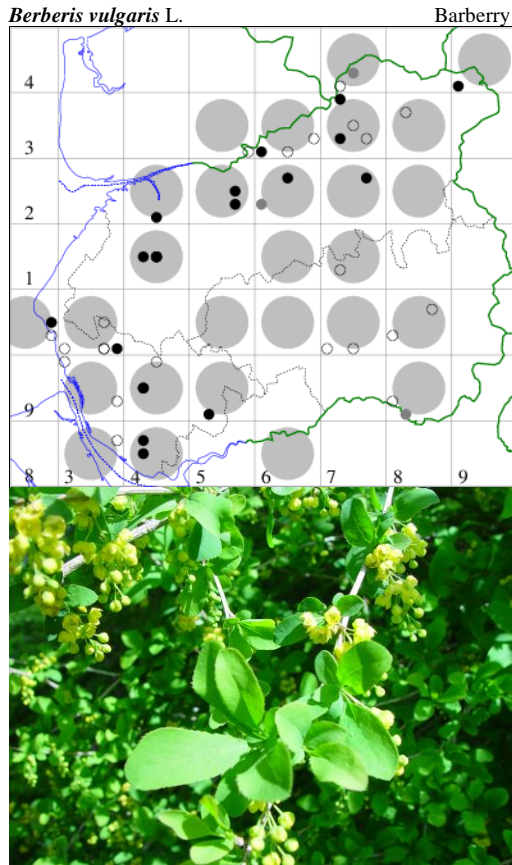


The South Lancashire Flora
(Vascular Plants Family 035 Berberidaceae)

Ranunculales

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Barberry family



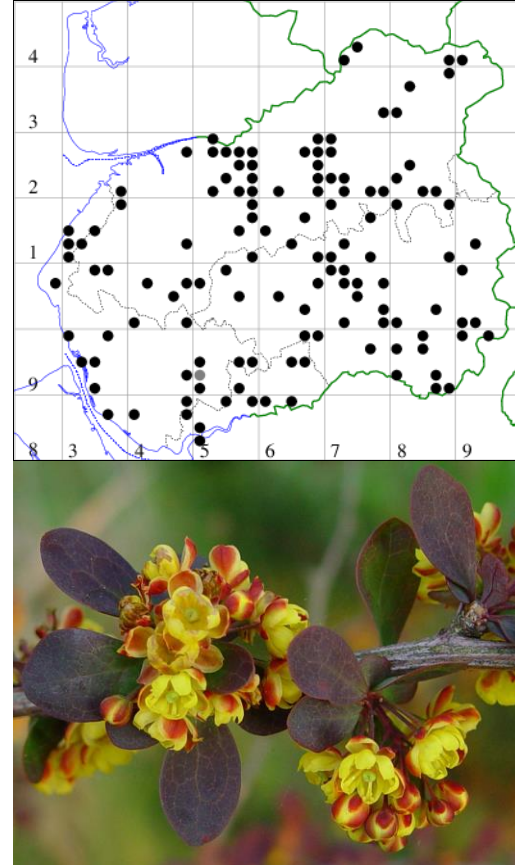
Distribution: Doubtfully native, Least Concern (Red List for England); the species was once more widespread but localised, the historic records clearly indicate that this species has declined.

Earliest record traced: Altham (SD73R, S Hailstone, 1806).

Habitat: Hedgerows, along roadsides and pathways.

Comments: The species decline may be due to the loss of hedgerows. In Victorian times herb doctors would destroy bushes to obtain the roots that were considered to provide a cure for jaundice (Grindon 1859).

Berberis thunbergii DC. Thunberg's Barberry



Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; widely planted and occasionally established.

Earliest record traced: Hillside Golf Club (SD3113, 1988).

Habitat: Usually as a feature of recent amenity planting schemes along old railways, canals, parks and shrub-screening; plants are occasionally naturalised in hedgerows and on wooded banks.

Comments: Native to Japan. Most plants surviving plants are var. *atropurpurea*.

Berberis wilsoniae Hemsley Mrs Wilson's Barberry

Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; Bolton (SD7109, AR Franks, 1994); Clitheroe (SD74L, SJ Bungard, 1996); Woodlands Road, Cattlershaw (SD81X, DP Earl, 2002); Leeds & Liverpool Canal (SJ39M, DP & J Earl, 2004).

Habitat: Woods and developing scrub close by to houses.

Comments: Native to China.

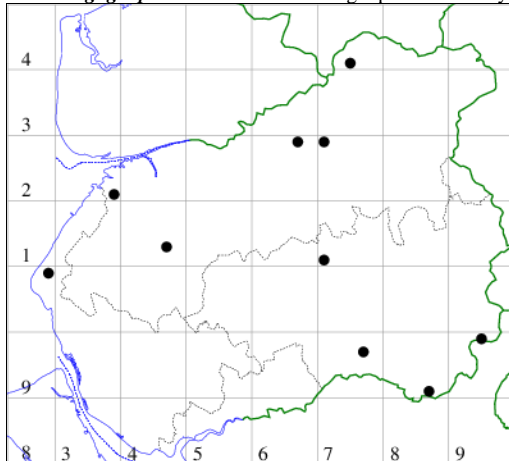
Berberis aggregata C. Schneider Clustered Barberry

Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; Kirkdale (SJ39L, V Gordon & PA Lockwood, 1995); Bridgewater Canal, (SJ79T, MPG Tolfree & C Walsh, 2003); Birkdale Hills (SD3012, PH Smith & MP Wilcox, 2004).

Habitat: Sand dunes, waste ground, developing scrub in urban areas.

Comments: Native to China.

***Berberis gagnepainii* C. Schneider** Gagnepain's Barberry



Greaves Hall, Banks DP Earl 2010

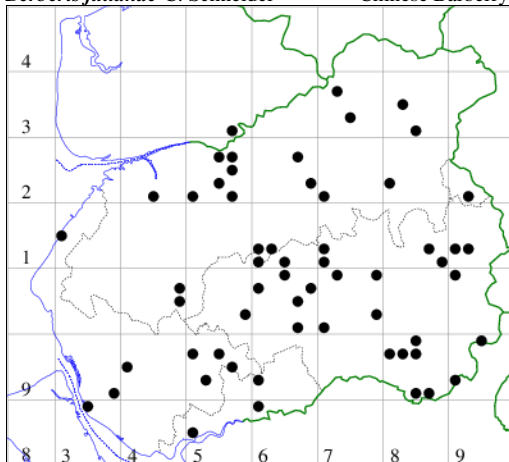
Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; scattered records across the vice-county but probably under-recorded.

Earliest record traced: By a track to farm tip north of Wham Bridge (SD4613, DP & J Earl, 1996).

Habitat: Shrub plantings, woodlands, derelict ground and tips.

Comments: Native to China.

***Berberis julianae* C. Schneider** Chinese Barberry



DP Earl 2020

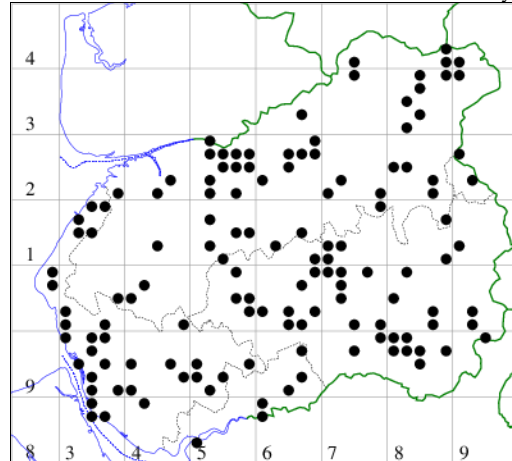
Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; widely established.

Habitat: Amenity shrub plantings.

Earliest record traced: Martholme (SD73L, SJ Bungard, 1999).

Comments: Native to China.

***Berberis darwinii* Hook.** Darwin's Barberry



Hesketh Park DP Earl 2008

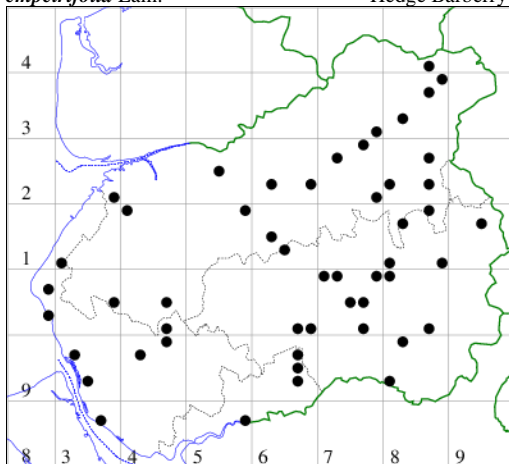
Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving-naturalised; now widespread as a garden escape near habitation.

Earliest record traced: Walton (SJ39S, V Gordon, 1995).

Habitat: Woods, amenity plantings, waste ground, railway banks, pavements and wall tops.

Comments: Native to Chile and Argentina. Plants are frequently bird-sown from nearby garden plants.

Berberis x stenophylla Lindley = *B. darwinii* Hook. x *B. empetrifolia* Lam. Hedge Barberry



Mere Brow DP Earl 2008

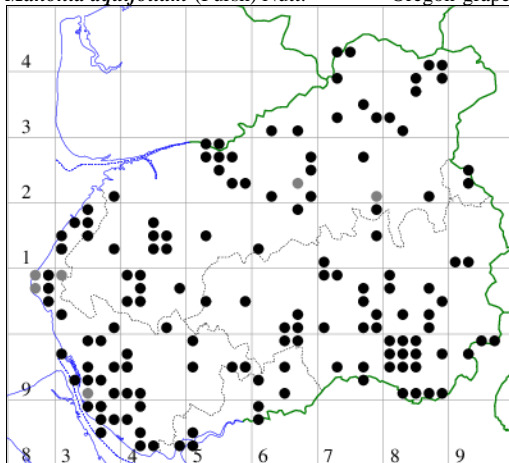
Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; now widely established.

Earliest record traced: Chorlton-cum-Hardy (SJ89B, AR Franks, 1997).

Habitat: A feature of amenity plantings in woods, along disused railways, canals and central reservations.

Comments: Of horticultural origin. Plants are established from the rooting of disposed garden waste at a number of locations.

Mahonia aquifolium (Pursh) Nutt. Oregon-grape



Birkdale DP Earl 2009

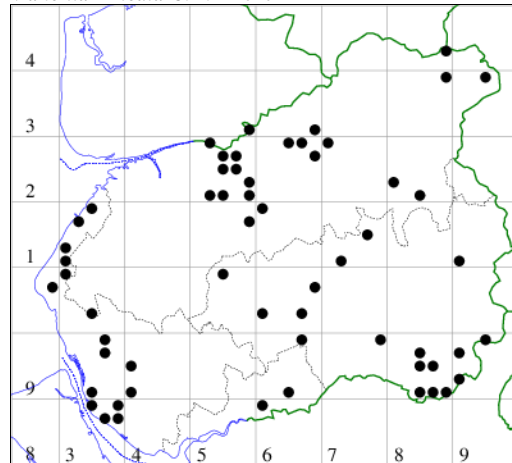
Status & distribution: Neophyte-naturalised; now widely distributed and established across the vice-county.

Earliest record traced: Ainsdale (SD21V, FW Holder, 1948).

Habitat: Woodlands, game coverts, parks and sand-dunes.

Comments: Native to America.

Mahonia x media C.D. Brickell



Otterspool DP Earl 2020

Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; widespread as a planted shrub and occasional bird-sown.

Earliest record traced: Bird-sown plant in a wall at Lime Grove, Manchester University (SJ8497, DP Earl, 2001).

Habitat: Planted areas of shrub, established in dunes and an old wall.

Comments: Possibly of horticultural origin.

Epimedium alpinum L.

Barren-wort



Birchwood DP Earl 2012

Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; by the River Tawd, Newburgh (SD41Q, Phase 1 Habitat-Survey, 1988); surviving at the walled garden, Birchwood (SJ6491, DP & J Earl & P & A Bowdler, 2012); weed of flowerbed, Oxford Road, Manchester (SJ8496, DP & J Earl, 2019).

Habitat: Woodland.

Comments: Native to southern Europe. Note that several species and hybrids are in cultivation and thus these records might require revision.