ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE COMITAL FLORA, FOR MIDDLESEX

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The object of this paper is to make as complete and accurate as possible the list of species on record for v.-c. 21 in the Comital Flora.

The literature of Middlesex botany contains many records which have for some reason been ignored in Comital Flora. This is especially noticeable in the case of many of the pre-Linnaean works, and instances occur where a Middlesex locality is cited as the first British record, yet v.-c. 21 is omitted from the list of county records, e.g., 425/2. Lactuca Serriola.

A number of the plants recorded are merely casual, while others have not been seen for many years, but where there is sufficient evidence that a plant did once occur in the county and is now presumably extinct it is included thus:— $\langle 21 \rangle$. Certain other species already on record for the county in the *Comital Flora* have also not been seen for many years, and so here again, where there is good evidence that a plant is probably now extinct, I have added $\langle \rangle$ to the record.

Alien species are marked with a dagger, and records new to the county with an asterisk.

In conclusion, there are in the Comital Flora a number of records for Middlesex for which I can find no evidence:—Vicia tenuifobia, Taraxacum paludosum, Linaria Pelisseriana, and Chenopodium botryodes. There are no specimens of any of these plants from v.-c. 21 in Herb. Druce.

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- 6/24. RANUNCULUS HETEROPHYLLUS Weber. Twickenham; T. Twining in Hb. Watson. Southall, 1902; Hb. Drabble. Hampstead; Druce (1910). Add to C.F.
- 21/6. Papaver hybridum L. Chelsey (=Chelsea) fields, as also in those belonging to Hammersmith . . . Mr Robert Lorkin and I; Johnson (1633, 373). Cornfields about Chelsea; Petiver (1695). Frequent among corn, Harefield; Blackstone (1737, 71). Add to C.F.
- †24/1. ROEMERIA HYBRIDA DC. Casual near Potter's Bar; Cooper (1914). Add to C.F.

- 31/1. Corydalis claviculata (L.) DC. In the hedges near Bonner's Row, Bethnal Green; MS. note by Alchorne quoted in $Ph\dot{y}t$., 3, 166. Add [21?] to C.F.
- 32/1. Fumaria capreolata L. All Middlesex records are errors for F. purpurea Pugsl. or F. Boraei Jord. Delete from C.F.
- 32/12. F. Vaillantii Lois. The inclusion of this plant in brackets in the *Comital Flora* is probably based on Benbow's Chiswick plant. The specimen has been determined by H. W. Pugsley as a monstrous form of F. officinalis L. Delete from C.F.
- *36/5. Barbarea intermedia Boreau. Uxbridge, 1888; Hb. Benbow; confirmed by A. B. Jackson. Add to C.F.
- 45/5. Coohlearia anglica L. Not recorded since Trimen & Dyer (1869, 422). Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
- †61/2. Lepidium latifolium L. Abundant by the Colne about Drayton Ford and Springwell, 1939; D. H. Kent. Canal bank in several places bet. Harefield and Springwell, 1945; B. Welch. Add (21) to C.F.
 - 88/11. Viola palustris L. Now extinct at Hampstead. Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
 - V. VARIATA Jord. Harefield; Mrs Drabble, B.E.C. 1936 Rep., 1937, 320. Add to C.F.
 - 88/22. V. AGRESTIS Jord. Fulwell; W. H. Brown, Drabble (1909).
- 88/23. V. SEGETALIS Jord. Pinner; W. A. Walkin, det. E. Drabble, B.E.C. 1929 Rep. (1930), 458. Add to C.F.
- *†96/6. SILENE QUINQUEVULNERA L. Field near Whitton Park, 1907; Hb. Montgomrey. Add to U.F.
- †96/10. S. NUTANS I. Casual on Hackney Marshes; Cooper (1914). Add (21) to C.F.
- 101/4. Stellaria neglecta Weihe. Chiswick and Isle of Dogs; Trimen MS. Edgware; Druce (1910). Add to C.F.
- 103/9. Sagina Reuteri Boiss. Drayton; Druce (1910). There is no specimen in Hb. Druce and the species is much musunderstood. Add [21?] to C.F.
- †108/1. Claytonia alsinoides Sims. Turner's Wood, Finchley, 1945; R. S. R. Fitter, det. at Kew. Add to C.F.
 - 112/17. Hypericum elodes L. On the great bog on Hampstead Heath; Blackstone (1746, 39). Now extinct. Add (21) to C.F.
 - 123/1. Thia platyphyllos Scop. Planted with other species at Syon, and at Hampton Court; Smith (1828, 3, 20). At Hampstead; Irvine (1838, 181). Add (21 planted) to C.F.

- 125/1. LINUM BIENNE Mill. Above Harefield Quarry, 1946; B. Welch. Add to C.F.
- †128/2. Erodium Moschatum (Burm.) L'Hérit. Laleham, 1815; Hb. Goodger and Rozea ex Trimen & Dyer (1869, 69). Add (21) to C.F.
- †133/4. IMPATIENS GLANDULIFERA Royle. Bet. Harefield and Denham; Phyt. N.S., 1, 166. Banks of the Thames about Brentford and Isleworth, 1938, and banks of the Brent about Ealing, Hanwell and Greenford, 1939; D. H. Kent. Add to C.F.
 - 155/8. Trifolium Maritimum Huds. Gathered . . . by the Thames side near the Earl of Peterborough's Palace (site of present day Millbank, S.W.1) by Joseph Andrews and John Field . . . probably before 1721; Boulger (1918). This and other suitable localities have long been built over. Add (21) to C.F.
- †178/1. Lathyrus latifolius L. Established on a railway bank near Hounslow, 1938; D. H. Kent. Waste land near the river at Chiswick, 1945; J. E. Lousley, B. Welch and D. H. Kent. Add to C.F.
- †178/2. L. SYLVESTRIS L. Near Uxbridge, 1900; Hb. Benbow. Near Scratch Wood, Edgwarebury, 1946; Miss J. Simmonds. Add (21) to C.F.
- †178/3. L. TUBEROSUS L. Chiswick embankment of Thames, 1933, still there 1937; E. B. Bangerter, det. A. J. Wilmott, B.E.C. 1937 Rep. (1938), 474. Add to C.F.
- 194/12. Rosa Affeliana Fries. Harefield and Stammore; Druce (1910). A very critical species of which there are no Middlesex specimens in Hb. Druce. Add [21?] to C.F.
- *194/19. R. TOMENTOSA Sm. Roxeth, 1886, and Perivale, 1887; Hb. Benbow. Add to C.F.
- 205/1. Parnassia palustris L. The locality north of Harefield has been destroyed by gravel digging operations. Euclose record with $\langle \ \rangle$.
- 210/1. Cotyledon Umbilicus-veneris L. Upon Westminster Abbey over the doore that leadeth from Chaucer his tombe to the old palace; Gerarde (1597, 424). In this place it is not now to be found; Johnson (1633, 529). In a gravel pit near Highberry barn; Martyn (1763, 71). Add 〈21〉 to U.F.
- 213/3. Drosera rotundifolia L. Survived at Harrow Weald until about 1934 but is now lost to the county. Enclose record with $\langle \ \rangle$.
- 217/3. Callitriche Palustris L. Pinner; W. R. Linton, B.E.C., 1884 Rep. (1885), 107. Add to C.F.

- †220/7(2). EPILOBIUM ADENOCAULON Hausskn. Bombed site, Suffolk Lane, E.C.4, 1945; J. E. Lousley, det. G. M. Ash. Frequent and increasing throughout the county, 1947; D. H. Kent. Add to C.F.
- 220/9. E. LANCEOLATUM Seb. & Maur. Wapping, 1945; J. E. Lousley. Add to C.F.
- 245/5. Bupleurum tenuissimum L. Not recorded since Trimen & Dyer (1869, 126). Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
- 265/6. Oenanthe Lachenalli C. C. Gmel. Not recorded since Trimen & Dyer (1869, 127). Enclose record with <>.
- †291/1. Lonicera Caprifolium L. Enfield; Hodson & Ford (1873), 149. Add to C.F.
- †295/1. Rubia peregrina L. Rubbish heaps at West Drayton; Miss A. Cobbe, B.E.C. 1916 Rep. (1917), 489. Add (21) to C.F.
- *296/3. Galium erectum Huds. Uxbridge, 1884; Hb. Benbow. Add to C.F.
- 298/3. ASPERULA CYNANCHICA L. Middlesex, 1862; Hb. Benbow.

 The following note in Benbow's handwriting is on the specimen sheet:—" Collected in Middlesex, but label mislaid. I believe it was found on the chalk at Harefield, but have not met with it since." The locality is a likely one. Add [21] to C.F.
- *304/4. Valerianella carinata Lois. North west of Harefield, 1886; W. R. Linton in Hb. Mus. Brit. Very abundant in Harefield chalkpit, 1889; Hb. Benbow. Still at Harefield, 1945; D. H. Kent. Add to C.F.
- 318/19. Aster Tripolium L. Not recorded since about 1886, all the old localities in the Isle of Dogs have now been built over. Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
- †368/1. Anthemis tinctoria L. Uxbridge and Alperton; Druce (1910). Yiewsley and Finchley; Cooper (1914). Golder's Green; London Nat., 1932, 59. Chiswick, 1942; J. E. Lousley. Site of the Churchyard of St Olaves, Silver Street, London, E.C.2, 1944; D. McClintock, B.E.C. 1943-44 Rep. (1946), 730 and 748. Add to C.F.
- 391/1. Carlina vulgaris L. In the old chalk pit at Harefield, plentifully; Blackstone (1737, 16). Warren Gate; Hb. Benbow. Add to C.F.
- 410/1. Arnoseris minima (L.) S. & K. In Hampton Court Park abundantly and in the fields thereabouts; Sam. Doody, Ray (1696, 373). In Teddington field, plentifully; Blackstone (1746, 42). Now lost to the county. Add $\langle 21 \rangle$ to C.F.
- 425/2. Lactuca Serriola L. Now abundant throughout the county on waste land and by roadsides, 1938; D. H. Kent. Add to C.F. (q.v. for earlier record).

- 427/1. Sonchus palustris L. About Blackwall; Ray (1696), 71.
 On the banks of the Thames in the Isle of Dogs;
 Petiver (1715). Sparingly in the marshes about Blackwall and Poplar; Curtis (1798). Not recorded since
 Trimen & Dyer (1869, 176). Add (21) to C.F.
- 467/1. Anagallis tenella Murr. On Harefield Moor, abundantly; Blackstone (1737, 65). On Hampstead Bog; Blackstone (1746, 60). Now extinct. Add <21> to C.F.
- 469/1. Samolus Valerandi L. Not recorded since Trimen & Dyer (1869), 228. Habitat destroyed by the industrial development of the Isle of Dogs. Enclose record with ⟨ ⟩.
- 480/8. Gentiana germanica Willd. Chalky field near Harefield, 1892; Hb. Benbow. Still there 1946; D. H. Kent. Add to C.F.
- *+506/7. Myosotis sylvatica (Ehrh.) Hoffm. Meadow by canal above Denham, Middx., 1892; A. H. Wolley-Dod in Hb. Mus. Tun. Wells. Harefield, 1946; B. Welch, conf. A. E. Wade. A plant of doubtful status in Middlesex, and probably always an escape from cultivation. Add (21) to C.F.
 - 515/2. Cuscuta europaea L. Between Shepperton and Chertsey Bridge, 1901; Hb. Green. Near Staines, 1920; W. R. Sherrin in Hb. South Lond. Bot. Inst. Thames bank opp. Chertsey, 1942; J. E. Lousley, B.E.C. 1941-2 Rep. (1944), 497. Still there 1948. Remove from brackets in C.F.
 - 550/1. Orobanche Rapum-genistae Thuill. Not recorded since Hodson & Ford (1873, 150). Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
 - 552/5. Utricularia minor L. Not recorded since Cullum (1774, 6). Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
 - 562/7. Satureia Nepeta (L.) Scheele. Lane leading to the river at Harefield; De Crespigny (1877, 9). There do not appear to be any herbarium specimens and the record needs confirmation. Add [21?] to C.F.
 - *604/4. Beta Maritima L. Isle of Dogs, 1887; Hb. Benbow. Add to C.F.
 - †628/9. Euphorbia virgata Waldst. & Kit. Between Ealing and Alperton, 1887; Hb. Benbow: canal bank near Southall, 1945; D. H. Kent: both det. A. J. Wilmott. Wyke Green, 1946, East Finchley and Yeading, 1947, East Acton, 1948; D. H. Kent. Add to C.F.
 - †628/11. E. Cyparissias L. Uxbridge, 1886—an escape from cultivation; Hb. Benbow. Railway bank near Kilburn, 1946; D. H. Kent. Add (21) to C.F.
 - 633/6. Ulmus stricta Lindl. By the Brent at Park Royal; A. B. Jackson, B.E.C. 1911 Rep. (1912), 121. Add to C.F.

- 641/1. Myrica Gale L. On Hunslow (=Hounslow) Heath; Merrett (1666, 82). Hampstead Heath, a single large old tree, nearly dead, 1887; Hb. Benbow. Now extinct in Middlesex. Add \(\frac{2\pi}{2} \rangle \text{to } U.F. \)
- †651/3. POPULUS NIGRA L. Syon House Grounds—two immense trees; Jackson (1910). Add (21 planted) to C.F.
 - 653/1. Ceratophyllum submersum L. Canal backwater north of Southall, 1947; B. Welch, J. E. Lousley, J. E. Woodhead and D. H. Kent. Add to C.F.
- †655/1. Stratiotes aloides L. Enfield; Hodson & Ford (1873, 150). Abundant and completely naturalized in Julius Caesar's Ponds, Little Common, Stanmore, 1940; D. H. Kent. Add (21) to C.F.
- 669/1. ORCHIS PURPUREA Huds. In the chalk pit near the paper mill at Harefield, plentifully; Blackstone (1737, 67).

 The plant may have been a form of O. militaris L. Add [21?] to C.F.
- 669/2. O. MILITARIS L. Not recorded since Benbow (1885). Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
- O. USTULATA L. Not recorded since Blackstone (1737, 69).
 Enclose record with ⟨ ⟩.
- 676/2. Iris foetidissima L. Not recorded since Trimen & Dyer (1869, 274). Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
- †690/2. Asparagus officinalis L. Old wall near Gunnersbury railway station, 1874; R. A. Pryor in Trimen MS. Roadside near Chiswick, 1946, and bank of River Fray's near Uxbridge, 1948; D. H. Kent. Add to C.F.
- †702/7. ALLIUM TRIQUETRUM L. Not recorded since Watson (1883).

 Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
 - 702/9. A. OLERACEUM L. Not recorded since Trimen & Dyer (1869, 280). Specimens in Hb. Watson were collected in 1856. Enclose record with $\langle \ \rangle$.
 - 708/1. Jalium Martagon L. Not recorded since Phyt. N.S. 6. (1862), 573. Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
- 718/15. Juncus Gerardi Lois. Not recorded since De Crespigny;

 Bot. Loc. Rec. Club 1878-79 Rep. (1880), 19. Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
- 737/27. Potamogeton trichoides Cham. & Schlecht. Ditch near Springwell Lock, 1884; Hb. Benbow. Staines, 1885; J. Fraser in Hb. Kew; still there 1947. All det. J. E. Dandy and G. Taylor. Add to C.F.
- †744/1. Cyperus longus L. Verge of lake, Syon Park, 1947; L. G. & R. M. Payne; originally planted, but now completely naturalized. Add (21) to C.F.
- *745/3. Heleocharis multicaulis (Sm.) Sm. About Harefield Lock, 1884; Hb. Benbow. Add to C.F.

- 746/4. Scirpus Tabernaemontani C. C. Gmel. Not recorded since about 1700. Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
- 746/5. S. TRIQUETER L. The localities by the Thames have now been destroyed by the combined efforts of dredging and the building of the river wall. Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
- 746/7. S. CAESPITOSUS L. Not recorded since Blackstone (1737), 91. Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
- 746/14. S. COMPRESSUS (L.) Pers. Not recorded since about 1800. Enclose record with $\langle \cdot \rangle$.
- *753/7. CAREX ROSTRATA Stokes. Marshy meadow near Tuddington (=Teddington), 1792; Forster MS. Not recorded since. Add \langle 21 \rangle to C.F.
- 753/61. C. Pairaet F. Schultz. Hampton Court, 1945; B. Welch. Chiswick, 1945; B. Welch & D. H. Kent. Wyke Green, Elstree and near Hillingdon, 1946; D. H. Kent. All det. E. Nelmes. Add to C.F.
- 753/61(2). C. POLYPHYLLA Kar. & Kir. Above Harefield Quarry, 1945; D. H. Kent, det. E. Nelmes. Add to C.F.
- *753/75. C. DIOICA L. Marshy meadow near Tuddington, 1792; Forster MS. Not recorded since. Add $\langle 21 \rangle$ to C.F.
- †780/1. AGROSTIS SEMIVERTICILLATA (Forst.) C. Chr. Acton; Druce (1910). Near Uxbridge, 1919; L. B. Hall and W. R. Sherrin in Hb. South Lond. Bot. Inst. Add (21) to C.F.
- 780/2(2). A. GIGANTEA Roth. "Specimens from Jewin Street and Fetter Lane determined by Mr C. E. Hubbard"; J. E. Lousley, B.E.C. 1943-4 Rep. (1946), 881. The var. dispar (Michx.) Philipson is frequent on waste ground throughout the county, 1946; D. H. Kent. Add to C.F.
- 785/1. APERA SPICA-VENTI (L.) Beauv. Harefield, frequent;
 Blackstone (1737, 34). East Acton, 1847; G. B.
 Denner in Hb. Kew. Teddington; Irvine (1838, 94).
 Harmondsworth and Stanwell, 1945; B. Welch & D. H.
 Kent. Hanwell, 1946; D. H. Kent. Add to C.F.
- 794/3. AVENA PRATENSIS L. Home Park, Hampton Court, 1943; B. Welch. Remove from brackets in C.F.
- †797/1. Cynodon Dactylon (L.) Pers. Near the river bridge at Hampton Court; Miss Bacon, B.E.C. 1925 Rep. (1926), 904. Add to C.F.
- †808/1. Cynosurus echinatus L. Casual at Harefield, 1910; Cooper (1914). Abundant at West Drayton, 1928; G. C. Druce, *B.E.C.* 1928 Rep. (1929), 766. Add to *C.F.*

- 825/3(2). GLYCERIA DECLINATA Bréb. West Drayton, 1942; D. H. Kent. Bushey Park, 1945; B. Welch. Near Hounslow Heath, 1948; C. E. Hubbard and D. H. Kent. Add to C.F.
- 827/19(2). Bromus Lepidus Holmb. Finsbury Park, 1871; A. French in Hb. Mus. Brit. Upper Thames Street near Dowgate Hill, 1945; J. E. Lousley in Hb. Kew. Hanwell, 1945; D. H. Kent, det. C. E. Hubbard. Hounslow Heath; C. E. Hubbard & D. H. Kent. Add to C.F.
- 828/2. Brachypodium pinnatum (L.) Beauv. Duck's Hill Heath, bet. Ruislip and Northwood, 1892; Hb. Benbow. Still there 1945; B. Welch. Add to C.F.
- 836/3. ELYMUS EUROPAEUS L. Garett Wood, near Harefield, 1886-9; Hb. Benbow. Denham (Middx.); C. E. Marks, B.E.C. 1935 Rep. (1936), 48. Add to C.F.
- 839/1. Juniperus communis L. Not recorded since Martyn (1763, 66). Enclose record with $\langle \rangle$.
- †868/1. AZOLLA FILICULOIDES Lam. On page 390 of C.F. for Pindon, Middlesex, read Pinner, Middlesex.
- 876/5. Chara Hispida L. Finchley Common; J. Woods, Turner & Dillwyn (1805, 254). Ruislip Common; De Crespigny (1877, 80). There appear to be no herbarium specimens, but the stations are likely ones. Add 21? to C.F.

PROBABLE ERRORS.

The following plants have also been recorded for Middlesex, but the stations are in some cases impossible, and in others extremely unlikely. The records have all been ignored in the *Comital Flora*, and confirmation by specimens is needed before their inclusion can be accepted.

- 3/1. Anemone Pulsatilla L. On a bank of the edge of the upper heath, Hampstead; a small bed of it among the whitethorn trees going to the Leg of Mutton Pond; White (1900, 363). Two ridiculous statements, though it is difficult to imagine the plants intended unless they be colour forms of Anemone nemorosa L.
- 45/2. Cochlearia officinalis L. Casual at Bedford Park; Cockerell (1887).
- 127/3. Geranium sylvaticum L. Regent's Park, Webster (1911), 102. Perhaps planted there.
- 166/1. Astragalus glycyphyllos L. Woods about Harefield; De Crespigny (1877, 6). This is an old record quoted by De Crespigny. It was not confirmed by him, and I am unable to trace its origin. While there are many suitable localities for this species at Harefield, I consider it most unlikely that such a conspicuous plant

- should have been overlooked by Blackstone. The absence of a record in Blackstone (1737) throws considerable doubt upon the occurrence of the species in Middlesex.
- 176/1. VICIA SYLVATICA L. Hampstead; Cochrane (1889, 119).

 Regent's Park, Webster (1911, 102). Both records probably refer to V. sepium L.
- 446/7. Erica vagans L. Hampstead Heath, rare; "G.A." (1902).

 An impossible record, unless deliberately planted.
- 671/1. Aceras anthropophorum (L.) R. Br. Old chalkpits near Harefield (?); De Crespigny (1877, 35). An old record quoted by De Crespigny, but unconfirmed by him. It would be interesting to know the origin of this record, but I am unable to trace it. There appears to be no other record for the county.
- 718/8. Juncus subnodulosus Schrank. Hampstead Heath; De Crespigny (1877, 35). No doubt some other species intended.
- 747/1. ERIOPHORUM LATIFOLIUM Hoppe. Beside the watercourse on Hampstead Heath, abundant 1874; lost 1895; White (1900, 364). Almost certainly an error.
- 753/58. Carex curta Good. Lanes in a hollow near Neasden; De Crespigny (1877, 12). Possibly a form of C. remota L. was mistaken for it.
- 753/65. C. DIANDRA Schrank. A tuft or two at the side of the Paddington Canal near Willesden Junction; De Crespigny (1877, 13). Perhaps a slender form of C. Otrubae was the plant intended.
- 848/1. Adiantum Capillus-veneris L. Found in various parts of . . . Middlesex; Russell & Price (1769, 2, 219). An error.
- 865/1. BOTRYCHIUM LUNARIA (L.) Sw. Found on many of the commons . . . of Middlesex . . . particularly near Acton; Russell & Price (1769, 2, 218). Perhaps Ophioglossum vulgatum L. intended.

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