

The South Lancashire Flora
(Vascular Plants Grossulariaceae)

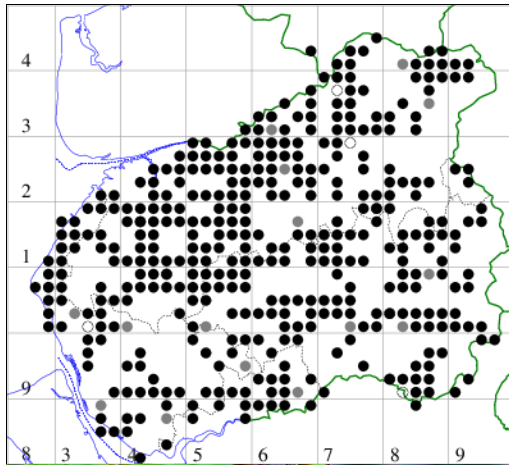
Saxifragales

GROSSULARIACEAE

Gooseberry family

Ribes rubrum L.

Red Currant



Jubilee Park, Southport DP Earl 2008



Birkdale DP Earl 2008

Distribution: Native, Least Concern (Red List for England); widespread and locally frequent.

Habitat: Wet woods, shaded marl pits, tips, railway banks, waste ground and the site of former allotments.

Comments: Considered native in woods and around ponds but extensively naturalised near habitation.



Red & White Currants, established at Bamber Bridge DP Earl 2021

Ribes spicatum Robson

Downy Currant

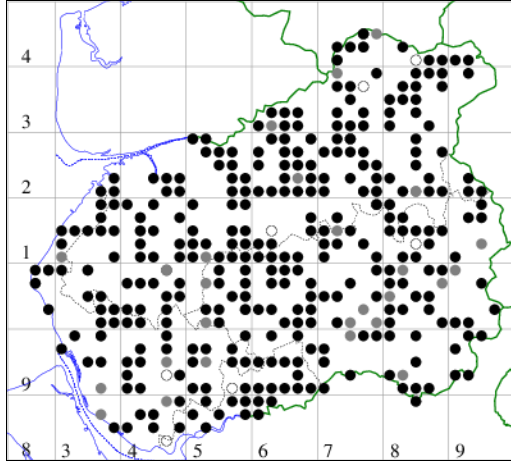
Distribution: Native, Nationally Scarce, Least Concern (Red List for England). There are records from Ashworth (SD81L, 1998) & west of Burnley (SD83A, 1998) for South Lancashire Flora Excursions which require confirmation.

Former distribution: Spring Wood (SD73H, Anon., c. 1990); Whalley Nab (SD73H, JW Bamber, 1903); Carr Wood, Walton-le-Dale (SD52N, D Welch, 1962); Blackburn area (SD62, BRC, c. 1950).

Habitat: Wet woods.

Comments: It is possible that some or all records are misidentifications of *R. alpinum*. Critical determination of all known bushes and voucher specimens is required to confirm the presence of this species in the vice-county.]

Ribes nigrum L. Black Currant



High Bows Covert, near Southport DP Earl 2008



Scarisbrick DP Earl 2008

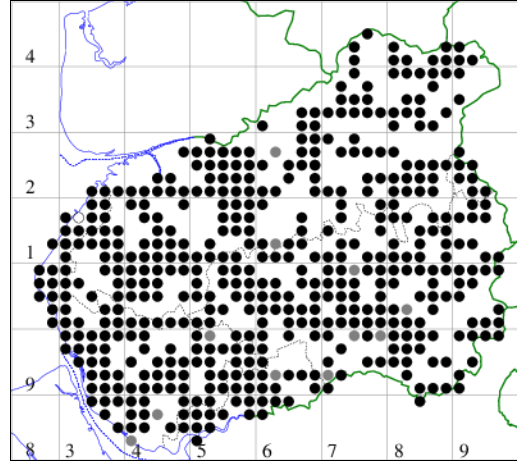
Distribution: Neophyte-naturalised; widely established.

Earliest record traced: A clough near Ashworth Wood (SD81L, *Buxton* 1849).

Habitat: Moist woods, shaded oxbows, riverbanks and ponds, railway banks, waste ground, site of former allotments.

Comments: Appearing native in old wet woods and riverbanks.

Ribes sanguineum Pursh Flowering Currant



Blackwood, Liverpool DP Earl 2006



Southport DP Earl 2008

Status & distribution: Neophyte-naturalised; extensively established near to habitation.

Earliest record traced: Clitheroe (SD7442, E Stones, 1972).

Habitat: Woods, hedgerows, railway banks, roadsides, tips and waste ground.

Comments: Native to America.

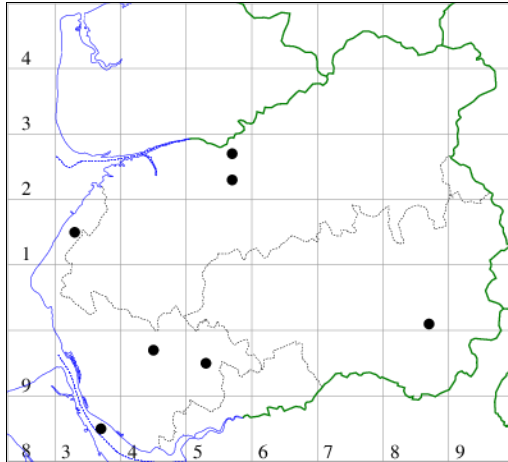


Formby DP Earl 2020



Knowsley DP Earl 2009

Ribes odoratum Wendl. f. Buffalo Currant

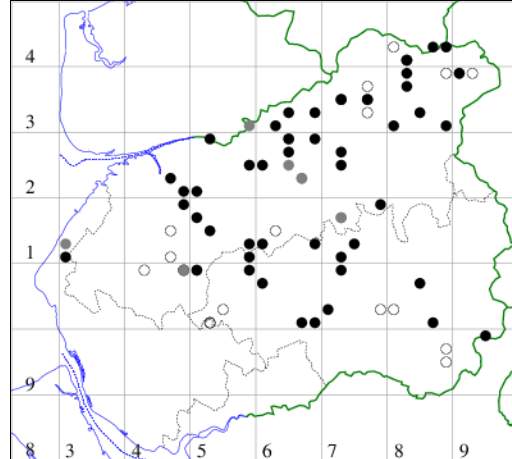


Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving, planted; A580 by New Road Farm, Knowsley (SJ49N, AR Franks, 2001, DP & J Earl, 2005); Hillside Station (SD3214, 2010); Otterspool Park (SJ3785, 2010); near Parr Stocks Library (SJ5295, 2010); Cuerden Valley Country Park (SD5622, 2010); Harpurhey (SD8600, 2012) DP Earl; Higher Walton (SD5727, DP & J Earl, 2017).

Habitat: Hedgerows and shrubberies.

Comments: Native to America.

Ribes alpinum L. Mountain Currant



Haigh DP Earl 2010

Distribution: Neophyte-naturalised; now widely established in the Ribble catchment area, occasional elsewhere.

Earliest record traced: Between Eccles and Manchester (SJ89, Unknown, 1800, LIV).

Habitat: Hedgerows, woods, derelict and waste ground.



Knowsley DP Earl 2009

Comments: Often appearing native in old hedges and woodlands but assumed long established; probably increasing.



Whalley Banks DP Earl 2022



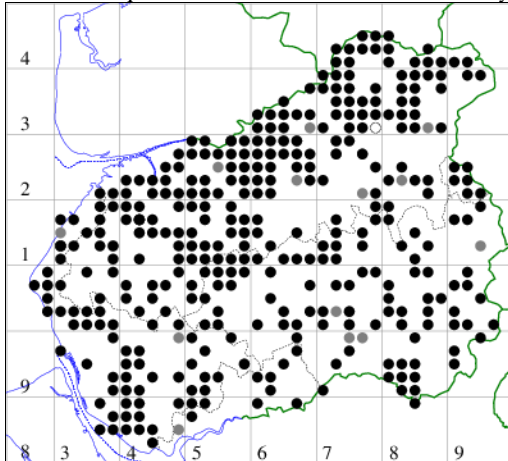
Ainsdale DP Earl 2008

Distribution: Neophyte-naturalised; widespread along the river valleys and in well wooded districts, frequent close to habitation.

Earliest record traced: Castle Clough, near Accrington (SD73V, Unknown, 1854, LIV).

Habitat: Woods, hedgerows, railway banks, site of former allotments.

Ribes uva-crispa L. Gooseberry



Scarlsbrick DP Earl 2008

Ribes L. Undetermined member of the genus





Distribution: Neophyte-naturalised; established by Harpers Lane, Bolton (SD7011, DP & J Earl, 2020).

Habitat: Woodland.

Comments: Might be a hybrid of *Ribes nigrum* x *Ribes uva-crispa*?