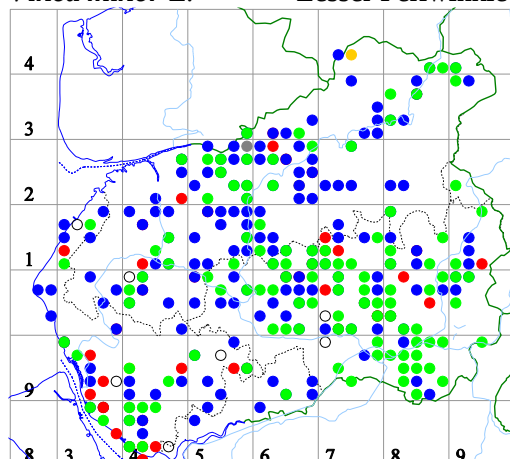


APOCYNACEAE Periwinkle family

***Vinca minor* L.** Lesser Periwinkle



Weld Road, Birkdale DP Earl 2008

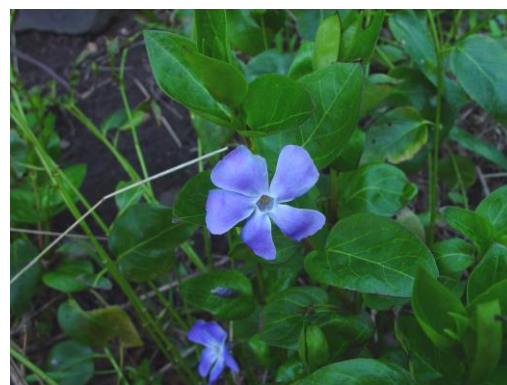
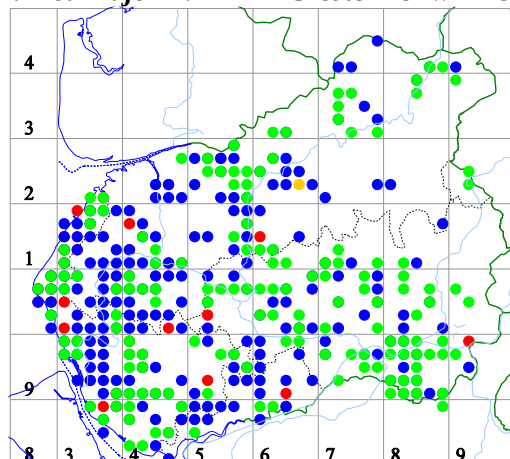
Status & distribution: Neophyte-naturalised; widespread as a garden escape and planted for ground cover.

Earliest record traced: Rainscough Brow (SD80B, G Caley, 1801).

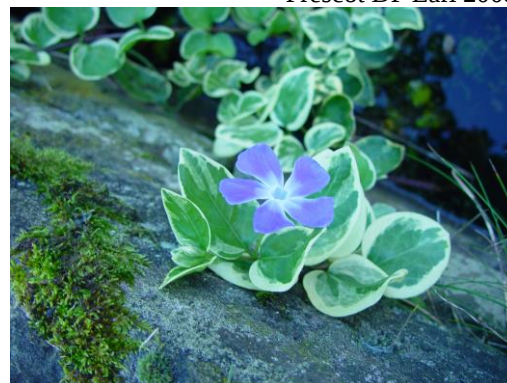
Habitat: Woods, hedgebanks, roadsides, railway banks, abandoned gardens and waste ground often near habitation.

Comments: Native to mainland Europe.

***Vinca major* L.** Greater Periwinkle



Prescot DP Earl 2008



Litherland DP Earl 2019

Status & distribution: Neophyte-naturalised; a frequent garden escape especially in the west along the coast fringe.

Earliest record traced: Knowsley (SJ49H, PA Jones, 1946).

Habitat: Dune margins, woods, hedgebanks, roadsides, railway banks and waste ground often near habitation.

Comments: Native to the Mediterranean region. Most plants are var. major with var. oxyloba being recorded from Water Street, Chorley (SD5817, DP & J Earl, 2012) & Colne (SD9040, H Beck, 2019). The variegated form is also widely naturalised.