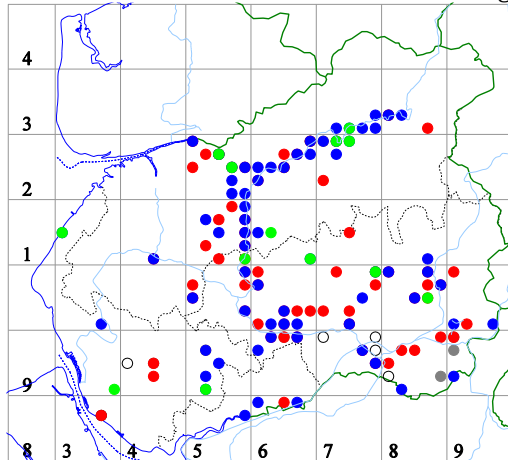


ACORACEAE

Sweet-flag family

Acorus calamus L.

Sweet Flag



Leeds & Liverpool Canal, Rose Grove DP Earl
2008



Cuerden Valley Country Park DP Earl 2020

Status & distribution: Neophyte-naturalised; particularly along the canal network.

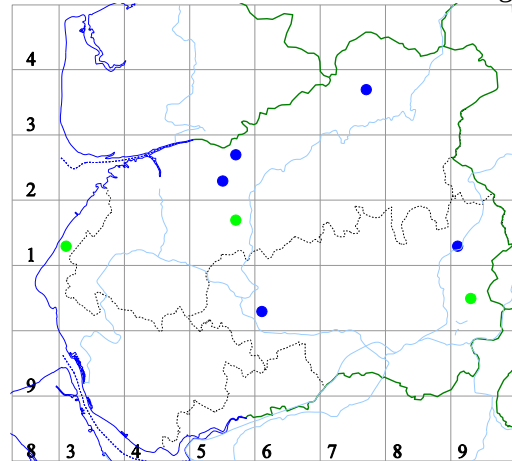
Earliest records traced: Near Chorlton (SJ89B) & Hope, near Eccles (SJ79Z, 1842, JB Wood, 1840).

Habitat: Canal, reservoir and pond margins.

Comments: Initially introduced and later spreading by vegetation reproduction from rhizome fragments as the plants established in Britain are sterile triploids.

Acorus gramineus Sol. ex Aiton

Slender Sweet-flag



Sabden Brook DP Earl 2010



Sands Lake, Ainsdale PH Smith 2024

Status & distribution: Neophyte-naturalised; Sabden Brook, Sabden (SD7737, DP Earl, 2009); Dog Kennel Wood (SD5626, 2011); Hindley (SD6103, 2012); Rochdale Canal (SD9112, 2012); Yarrow Country Park (SD5715, DP Earl, 2012); Farington Park mill lodge (SD5423, 2016 DP & J Earl); Copperworks Wood (SD5717, DP & J Earl, 2022); Sands Lake, Ainsdale (SD3012, PH Smith, 2024).

Habitat: Stream bed, a flushed woodland bank, canal and pond sides.

Comments: Native to temperate and tropical Asia with the distribution extending from India to Japan. The Sabden plant had clearly originated from the tipping of garden refuse.