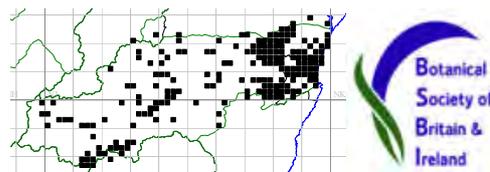


BSBI Botany News

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Welcome to the first newsletter for all those interested in plants and botanical recording in and around South Aberdeenshire. I hope to produce them occasionally, to stimulate botanical work and to request help for particular BSBI recording projects. Please contact me at the address below with queries and especially any plant records!

Plant recording in South Aberdeenshire

The vice-county is very large, at 2896 sq.km. Many areas have not been visited by botanists for some time, and almost anywhere is worth exploration. The maps overleaf illustrate the locations of plant records since 2000. Both are incomplete, as there are still some further data sources to incorporate, and I will produce updated versions soon, but they give a reasonable indication of recent coverage.

BSBI projects

The main project local botanists have helped with over the past few years has been the **Threatened Plants Project**. This has provided very useful site and population details for a range of uncommon plants, including Spignel *Meum athamanticum*, Intermediate Wintergreen *Pyrola media*, Hairy Stonecrop *Sedum villosum*, Sibbaldia, Maiden Pink *Dianthus deltoides*, Field Gentian *Gentianella campestris*, Heath Cudweed *Gnaphalium sylvaticum*, Holly Fern *Polystichum lonchitis*, Annual Knawel *Scleranthus annuus*, Corn Marigold *Chrysanthemum segetum*, Small White Orchid *Pseudorchis albida* and Frog Orchid *Coeloglossum viride*. All your help in this project is gratefully appreciated. The main ongoing project is to gain records for the next planned **UK plant atlas 2020**, which will cover the period 2000-2020. This is where every plant recorder has a part to play!

How to submit records

To help with field recording and submission, a customised recording card is available on the BSBI website at: <http://www.bsbi.org.uk/VC92.pdf>. I am happy to receive these and will enter the data. Another useful way is to send me an Excel spreadsheet (or similar). Please make sure there is one species per row, and the columns include date, location, grid ref and comments as a minimum. Otherwise, any emails with records would be fine. I receive so few that converting these into a more useable format will not be a chore. My main aim is to make sending in records as easy as possible!

The best way to help for the rest of 2013

During the remainder of the year, any list of plants from an under-recorded part of the area would be very helpful indeed. There are still quite a few more weeks when this is possible. Please aim to get out and enjoy a nice day's botanising somewhere new – and send me the records! Thank you. Ian

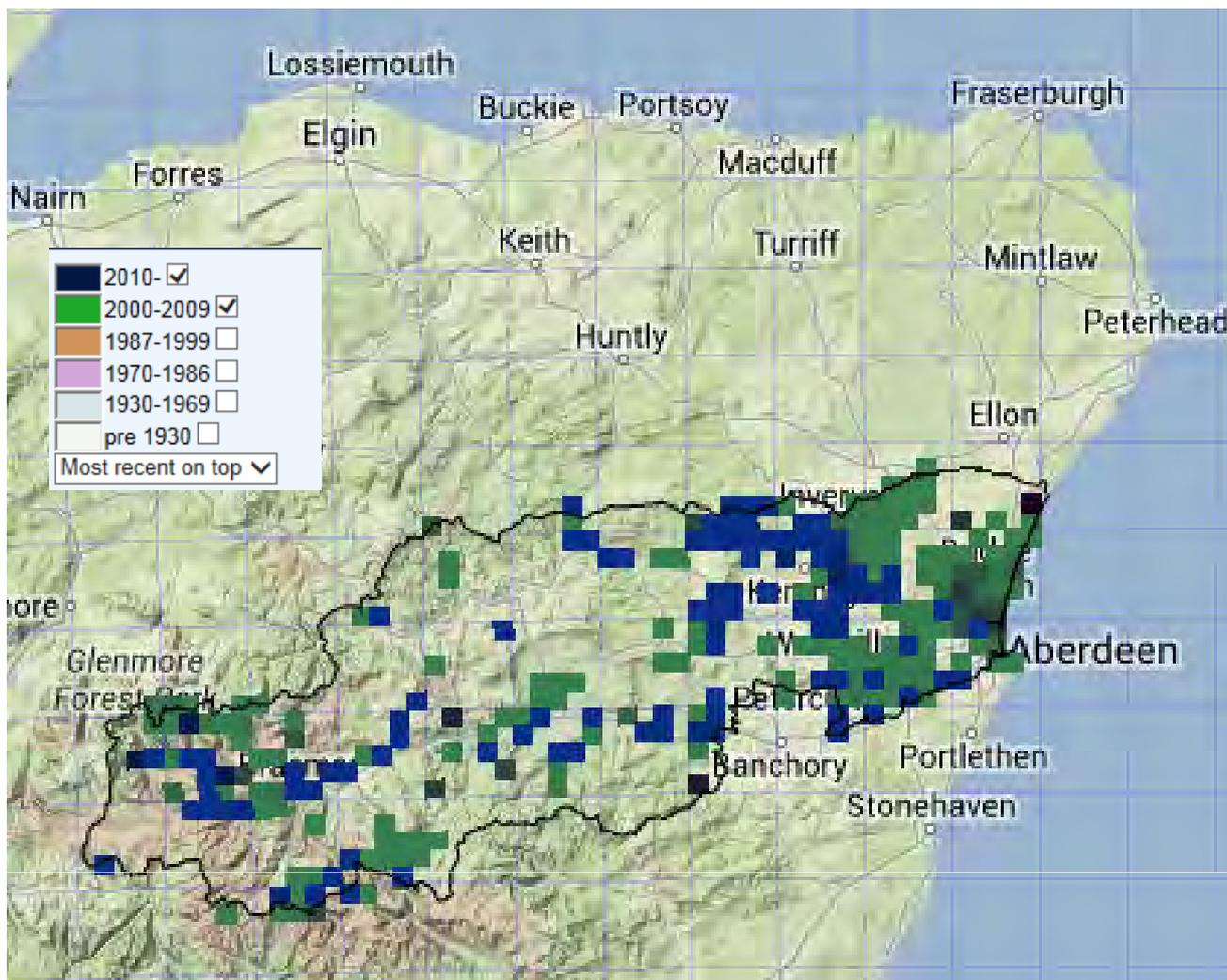
Twinflower, Bunzeach Forest, July 2013



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All tetrads with plant records in the main BSBI DDB for the years 2000-2010 (above) with additional (and overlapping) records held locally on MapMate to 2010 (below). Any blank area is good to visit!

