

**The South Lancashire Flora**  
(Vascular Plants Family 007 Hymenophyllaceae)

**LEPTOSPORANGIATE FERNS** TRUE FERNS

**HYMENOPHYLLACEAE** Filmy-fern family

*Hymenophyllum tunbrigense* (L.) Smith

Tunbridge Filmy-fern

**Status & former distribution:** Native, Nationally Uncommon, Least Concern (England Red List); SCINWE, once common about springs at Harley-wood, Cliviger (SD82T).

**Habitat:** Occurred on damp shaded rocks.

**Comments:** Quarry working for the construction of the Todmorden to Burnley railway led to the destruction of the habitat (Nowell & Stanstead 1911).

*Hymenophyllum wilsonii* Hook. Wilson's Filmy-fern

**Status & former distribution:** Native, Least Concern (Red List for England); SCINWE, Thieveley Scout (SD82T, Nowell, 1841, MANCH, S Gibson, *Newman* 1843); 'On Hills near Bury' (SD81, JB Wood, *Newman* 1843); the Middleton area (SD80, Turner, 1858, BON); (SD91, n.d. LIV).

**Habitat:** Occurred on damp shaded rocks.

*Trichomanes speciosum* Willd. Killarney Fern

**Status & distribution:** Native, Nationally Scarce, Least Concern (Red List for England); SCINWE, Rare (3) Castle Clough (SD73V) & Moor Isles Clough (SD83H) AD Headley 1998; Healey Dell (SD81X, MN Newton, n.d.).

**Habitat:** Deep crevices in shady wooded cloughs.

**Comments:** Plants are only known to occur in the vice county as the gametophyte.