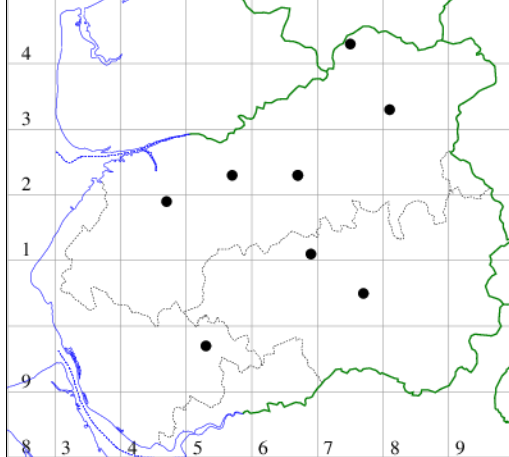


The South Lancashire Flora
(Vascular Plants Family 019 Onocleaceae)

LEPTOSPORANGIATE FERNS **TRUE FERNS**

ONOCLEACEAE Sensitive Fern family

Matteuccia struthiopteris (L.) Tod. Ostrich Fern



Printers Fold DP Earl 2009



Cuerden Country Park DP Earl 2021

Status & distribution: Neophyte-naturalised; scattered but increasingly established across the vice-county usually as isolated clumps.

Earliest record traced: Sunnyhurst Wood, Darwen (SD62R, P Jepson, c. 1987 onwards).

Habitat: Woodlands and streamsides.

Comments: Native to mainland Europe. Plants had been seen in an overgrown garden at Sabden (SD73T, DP Earl, 2004) but are not classed as naturalised.



Whalley Abbey DP Earl 2021

Onoclea sensibilis L. Sensitive Fern

Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; Waterloo (SJ39E, V Gordon, 1983 & 1998, LIV).

Former distribution: Orford, Warrington (SJ69A, M Roby, 1840, *Dunlop*, 1908).

Habitat: Glasshouses and gardens.

Comments: Native to North America and northern. Asia. The historic record is thought to relate to the cultivation of this species by the Blackburne's at Orford Hall.