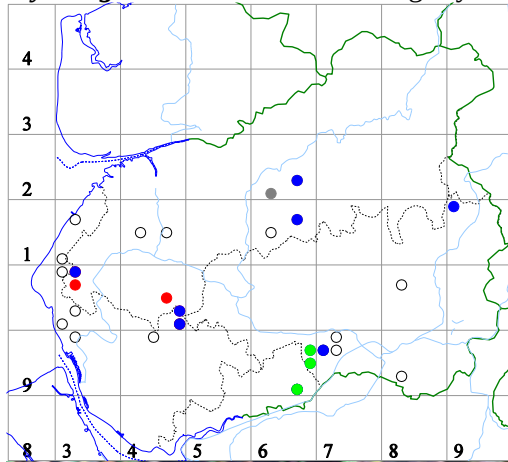


MYRICACEAE

Bog-myrtle family

***Myrica gale* L.**

Bog-myrtle



Cadishead Moss M Jones 2019



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Nat. Ord.	72.	<i>Amantifera.</i>	
Linn.	Class	XXII.	Order III.
Names.	<i>Myrica Gale.</i> "Linn."		
Loc.	Sweet Gale. Bog Myrtle.		

Specimen at Manchester Museum

Status & distribution: Native, Near Threatened (Red List for England); SCINWE, Scarce as a native at Formby Moss (SD30I & SD30J); Holland Moss (SD40V & SD40W); a single plant at Sunnyhurst Mire (SD62R, P Jepson, 1980 onwards). Planted at several locations including Belmont (SD61T, R Rhodes, c. 1980, P Jepson, 2004); Watergrove Valley (SD91E, A Bamforth, 2001); on Astley Moss (SJ6997 & SJ7097, 2018 & 2019) and adjoining moses and at Risley Moss (SJ6691, 2019) by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust and J Styles.

Former distribution: Thought to have been frequent on the mossland areas.

Habitat: Birch woods and relic heaths on peaty soils.

Comments: This species greatly declined due to loss of mossland habitats with only small populations surviving at the few remaining sites, recent planting are however rectifying the decline.