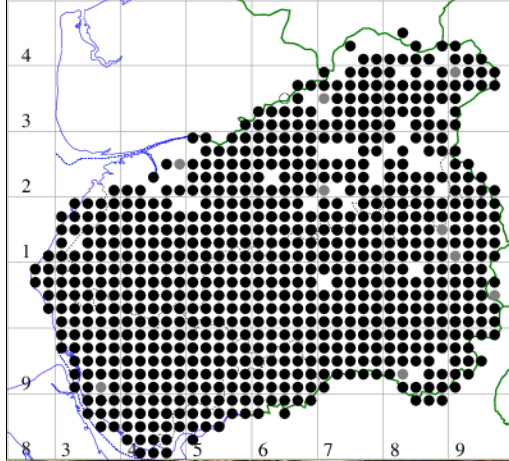


The South Lancashire Flora
(Vascular Plants Family 011 Dennstaedtiaceae)

LEPTOSPORANGIATE FERNS TRUE FERNS

DENNSTAEDTIACEAE Bracken family

Pteridium aquilinum (L.) Kuhn Bracken



Harrock Hill DP Earl 2008



Brinscall DP Earl 2020



Bamber Bridge DP Earl 2020

Status & distribution: Native, Least Concern (Red List for England); widespread and often locally dominant in the hill districts and on the former mosslands.

Habitat: Hillsides, cloughs, birch woods on the drained mosslands, woodlands on sandy soils, railway embankments, and an increasing colonist of brick walls.

Comments: Absent from the reclaimed coastal marshes and rare on the lowland clays and base rich soils about Clitheroe. There are surprising absences from some areas in the hill districts.