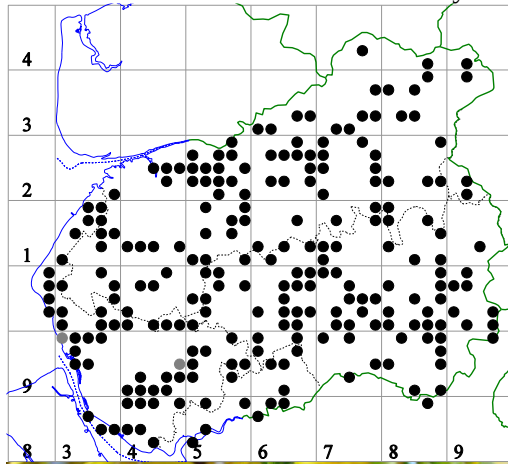


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Ash family

Forsythia x *intermedia* Zabel = *F. suspensa* (Thunb.) Vahl x *F. viridissima* Lindl. Forsythia



Rainford DP Earl 2009

Status & distribution: Neophyte-naturalised, now widely established usually nearby to habitation.

Earliest record traced: Corporation Park, Blackburn (SD6728, Phase 1 survey PD, 1988).

Habitat: Waste ground, railway banks, riverbanks and roadsides.

Comments: Of horticultural origin; usually a planted shrub but also spreading by vegetative means from garden populations and subsequently becoming established. The parent species of this garden shrub are native to China. This is also a *F. viridissima* var. *koreana* Rehder endemic to Korea.

Jasminum officinale L. Summer Jasmine



Whittle-le-Woods DP Earl 2009

Status & distribution: Neophyte-naturalised; Birchin Lane, Whittle-le-Woods (SD5822, 2009); Leeds & Liverpool Canal, Knowley (SD5918, 2010); Withnell (SD6321, 2013); Nell Lane, Cuerden (SD5623, 2020) & Hennel Lane, Walton-le-Dale (SD5427, 2020) DP & J Earl.

Habitat: Plantation strip and shaded canal bank below houses.

Comments: Native to temperate Asia and the Indian subcontinent.

Jasminum beesianum Forrest & Diels.

Red Jasmine



Lilford P Bowdler 2009

Status & distribution: Neophyte-naturalised; path from Elmridge to old railway, Lilford, Leigh (SD6600, DP & J Earl & P & A Bowdler, 2009); Woodhouses (SD9000, DP & J Earl, 2010); Falklands Way, Ainsdale (SD3011, PH Smith & MP Wilcox, 2012).

Habitat: Field borders and sand-dunes near houses.

Comments: Native to China.

***Jasminum nudiflorum* Lindl.**

Winter Jasmine



Walton-le-Dale DP Earl 2022



Reynolds Park SJ McWilliam 2023

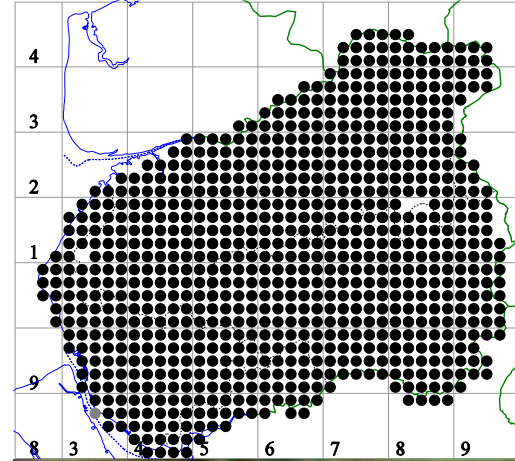
Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; locations include Yew Tree Road (SJ3695, J Boardman, 2010); Shorey Bank, Darwen (SD6922, DP & J Earl, 2016); Walton-le-Dale (SD5527, DP Earl, 2022); Reynolds Park, Woolton (SJ4287, SJ McWilliam, 2023).

Habitat: Field borders and sand-dunes near houses.

Comments: Native to China.

***Fraxinus excelsior* L.**

Ash



Read DP Earl 2008

Status & distribution: Native, Least Concern (Red List for England); widespread and generally common, but scarce on the intensive farmed former mosslands of West Lancashire.

Habitat: Woods, hedgerows, streamsides, riversides, roadsides, railway banks; planted in parks.

Comments: Occasionally over-looked. The var. *pendula* is commonly planted in parks



Knotty Ash DP Earl 2010

var. *diversifolia* was recorded from (SJ38); SJ48D & (SJ48I) by V Gordon and has been found to regenerate at wood margins,

Skelmersdale (SD4906, DP Earl & N Bruce).

Fraxinus angustifolia Vahl
Narrow-leaved Ash



St Helens DP Earl 2009



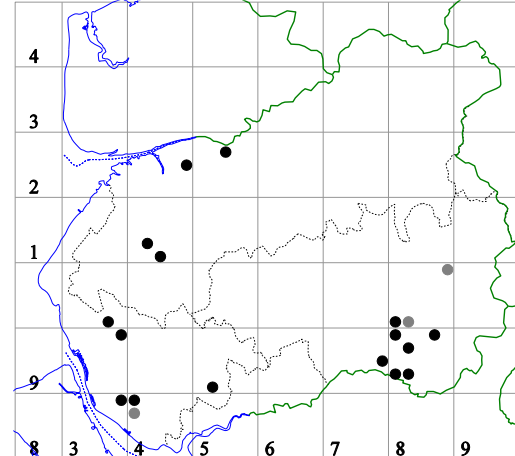
Bamber Bridge DP Earl 2020

Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; locations include a disused railway Higginshaw, Oldham (SD9206, SD9207, SD9306, DP Earl, 2003); Sherdley Park, St. Helens (SJ5193); Pennington Flash (SJ6598, J Somerville, 2009); Cronton Quarry (SJ4788); A562, near Widnes (SJ5386); Bretherton (SD4621); Barrowfield (SD8639, 2010); Bluebell Way, Bamber Bridge (SD5725); Leyland (SD5422); M6/A59 interchange (SD5830); Golden Way (SD5226); M58 near Skelmersdale (SD4804 & SD4705); Cuerden Valley Park (SD5722); Allerton (SJ4086, DPE, 2012); Scutchers Acre (SD4510, JW, 2013).

Habitat: Amongst plantation strips and amenity tree and shrub plantings.

Comments: Native to North America.

Fraxinus ornus L. Manna Ash



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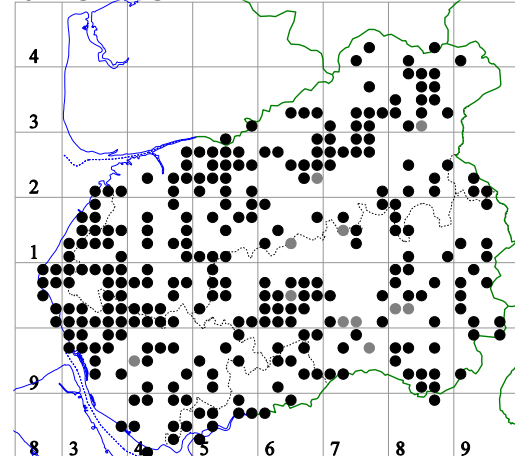
Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; occasional in Manchester & Merseyside, scarce elsewhere; regenerating at some locations.

Earliest record traced: Calderstones Park (SJ4087, A Mitchell & V Hallett, 1988).

Habitat: Woods, parks, and amenity plantings.

Comments: Native to south-eastern Europe.

Syringa vulgaris L. Lilac





Widnes DP Earl 2009

Status & distribution: Neophyte-naturalised; widely established especially near habitation.

Earliest record traced: Blackburn area (SD62S, P Jepson, 1976).

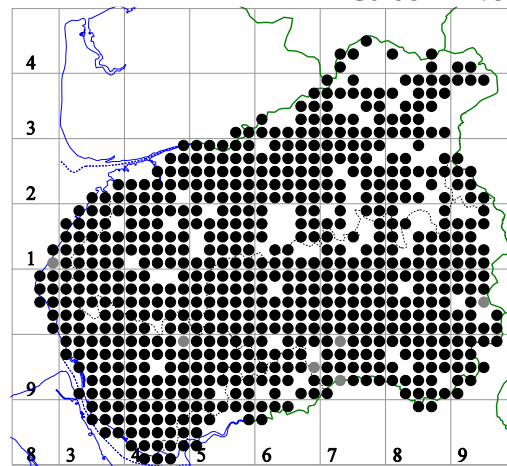
Habitat: Waste ground, railway banks, and hedgerows.

Comments: Native to south-eastern Europe.

Comments: Classed as introduced Savidge *et al* (1963) but appears native in old woods and hedgerows.

***Ligustrum ovalifolium* Hassk.**

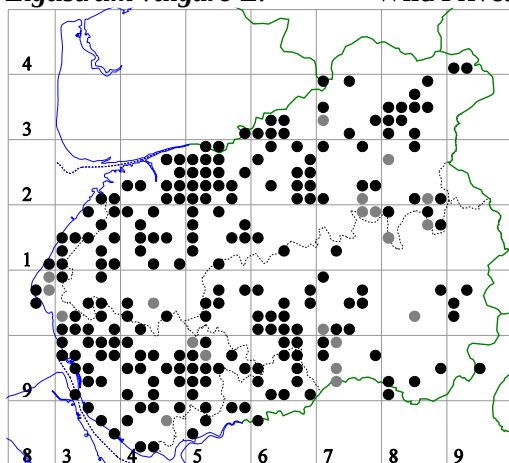
Garden Privet



Birkdale DP Earl 2008

***Ligustrum vulgare* L.**

Wild Privet



Martin Mere SJ McWilliam 2025

Status & distribution: Native, Least Concern (Red List for England), Axioophyte; widespread and frequently planted.

Habitat: Hedgerows, woods, and amenity shrub planting areas.

Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; now widely established near habitation throughout the vice-county though rarely self-sown.

Earliest records traced: As cultivated plants at Southport (SD31I, Gazebrook 1826) and perhaps semi-naturalised at Smithills (SD6911, T Greenlees, 1936, BON).

Habitat: Hedges, site of former gardens, parks, woods, on railway banks, riverbanks, tips, and waste ground.

Comments: Native to Japan. The var. 'Aureum' - Golden Privet is sometimes established.

Osmanthus delavayi Franch. Sweet Olive



Walton-le-Dale DP Earl 2011

Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; Kenilworth Road dunes, Ainsdale (SD3012, PH Smith, 2004); planted with other shrubs at Walton-le-Dale (SD5527, DP & J Earl, 2011) but dying in 2023; with *Viburnum tinus* at Lumns Lane, Agecroft (SD7901, DP & J Earl, 2023).

Habitat: Sand-dunes and a wooded bank.

Comments: Native to China.

Osmanthus heterophyllus (G. Don) P.S. Green Holly Olive

Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; Along a path at Whittle-le-Woods (SD5721, DP & J Earl, 2020).

Comments: Native to eastern Asia, Japan and Taiwan.