

LEGUMINOSAE

*Ulex**europaeus*

Furze.

1,2,3,4,5.

In all districts but more common in north Longford.
C.C.

*Coronilla**varia* L.

-, -, 3, -, -.

3. H.&R. Shrule bridge

Seen at this location on 11-5-86, fairly common.

Seen by H. Hudson at this station in 1966. This is a first record for the county.

DBN.

*Vicia**cracca* L.

Common vetch.

1,2,3,4,5.

Common in all districts throughout the county.
C.C.

hirsuta (L.) S.F. Gray

Hairy tare.

3. H.&R. Longford. First record.

sepium L.

Bush Vetch.

1,2,3,4,5.

1. A white form found by the roadside at Cloonagh, Dring. N3288. 19-6-71.

1. On Lough Gowna shore in hedge near Granard-Gowna road. N3289. 24-6-75.

2. A white form growing in the grounds of the clinic at Granard. N3482.

16-6-84.

DBN. C.C.

sativa L.subsp. *nigra* Ehrh.

1,2,3,4A,5.

4A. Common on the roadside near Ballywillin (Dundalk rd.). N3882. 1-6-84.

2. Occasional by the side of the Granard-Abbeylara road at Kilbride, about .5km from Abbeylara. N3680. 1-6-84.

A white flowered form was found at this location.

3. Very common on dredged ground by the river Inny near Newcastle bridge. N1858. 18-5-85.

Seen in other districts but not recorded.

3. H.&R.

2&3. R.L.P.

DBN. C.C.

LEGUMINOSAE

*Lathyrus**montanus* Bernh.

Heath pea.

-, -, -, 4, -.

4. Occasional, growing among the limestone rocks on the Karst-type landscape at Cullentragh near Lough Ree shore. N0062.11-5-86.

A first record for Co. Longford, confirmed by Miss M. Scannell.

DBN.

pratensis L.

Meadow vetchling.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

2. Common in hedges around Granard motte. N3281. 14-6-71.

4A. Common on banks by the roadside at Kinalagh near Abbeylara. N3881.

In other districts but not documented.

C.C.

palustris L.

-, -, 3, 4, -.

Not seen but well documented in old records.

3&4. B.&V.

3. R.L.P.

DBN. C.C.

*Ononis**repens* L.

Rest harrow.

-, -, 3, -, -.

Not seen recently.

3. R.L.P.

C.C.

*Medicago**lupulina* L.

Black medick.

-, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5.

4A. Common on the disused railway line near the shore of Lough Kinale. N3878. 28-7-71.

4A. Also in the fields on the lakeshore in the same area. N3881. 1-10-83.

4. Common, growing on Lough Ree shore at Carrool. N0657. 19-5-84.

Seen also in districts 2, 3 and 5 but not documented.

C.C.

*Trifolium**repens* L.

White clover.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Very common in pastures and waste places throughout the county.

C.C.

LEGUMINOSAE

*Trifolium**hybridum* L.

Alsike clover.

(1,2,3,4,5.)

Seen occasionally but not documented, distribution uncertain. Probably occurring in all districts.

C.C.

campestre Schreber

Hop trefoil.

-, -, 3, -, -.

3. Rare, growing by the wall of Newcastle bridge, Ballymahon. N1858. 18-5-85.

Probably in other districts but not noticed.

C.C.

dubium Sibth.

Yellow clover.

1,2,3,4,5.

Abundant on waste ground throughout the county.

C.C.

pratense L.

Red clover.

1,2,3,4,5.

Common throughout the county.

C.C.

medium L.

Zig-zag clover.

Not seen recently. Recorded for Co. Longford in the 1987 Census Catalogue.

*Lotus**corniculatus* L.

Bird's-foot trefoil.

1,2,3,4,5.

Very common in all botanical districts throughout the county.

C.C.

uliginosus Schkuhr

Marsh bird's-foot trefoil.

1,2,-, -, 5.

1. Abundant in places around the shore of Annagh Lough which is located on the Ballinamuck-Arvagh road. N2192. 21-7-84.

2. Frequent in wet fields at the back of the "Granada" ballroom and Springlawn House, Granard. N3581. 9-8-84.

5. Common on the shore of Lough Forbes near the mouth of the Rinn river. N0883. 15-8-84.

1. Occasional by the roadside at the shore of Lough Sallagh, Ballinamuck. N1591. 15-8-84.

Probably in the other districts.

C.C.

LEGUMINOSAE

Anthyllis

vulneraria L.

Kidney Vetch.

Not noticed but it probably occurs.

C.C.

OXALIDACEAE

Oxalis

acetosella L.

Wood sorrel.

1,2,3,4,5.

Cuckoo charlie.

Very common in woods and on shaded banks in all the botanical districts.

C.C.

GERANIACEAE

Geranium

versicolor L.

Streaked cranesbill.

-,2,-,-,-.

2. A small number of plants growing by the roadside near Piper's cross, Rathbracken. N2977. 25-9-84.

Most likely an escape from the garden of a house nearby. Not previously recorded in Co. Longford.

pyrenaicum Burm. fil.

Pyrenean cranesbill.

-, -,3,4,-.

4. Rare, only one plant growing by the roadside at Edera near the Bilberry river. N1058. 20-5-84.

3. Rare, a small number of plants growing in a field gateway near the Inny bridge at Newcastle, Ballymahon. N1857. 21-6-84.

3. Common in a disused slate quarry near the C. of I. church at Killoe. N1978. 19-9-84. This site is listed as an area of regional importance for its geological interest in the National Heritage Inventory of An Foras Forbartha. July 1981.

4. Occasional in rocky places on the shore of Lough Ree at Cullentragh. M9862. 30-9-84.

Not seen in North Longford.

3. B.&V.

3. R.L.P.

C.C.

molle L.

Soft cranesbill.

-, -,3,4,-.

3. Common on dredged rocky substratum on the Inny bank near Shrule bridge, Ballymahon. N1456. 21-6-84.

3. Occasional on the river bank about .5km. downriver from Newcastle bridge, Ballymahon. N1857. 21-6-84.

4. Very common Lough Ree shore at Cashel Lodge north of Elfeet bay. N0061. 23-9-84.

It may occur in other areas but has not been recorded.

3. H.&R.

C.C.

GERANIACEAE

Geranium

columbinum L.

Dove's-foot Cranesbill.

-, -, 3, -, 5.

3. A small number of plants growing on a high bank dredged from the Camlin river at Rhine near Ballinalee. N1979. 18-9-84.

Not previously recorded in Co. Longford.

dissectum L.

Cut-leaved Cranesbill.

1, -, 3, -, -.

1. Occasional on the side of the Granard-Gowna road near Lough Gowna shore. N3289. 13-6-71.

1. A small colony of plants growing near a ruined house by the side of the road leading to Lough Cornacullee near Ballinamuck. N1892. 9-6-84.

3. Occasional, growing on the rocky substrate dredged from the river Inny on the right bank about 50 metres upriver from Newcastle bridge, Ballymahon. N1857. 21-6-84.

3. Very common in a similar habitat by the river Camlin at Killoe near Ballinalee. N2078. 7-8-84.

3. H.&R.

C.C.

lucidum L.

Shining Cranesbill.

-, 2, 3, 4, -.

2. Rare, a small colony of plants growing at the side of a field gate leading to Killeen Lough on the Killeen-Bunlahy road. N2882. Date not recorded but it was probably June 1984.

4. A small number of plants on an old wall near the abbey gate at Saint's Island on Lough Ree shore. N0756. 19-5-84.

3. Common on the lock walls and on the old canal buildings at Archie's bridge on the Royal canal near Ballymahon. N1458. 20-5-84.

3. Very well established on the roadside verge near Island bridge over the Royal canal near Kenagh. N1163. 25-5-85.

4. Very common in the disused quarry at Cashel Lodge on Lough Ree shore. N0061. 26-5-85.

4. H.&R.

4. B.&V. (Cashel Lodge.)

4. R.L.P.

C.C.

robertianum L.

Herb Robert.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Very common on shady hedge banks throughout the county.

4. H.&R.

C.C.

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C.C.

LINACEAE

Linum

catharticum L.

Purging flax.

1,-,3,4,-.

1. Common in rocky places on the shore of Lough Gowna near the Granard-Arva road. N3289. 24-7-71.

3. Occasional on waste ground beside the new graveyard near Darogue House, Ballymahon. N1357. 21-6-84.

3. Common on rocky parts of the Inny banks near Newcastle bridge, Ballymahon. N1858. 21-6-84.

4. Very frequent on the shores of Lough Ree but not documented.
C.C.

EUPHORBIACEAE

Mercurialis

perennis L.

Dog's mercury.

-,-,3,-,-.

This species seems to be rare in Co. Longford.

3. Well established in at least two places in the wood by the Inny river opposite Newcastle House, Ballymahon. N1853. 18-5-85.

3. R.L.P. This is probably the same station.
DBN. C.C.

Euphorbia

helioscopia L.

Sun spurge.

-,2,3,4,-.

Seen occasionally in these areas but not documented.

3. H.&R.

C.C.

exigua L.

-,-,-,4,-.

Not seen by this writer.

4. R.L.P.

C.C.

peplus L.

Petty spurge.

1,2,3,4,5.

Occasional on tilled ground and waste places throughout the county.

C.C.

uralensis Fisch. ex Link.

Russian spurge.

-,-,3,-,-.

3. A large colony of plants growing by the roadside near Derrahan cross roads on the Newtowncashel road about 1km. from the Bord na Mona houses. N0764. 20-6-84. This is a first record.

DBN. Confirmed by Miss M. Scannell.

EUPHORBIACEAE

Euphorbia

cyparissias L.

Cyprus spurge.

-, -, -, 4, -.

4. There are two specimens of this species in the National Herbarium collected on Lough Ree shore by R. Vowell in 1885 and by Praeger in 1899. It has not been seen recently and it is not recorded in the 1987 Census Catalogue.

POLYGALACEAE

Polygala

vulgaris L.

Common milkwort.

1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5.

Common, seen at Lough Doogary (1), Granard (2), Kinalagh (4A), Newcastle (3) and Lough Ree (4).

3&5. R.L.P.

DBN. C.C.

serpyllifolia J. A. C. Hose

1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5.

Same locations as *P. vulgaris*.

5. H.&R.

2. R.L.P.

DBN. C.C.

ACERACEAE

Acer

pseudoplatanus L.

Sycamore.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Very common naturalised in hedges in all botanical districts.

C.C.

HIPPOCASTANACEAE

Aesculus

hippocastanum L.

Horse chestnut.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Seen in all areas but usually planted.

C.C.

BALSAMINACEAE

*Impatiens**glandulifera* Royle

Policeman's helmet.

-,-,3,-,-.

Not seen by this writer in county Longford. There is a record for the county in the "Atlas of the British Flora" 1962.

3. H.&R.

C.C.

AQUIFOLIACEAE

*Ilex**aquifolium* L.

Holly.

1,2,3,4,5.

Very common in north Longford, districts 1 and 2. Occasional in 3,4 and 5.

C.C.

CELASTRACEAE

*Euonymus**europaeus* L.

Spindle tree.

-,-,3,4,4A,5.

3. Occasional in a roadside hedge by the Lisryan-Abbeylara road about 1.5km. from Lisryan. N3376. 3-11-85.

5. Fairly common growing in a hedge by the Shannon river at Tarmonbarry bridge. N0677. 6-8-84.

4. Common near the shore of Lough Ree in woodland at Cashel Lodge north of Elfeet bay. N0061. 23-9-84.

3. Occasional in the wood by the river Inny opposite Newcastle House, Ballymahon. N1858. 3-2-85.

3. Frequent in hedges around the Lanesborough area. Exact locations and date not recorded.

4A. Seen, growing by the roadside at Kinalagh, Abbeylara. N3881. No date recorded.

C.C.

RHAMNACEAE

*Rhamnus**catharticus* L.

Buckthorn.

-,-,-,4,-.

Confined to Lough Ree shores.

4. R.L.P.

C.C.

*Frangula**alnus* Miller

Alder buckthorn.

-,-,-,4,-.

4. Recorded at Incherlaun on Lough Ree by Praeger in 1897. Not seen recently.

C.C.

TILIACEAE

*Tilia**cordata x platyphyllos*

Lime.

-,2,3,4,5.

Occasional and always planted, usually on the grounds of large houses.
C.C.

MALVACEAE

*Malva**moschata* L.

Mallow.

1,-,3,-,-.

1. A single plant growing by the roadside near the entrance to the forest at Woodville, Dring. N2989. 25-7-71. Not seen since that date.

3. Well established in the grassy verge on both sides of the Ballymahon-Edgeworthstown road near Ballinree house. N2470. 6-8-85.

3. H.&R.

3. R.L.P.

C.C.

sylvestris L.

-,2,-,4,-.

2. Occasional in a rocky corner of a field near the road between Creevy House and Ballywillin. N3882. 18-9-84.

4. A small number of plants with white flowers growing near the wall of the ruined abbey at Saint's Island on Lough Ree shore. N0756. 23-9-84.

C.C.

GUTTIFERAE

Hypericum

St. John's wort.

androsaemum L.

Tutsan.

1,2,-,4,4A,-.

1. Common in the wood at Woodville, Dring. N2889. 25-7-71 and 12-7-84.

4A. Frequent in the gravel pits at Fernsborough, Abbeylara. N3880.
24-6-84.

2. Fairly frequent in hedges in a field at Clines estate, Higginstown, Granard. N3380. 9-8-84.

4. Occasional in bushy places near Lough Ree shore at Cashel Lodge north of Elfeet bay. N0061. 6-8-85.

C.C.

pulchrum L.

Slender-stalked St. John' wort.

1,-,-,-,-.

1. Common on banks in Derrycassan wood, Dring. N3186. 19-6-71.

1. Occasional on shady banks by the shore of Lough Gowna close to the Granard-Gowna road. N3289. 24-7-71.

1. Common in the wood at Woodville, Dring. N2889. 25-7-71.

This species probably occurs in other botanical districts in Co. Longford.
C.C.

GUTTIFERAE

*Hypericum**humifusum* L.

Trailing St. John's wort.

1,-,-,-,-.

1. Occasional on paths in the wood at Derrycassan, Dring. N3186. 19-6-71.

1. Common on shaded banks by the road leading to Lough Cornacullew near Ballinamuck. N1893. 29-4-84.

1. Occasional on woodland paths near Lough Gowna shore at Woodville, Dring. N2889. 12-7-84.

Not previously recorded in the county.

tetrapterum Fries

Square-stalked St. John's wort.

1,-,3,4A,5.

1. Very common in the wood at Woodville, Dring. N2889. 25-7-71.

3. Common on paths at Coolamber bog, Lisryan. N3273. 3-11-83.

4A. Common in drains near the shore of Lough Kinale at Fernsborough, Abbeylara. N3880. 7-6-84.

3. Frequent, growing by the side of the path along the bank of the Inny river opposite Newcastle House, Ballymahon. N1858. 31-7-84.

5. Common by the roadside near Cloondara. N0676. 6-8-84.

3. Very common growing on the banks of the river Camlin at Killoe about 1.5km. upriver from the bridge. N2078. 6-8-84.

5. Well established in a wet field at Cloonart near Lough Forbes shore. N0783. 15-8-84.

C.C.

maculatum Crantz

Spotted St. John's wort.

-,-,3,4A,5.

4A. Common on the side of a drain by the road from Derragh to Abbeylara near the junction with the Granard-Cooile road. N3779. 28-7-84.

5. Occasional by the roadside near the Burlington factory at Tarmonbarry N0678 and by the side of the Tarmonbarry road at Clondara. N0677. 6-8-84.

3. Common on the banks of the Camlin river at Rhine near Ballinalee. N1979. 18-9-84.

Not previously recorded in Co. Longford.

perforatum L.

Common St. John's wort.

-,-,-,4A,-.

4A. Very frequent in the gravel pit at Fernsborough, Abbeylara. N3880. 28-7-84.

C.C.

VIOLACEAE

*Viola**odorata* L.

Sweet violet.

-,-,3,-,-.

Not seen recently.

3. R.L.P.

C.C.

VIOLACEAE

Viola

reichenbachiana Jordan ex Boreau Wood violet.

This species has been seen in the county but no dates or exact locations are recorded. It is not in the 1972 Census Catalogue for Co. Longford.

riviniana Reichenb. Common dog violet.

1,2,3,4,5.

Very common on shady banks in all the botanical districts.

4. H.&R.

C.C.

canina L. Heath dog violet.

1,-,-,4,-.

1. Very rare on the in a wet grassy place on the shore of Cornacullev Lough near Ballinamuck. N1893. 29-4-84.

4. R.L.P.

DBN. C.C.

persicifolia Schreber Fen violet.

-, -, -, -, 5.

5. R.L.P. Recorded at Roosky by Praeger, it has not been found since.

DBN. C.C.

palustris L. Marsh violet.

1,-,-,4,5.

5. Common growing by the shore of Lough Forbes near Newtownforbes. N0981. 19-4-74.

1. Fairly common growing in wet fields by the shore of Lough Cornacullev near Ballinamuck. The white form is occasional at this location. N1893. 29-4-84.

4. Common on Lough Ree shore near the castle ruins at Carrool near Newtowncashel. N0657. 19-5-84.

4. Occasional by Lough Ree shore at Derrynagalliagh near Arnee Point. N0956. 20-5-84.

5. H.&R.

C.C.

tricolor L. Pansy.

subsp. *tricolor*

1,-,-,(4),-.

1. Occasional on a bank by the side of a field at Molly. N2585. 2-6-71.

1. In a sandpit at Derrycassan wood, Dring, rare. N3087. 12-6-71.

(4). R.L.P. This station cannot be located on present O.S. maps but it is probably in the Lough Ree region.

C.C.

VIOLACEAE

- Viola*
arvensis Murray Heartsease.
 --, 3, 4A, --.
 4A. Occasional on excavated ground in a field by the disused railway line near Lough Kinale. N3882. 1-10-83.
 3. Occasional on waste ground beside the new graveyard near Darogue House, Ballymahon. N1357. 21-6-84.
 C.C.

LYTHRACEAE

- Lythrum*
salicaria L. Purple loosestrife.
 1, --, 3, 4, 5.
 1. Very common in fields on Lough Gowna shore near the Granard-Gowna road. N3289. 24-7-71.
 1. Common by Lough Gowna shore at Woodville, Dring. N2889. 12-7-84.
 5. Very common along the banks of the river Rinn between Cloonart bridge and Lough Fcibes. N0883. 15-8-84.
 3. Occasional, growing in the Royal canal near Island bridge, Kenagh. N1064. Date omitted, but probably July, 1985.
 4. Seen but not documented growing on Lough Ree shore, very common at this location.
 C.C.
- portula* (L.) D.A. Webb Water purslane.
 1, 2, --, --, --.
 Not recorded recently.
 1 and 2. R.L.P.
 C.C.

ONAGRACEAE

- Fuchsia*
magellanica Lam. Fuchsia.
 1, 2, 2B, --, --, --.
 2B. Naturalised in hedges at the edge of the state forest near Ardagh. N1869. 31-7-84.
 1. Occasional in a hedge near Lough Leebeen, Aughracliffe, not near houses. N2690. 7-10-84.
 1. One plant only, growing in an old gravel pit near Lough Leebeen. N2790. 7-10-84.
 2. Very well established and often the dominant hedge species around Corn Hill. N1984. 8-8-85.
 Not previously recorded for Co. Longford.
- Circaea*
lutetiana L. Erchanter's nightshade.
 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
 Common in woods in all the botanical districts.
 C.C.

ONAGRACEAE

Circaea

alpina x lutetiana (*C. intermedia*)

-, -, 3, -, -.

3. Very rare, a small number of plants growing near a ruined building by the river Inny slightly upriver on the opposite side from Newcastle House. N1858. 31-7-84.

This record requires verification, the number of plants was too small for the taking of samples.

Epilobium

angustifolium L.

Rose-bay.

-, 2, -, 4, 4A, -.

No exact dates or locations have been recorded for this species, it has been seen at Ballinacross near Granard, on the disused Cavan-Mullingar railway line near Lough Kinale and in an old quarry near Newtowncashel. It is abundant at all of these locations.

Not previously recorded in Co. Longford.

hirsutum L.

Great hairy willow-herb.

-, -, 3, 4, 4A, 5.

4A. In drains near the shore of Lough Kinale, occasional. N3878. 28-7-84.

5. Occasional, along the Camlin river at Cloondara. NC677. 6-8-84.

4. Frequently seen near Lough Ree shore.

3. Common, by the Inny river near Newcastle bridge, Ballymahon. Exact location and date not recorded.

C.C.

parviflorum Schreber

Hoary willow-herb.

1, -, 3, 4, 4A, -.

4A. Very common, growing on the shores of Lough Kinale in wet fields. N3881. 19-8-71.

Seen but not documented at Lough Ree, Gorteen Lough near Ballinalee and Lough Sallagh near Ballinamuck. Probably in other districts.

C.C.

montanum L.

Broad leaved willow-herb.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Seen in all the botanical districts growing in woods and waste places, very common.

C.C.

obscurum Schreber

Short fruited willow-herb.

1, 2, -, 4A, 5.

1. Frequent, in drains at Derrycassan wood. N2889. 1-9-71.

4A. In wet fields near Lough Kinale shore, very common. N3878. 28-7-71.

2. Common, growing in the bog at Purth near Dring. N2885. 29-7-71.

5. Very common, in drains on the bog near Castleforbes, Newtownforbes. NC981. 15-8-84.

C.C.

ONAGRACEAE

*Epilobium**palustre* L.

Marsh willow-herb.

1,-,-,4A,5.

4A. Occasional, growing by the disused Cavan-Mullingar railway line near the shore of Lough Kinale. N3878. 28-7-71.

5. Very frequent, in bog holes near the Shannon river on the bog between the rivers Shannon and Camlin near Cloondara. N0678. 18-6-84.

1. Seen by Lough Cornacullev near Ballinamuck, exact location or date not recorded.

C.C.

brunnescens Raven & Englehorn

1,-,-,-,-.

1. Very well established in damp places in the large gravel pit opposite the entrance to Derrycassan wood, Dring. N3186. 29-9-86.

A first record.

HALORAGACEAE

*Myriophyllum**verticillatum* L.

Whorled water-milfoil.

-,-,3,4,5.

This species has not been seen recently.

3,4 and 5. R.L.P.

C.C.

spicatum L.

Spiked water-milfoil.

-,-,3,-,-.

3. Very common, growing in the Royal canal near Island bridge, Kenagh. N1163. 20-5-84.

3. B&V.

C.C.

alterniflorum DC.

Alternate water-milfoil.

-,-,-,-,5.

5. Very frequent, growing in the Royal Canal near Cloondara. N0677. 18-6-84.

C.C.

HIPPURIDACEAE

*Hippuris**vulgaris* L.

Mare's tail.

1,2,-,4,4A,-.

A very common species on most lake shores.

4A. On the shores of Lough Kinale, very common. N3881. 12-6-84.

2. Common, growing in drains around the shores of Killeen Lough. N2882. 16-6-84.

1. Abundant in the stream flowing into Lough Cornacullev near Ballinamuck. N1893. 14-7-85

4. Common on Lough Ree shore, in the Rathcline area near Lanesborough. M9967. 1-9-85.

C.C.