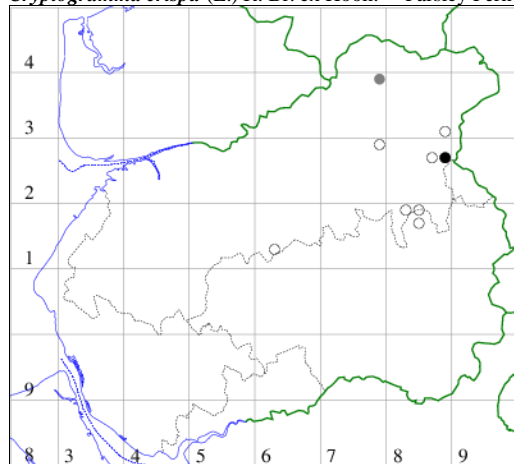


The South Lancashire Flora
(Vascular Plants Family 012 Pteridaceae)

LEPTOSPORANGIATE FERNS TRUE FERNS

PTERIDACEAE Ribbon Fern family

Cryptogramma crispa (L.) R. Br. ex Hook. Parsley Fern



Status & distribution: Native, Vulnerable (Red List for England); SCINWE; Rare (1), Endangered at the vice-county level with a single locality at Scarth Rake, Cliviger (SD82Y, B Wright, 1997 & P Jepson, 2005).

Former Distribution: Rivington Pike (SD61G, M Rigby, 1860, *Fl. Preston* 1865); Great Hameldon Hill (SD72Z, 1864, MANCH); Fo Edge (SD81J, 1839, *Wood* 1840, MANCH); Reddysore (SD81N, *Buxton* 1849); Rooley Moor (SD81P, *Buxton* 1849); Thieveley Scout (SD82T, JB Wood, 1841, MANCH); slate quarries at Worsthorne (SD83V, *Fl. Tod.* 1907). A record for “hedges near Bury” (LH Grindon & J Sidebotham, 1840, MANCH) is probably from SD81.

Habitat: Known from a single fissure in a cliff face; formerly on stony ground and quarry refuse.

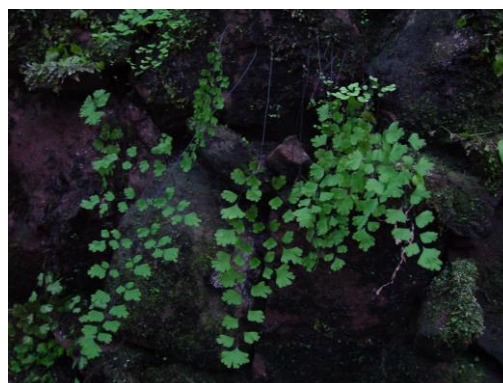
Comments: The once large population at Great Hameldon Hill was lost to quarrying activity. A record has been traced from Pendle Hill (SD7839, 1979, Anon) but requires confirmation.

Adiantum capillus-veneris L. Maidenhair Fern



Canal Street, Manchester DP Earl 2020

Status & distribution: Naturalised in South Lancashire; A single plant was discovered at Bridge 96, Sackville Street/Canal Street, Manchester (SJ8497, AR Locksley, 2001, voucher specimen DP Earl, MANCH) and numerous plants are now well established here and at Bridge 95, Chorlton Street/Canal Street.



Plants have also colonised damp walls at The Firs Experimental Station (SJ8594).

There are additional records from the Bridgewater Canal, Hulme (SJ8297, Z Barrett, 2017); Swinshaw Hall Woods (SD8127, RD Brown, 1984) and Hollingworth Lake (SD9315, P Hill, 1999, det. S Atkins) which require confirmation.

Habitat: Damp walls and bridges.

Adiantum aleuticum (Rupr.) C.A. Paris

Aleutian Maidenhair-fern



Smithills B Brown 2021

Status & distribution: Neophyte, Smithills (SD7011, Yorkshire Fern Group, 2021).

Comments: Native to North America.

Pteris vittata L.

Chinese Ladder-brake



DP Earl 2023

Status & distribution: Neophyte-regenerating; two plants in a glasshouse at the Firs Experimental Station (SJ8594).

Habitat: On a damp wall and between paving slabs.

Comments: Native to Asia, southern Europe, Africa and Australia.