

FURTHER NOTES ON LUNDY FLORA. August 1971

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I have checked my 1968 list and the corrections I made in 1969 seem to me to be still valid but I now have doubts as to whether I have seen a Sea Purslane *Halimione portulacoides* and I am checking in 1972.

I have checked my August 1969 and May 1970 list and offer the corrections in List I. In List II are my additions to the 1968, 1969 and 1970 lists.

In list III I have made a special note concerning Gosse's July 1852 visit and the flowers he noticed growing on Lundy (see Nos. 2 and 3 of *The Illustrated Lundy News*).

L = In Langham's *Lundy*.

NL = NOT in Langham's *Lundy*.

KM = Keble Martin's *Concise British Flora in colour*.

CTW = Clapham, Tutin and Warburg's *Flora of the British Isles*.

List I

1. I checked every Spurrey I saw and found no Sea Spurrey, only Rock Spurrey.
2. I checked as many Gorse bushes as I could and found no *Ulex minor* or *nanus* only *europaeus* and *gallii*.
3. I made a determined search for the Devil's Bit Scabious but found none.
4. I made a much less determined search for the Common Rest Harrow L which is truly common on the mainland but found none.
5. There is Bog Myrtle on the top of the island but the low shrub that covers large areas is Creeping Willow *Salix repens* (L. Dwarf Willow).
6. Wall Lettuce and Black Bog Rush I now have doubts about having seen and I am checking in 1972.

List II

Bulbous Buttercup *Ranunculus bulbosus*
Large Bitter Cress *Cardamine amara* (KM, NL)
English Scurvy Grass *Cochlearia anglica*
Corn Spurrey *Spergula arvensis*
Broom *Sarothamnus scoparius*
Red Clover (L. Purple Clover) *Trifolium pratense*
Least Yellow Trefoil (L. Slender Clover) *Trifolium micranthum*
Burnet Rose *Rosa pimpinellifolia* (L. *R. spinosissima*)
Marsh Bedstraw (L. Water Bedstraw) *Galium palustre*
Groundsel (L. Common Groundsel) *Senecio vulgaris*
Brown Knapweed *Centaurea nemoralis* (NL)
Smooth Hawk's Beard *Crepis capillaris*
Lesser Dandelion *Taraxacum laevigatum* (NL)
Corn Sowthistle *Sonchus arvensis*
White Cross-leaved Heath *Erica tetralix*
White Ling *Calluna vulgaris* is far commoner than it was ten years ago
Primrose *Primula vulgaris*
Thyme-leaved Speedwell *Veronica serpyllifolia*
Water Purslane *Peplis portula*
Mudwater Starwort (L. Water Starwort) *Callitriche stagnalis*

List III

Gosse noted Cinerous Heath and Yellow Broom by Benson's Cave and the Burnet Rose all growing in profusion. Broom and Rose are on the island but not by Benson's Cave. The Cinerous Heath *Erica cinerea* still grows in profusion.

Eyebright, Dwarf Red Rattle, Tormentil, Scarlet Pimpernel and Wild Thyme are still on the island.

I have not found White Stonecrop, only English Stonecrop, nor is the White recorded in Langham.

What Gosse calls Wood Germander or Bitter Sage is probably Wood Sage (*Teucrium scorofonia* KM, CTW) and is still on the island.

I do not know which of the geraniums Gosse means by 'little shining geranium' but there are plenty of several sorts of geranium on the island still.

The Common Brake-fern or Bracken is still very much present.

Honeysuckle, Foxglove, Germander and Speedwell are all still on the island. Spiked Speedwell I have not found nor is it recorded in Langham.

I do not know what Gosse means by 'the true Forgetmenot'. Neither KM nor CTW record any Forgetmenot by that name. Since Gosse found it and the white variety by a stream, I suggest they may have been Marsh or Water Forgetmenots which are still common.

Dwarf Willow is still common.

Common Meadow Buttercup is still on the island.

I have never found the Great Spearwort.