

Interesting finds in Kincardineshire (VC91) during 2021

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***Gentianella campestris* (Field Gentian) Feared lost**

Searches of the last-recorded site at Findon had proved negative for several years, the habitat being too rank. A colony of several hundred plants under 2 cm tall was discovered at St Cyrus NNR the day public access was restored to this area after the bird-breeding season.



***Equisetum pratense* (Shady Horsetail) Rediscovered after 150 years**

Previously known only from two spatially imprecise pre-1860 records in Fettercairn parish. During a visit to the previously unrecorded tetrad NO67N, a small colony was discovered in the hills above Fettercairn village along the Burn of Garrol.



***Ornithopus pusillus* (Bird's-foot) First large population**

Previously known only as two small, isolated populations. One of these is a trackside close to a large, recently unworked sand and gravel quarry south of Park Bridge. The quarry was found to contain a population of 1000s of plants, perhaps the source of the plants by the track to Keith's Tower.



***Salix triandra* (Almond Willow)** First record since 1920, by outflow of former pond near Waulkmill, Strachan.

***Hieracium prenanthoides* (Rough-leaved Hawkweed)** First record, in tall grassland at Marykirk, one field distant from the River North Esk. Likely to be more upstream.

***Erysimum cheiranthoides* (Treacle-mustard)** First record since 1875, in arable field margin north of Laurencekirk currently used to grow pumpkins.

***Anisantha rubens* (Foxtail Brome)** Subject to confirmation, only British record this millennium, by roundabout on south side of Bridge of Dee, Aberdeen.