delightful black and white woodcuts that Roy Perry used to illustrate the *Bulletin*, I really do feel that the 21st century *Field Bryology* has become both an attractive and valuable resource for our membership, and a wonderful advertisement for the Society as a whole.

The *Field Guide* project continues, with a prototype issue that we have admired today, and assuming a successful field trial, a print run next year. Again, a lot of work has gone into this from

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The President's Report as given to the 2008 AGM on the work of the Council since the previous AGM.

many members and I know we can look forward to an attractive and very useful publication. Many of us have felt a need for such a book, and as well as being invaluable to our members, it will also stimulate interest and activity in bryology amongst a wider group of naturalists. The website gives us a sneak preview of what is in store, and is in itself a virtual online image library of the British bryophyte flora. Rather more behind the scenes, a new *Census Catalogue* is in preparation, which will bring us all up to date with nomenclatural and distributional changes in readiness for the big push towards a new Atlas. Mark Hill, our recorders and other members of the Nomenclature Committee work hard to maintain the integrity of the taxonomic and distributional data on which our recording activity is based.

Other publications held by the Society in the form of our Library are now safely and securely housed here at Preston Montford. This is an excellent arrangement for the long-term storage of this body of written knowledge that we possess, which also renders it relatively accessible. Thanks must go to Ken Adams and Martin Godfrey for seeing the project through, as well as the Field Studies Council for facilitating this arrangement.

Moving on to outdoor activities, Mark Lawley has again overseen an excellent year of meetings, starting with a week in the beautiful hills of Denbighshire, organized by Sarah Stille. Although the first day of the meeting was held at the World's End, rather more travelling was required to attend the Shetland meeting in the summer. Thanks to Paul Harvey and all who attended, as well as to Liz Kungu for organizing a subsequent meeting in Aberdeenshire. As well as these recording meetings, I am very pleased that the Society is involved in ongoing research activity in the form of BRECOG. I think it is very important for us as an academic society to have the opportunity to become involved in projects such as this, where all who wish may contribute to the growing body of scientific knowledge, and I am grateful to Jeff Bates for his work on this. Part of this meeting is devoted to the work of BRECOG, and I would like to thank the indefatigable Martin Godfrey for organizing it.

Behind the scenes, the Council and Officers work steadily to deal with some of the more mundane matters that are essential if the Society is to continue to exist, carry out the activities I have mentioned, and serve its membership. In particular Mike Walton's experience, organizational ability, attention to detail and general

helpfulness cannot be rated too highly. I would also like to thank David Rycroft, who at 6 years as Treasurer has been a most conscientious custodian of the Society's finances. Under his chairmanship the Bequest Committee has been able to support many applications from many individuals for financial assistance to help them further their bryological work. I am proud that we are in a position to be generous. He has grappled with the balance sheets, clarified our position with the Charity Commissioners, simplified our accounting practices and generally will be leaving the house very much in order when he retires at the end of the year. Furthermore, we hope to introduce a Paypal facility to permit online payments to the Society which will simplify the paperwork even further, and we are hoping to make some other changes that should make this office quite straightforward. At this point I would say that we still have nobody who seems willing to fill this vacancy. This is potentially a serious problem for us, and we do urgently need a volunteer. Like the Church, the BBS only exists as a body of members, and we would ask that someone might come forward. To paraphrase the words of J.F. Kennedy, *ask not what the BBS can do for you, ask what you can do for the BBS.*

Jonathan Sleath, October 2008



Erratum

In the last issue of *Field Bryology* (vol. 96, October 2008), photograph 1 on p. 54 was incorrectly labelled as *Plagiochila spinulosa* in the legend on p. 55. David Long, who took the photograph has informed me that this should have been labelled as *Plagiochila britannica*. The Editor apologizes for this error.

Spring 09 Field Meeting

Ayrshire/North Kirkcudbrightshire 1–7 April 2009

Local secretary – Liz Kungu, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, 20A Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LR
(e e.kungu@rbge.org.uk)

This meeting will be based at Auchincruive, part of the Scottish Agricultural College just outside Ayr. It is a pleasant campus in large grounds extending down to the River Ayr, and is situated in one of our under-recorded squares!

Accommodation is available at the College in basic student rooms, not en suite, at £17 per room. Breakfast (£5) is available from the canteen from 8am (8.30am at weekends). There is also a farm shop in the complex, and basic supplies are available from the canteen. An evening meal could be available at £9.50 if there was enough demand, but it might be easier to eat in town. There are small, shared student kitchens, but guests need to supply their own crockery, cutlery and cooking equipment. If you wish to reserve accommodation, please book through the local secretary. The campus is 3 miles from the centre of Ayr and 6 miles from Prestwick airport. There are 2 bus services from the entrance of the college into town (20 min service), and it's about 10 min drive into the centre of Ayr where there are plenty of hotels, B&Bs and guest houses.

There will be opportunities to look at some of the

upland sites as well as recording some of the under-recorded areas in Ayrshire. There are also two target squares for BRECOG recording in the area, one of which is also an under-recorded square, so there will be an introduction to BRECOG recording for those who are interested. SWT reserves at Oldhall ponds, Shewalton Wood, Shewalton Sandpits and Gales Marsh are planned for one day, and Sourlie Wood, Lawthorn wood, Corsehillmuir Wood and Perceton Wood for another. Lawthorn Wood is mature ash woodland, whilst the others are planted broadleaf and post-industrial regeneration on bing shale. There are also limestone caves on the Dusk water near Dalry. There is a proposal to search for old *Orthotrichum* records in the Dailly area which will be combined with recording in two under-recorded squares in the area. Other SWT reserves we will visit are Feoch Meadows and Grey Hill Grasslands which is also part of a SSSI and SAC because of its Serpentinite rocks and associated flora. A base-rich mire has developed on the wide plateau to the east of Grey and Fell Hills and there is only a preliminary species list for this site.

Summer 09 Field Meeting

Co. Cork, Ireland 27 June–4 July 2009

Co. Kerry, Ireland 4–11 July 2009

Organizers – Sam Bosanquet, Cnwyc y Llwyn, Brechfa, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire SA32 7QR
(e s.bosanquet@ccw.gov.uk)
Chris Preston (e cdpr@ceh.ac.uk)

The first week will be centred on Clonakilty, Co. Cork, and we will record a main site each morning, then split into individual carloads to explore churches, forestry or bogland in the afternoon. The second week, based in Tralee, Co. Kerry, will include 3 days looking at the oceanic rarities in the

mountains, recording their upper altitudinal limits. These days will be interspersed with days spent in under-worked lowland areas.

To register your interest in attending this meeting, please contact the organizers, Sam Bosanquet or Chris Preston.

Autumn 09 AGM and Paper-reading Session University of Sussex 11–13 September 2009

Local secretary – David Streeter, John Maynard Smith Building, University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 9QG
d.t.streeter@sussex.ac.uk (e d.t.streeter@sussex.ac.uk)

The paper reading session is planned to have a conservation theme and offers of papers are welcome. The field meeting on 13 September will visit the Francis Rose Reserve at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, Wakehurst Place, that includes a fine example of Sussex sand rocks. A draft programme and booking arrangements will appear in the June edition of *Field Bryology*.

Field Study Council Courses 2009

The tutor for all courses is Dr Martha Newton unless otherwise indicated.

20–24 March

Advanced Bryology Laboratory Course (FSC)

Preston Montford Field Centre, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 1DX

Details from Ms S. Townsend (t 0845 330 7378;

e enquiries.pm@field-studies-council.org)

3–5 April

Sphagnum Weekend (FSC)

Rhyd-y-creuau, The Drapers Field Centre, Betws-y-coed, Conwy LL24 0HB

Details from Mr D. Moncrieff (t 01690 710494;

e enquiries.rc@field-studies-council.org)

16–21 April

Mosses and Liverworts (FSC)

Orielton Field Centre, Pembroke SA71 5EZ

Details from Ms C. Millican (t 0845 330 7372;

e enquiries.or@field-studies-council.org)

23–27 April

Sphagnum Moss (FSC)

Kindrogan Field Centre, Enochdhu, Blairgowrie, Perthshire PH10 7PG

Details from Mr M. Jamieson (t 01250 870150;

e enquiries.kd@field-studies-council.org)

27 April–4 May

Mosses and Liverworts (FSC)

Kindrogan Field Centre, Enochdhu, Blairgowrie, Perthshire PH10 7PG

Details from Mr M. Jamieson (see above)

16–17 May

Mosses, Liverworts and Ferns (FSC)

Tutor Dr Ken Adams

Epping Forest Field Centre, High Beach, Loughton, Essex IG10 1SH

Details from Dr K. Adams (e ken.adams@virgin.net)

20–24 July

Mosses and Liverworts of Wetland and River Habitats (FSC)

Malham Tarn Field Centre, Settle, North Yorkshire BD24 9PU

Details from Mr A. Pickles (t 01729 830331;

e enquiries.mt@field-studies-council.org)

9–14 August

Bryophytes for National Vegetation Classification (FSC)

Rhyd-y-creuau, The Drapers Field Centre, Betws-y-coed, Conwy LL24 0HB

Details from Mr D. Moncrieff (see above)

14–17 August

Identifying Upland Mosses and Liverworts (FSC)

Preston Montford Field Centre, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 1DX

Details from Ms S. Townsend (see above)

17–20 August

Identifying Lowland Mosses and Liverworts (FSC)

Preston Montford Field Centre, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 1DX

Details from Ms S. Townsend (see above)

21–28 August

Mosses and Liverworts (FSC)

Blencathra Field Centre, Threlkeld, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4SG

Details from Mr T. Foster (t 01768 779601;

e enquiries.bl@field-studies-council.org).