

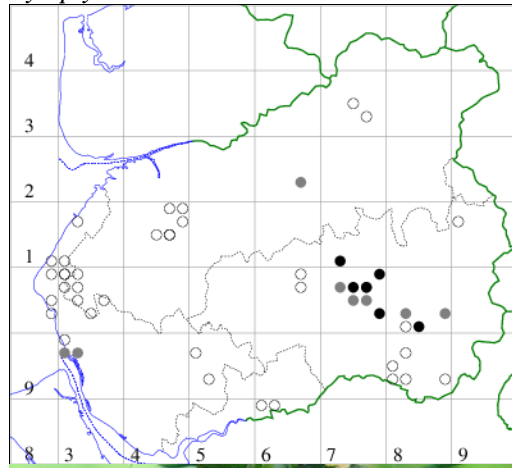
The South Lancashire Flora
(Vascular Plants Family 044 Haloragaceae)

Saxifragales

HALORAGACEAE

Water-milfoil family

Myriophyllum verticillatum L. Whorled Water-milfoil



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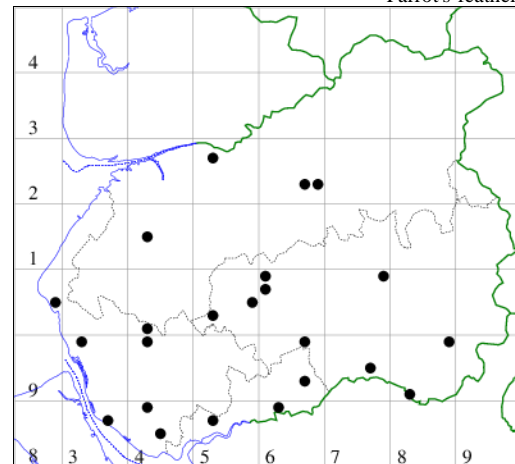
Status & distribution: Native, Nationally Uncommon, Near Threatened (Red List for England); SCINWE, Rare (5), now very localised this species has declined from the ditch systems in the west but very fine populations still occur along the disused Manchester, Bolton & Bury Canal and nearby mill ponds between Manchester & Bolton.

Former Distribution: Occasional and once locally frequent in the Formby and Croston districts; occurred in Fish Hatchery ponds at Sunnyhurst during the early 1970s until ponds were drained and cleaned out.

Habitat: Canals and ponds; formerly in ditches.

Myriophyllum aquaticum (Vell. Conc.) Verdc.

Parrot's-feather



Status & distribution: Neophyte-naturalised, INNS; introduced to ponds in urban areas.

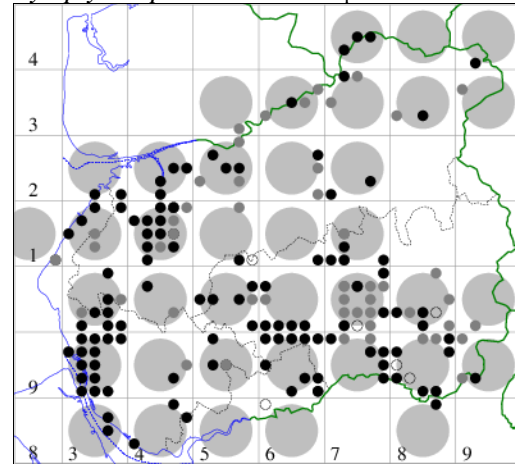
Earliest records traced: Billinge (SD50G, EM Stephenson, 1995) and at an old marl pit north of Halewood (SJ4389, V Gordon, 1995).

Habitat: Marl pits and ponds.

Comments: Native to North America, this species may have been planted as part pond enhancement schemes. Several populations appear to have been eradicated.

Myriophyllum spicatum L.

Spiked Water-milfoil



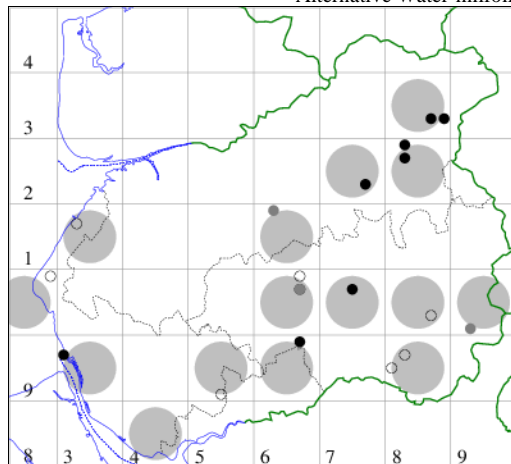
Status & distribution: Native, Least Concern (Red List for England); Axiophyte, frequent to locally common, particularly along the canal network and the river Ribble.

Habitat: In reservoirs, ponds, canals, rivers, and ditches.

Comments: Declining along some canals due to turbidity resulting from increased frequency of boat traffic.

Myriophyllum alterniflorum DC.

Alternative Water-milfoil



Status & distribution: Native, Least Concern (Red List for England); SCINWE, Scarce (8), localised with post 1970 records from Lee Bank Park (SD6606, I Ryding, 1989); Waterloo (SJ39D, V Gordon, 1996); Bedford (SJ69U, MGP Tolfree, 2001); near Nob End, Farnworth (SD70N, AR Franks, 1996); Troy Quarry (SD72R, 2000); Clowbridge Reservoir (SD82I & SD82J, 2003); Lee Green & Swinden Reservoirs (SD83R & SD83W, 2003) P Jepson.

Former distribution: Dune-slacks at Freshfield (SD20Z, FW Holder, 1932); ditches and pools at Southport (SD31I, JBW, Dickinson 1851); Bold Bridge Farm (SJ59K, HS Fisher, 1872); Rumworth Reservoir (SD60Y & SD60Z, BW Fox, 1959); H (SD61J, Anon., 1975); Stretford & Old Trafford (SJ89C & SJ89I, Grindon 1859); Blackley (SD80R, Buxton 1849).

Habitat: Ponds and hill district reservoirs, coastal pools and ditches.

Comments: Known to have declined, plants should be looked for at former locations.