

## RUBIACEAE

**Phuopsis** (Griseb.) Hook. f.

**P. stylosa** (Trin.) Benth. & Hook. f. ex B.D. Jacks. (*Asperula ciliata*,  
*Crucianella stylosa*) **Caucasian Crosswort**

Rare garden escape or casual; one modern record.

**21, 22, 38-40.**

**21** \* Lucan 1914, edge of demesne woodland (**DBN**).

**22** Pilton demesne 1957 (Wallace 1960).

**38** Mahee Island near Comber 1971, among nettles (*FNE 1992*, **BEL**).

**39** Stranmillis, Belfast 1927 (*FNE 1938*, **DBN**).

**40** Magilligan 1927 (*FNE 1938*, *FNE 1992*).

**Asperula** L.

**A. arvensis** L.

**Blue Woodruff**

Rare casual; no modern records.

**2, 39.**

**2** Lahard House, Beaufort 1910-12, sparingly as garden weed, introduced with imported dove's food (Scully 1916, **DBN**).

**39** \* Near Kilroot 1900, waste ground (Wear 1923).

**A. taurina** L.

**Pink Woodruff**

Rare relic of cultivation; no modern records.

**36, 40.**

**36** S of Killycolpy pre-1949, by ruined cottage (Harron 1986).

**40** Near Portrush 1949, established for many years in spinney close to house (Chase 1949).

**Galium** L.

*G. mollugo* L. (*G. album*, *G. erectum*)

Hedge Bedstraw

Probably introduced (*Cens Cat*).

Occasional, mainly in grassland and on banks; in late 19th C, considered to have been introduced with grass seed, and found in pastures and lawns (e.g. Phillips 1895, Davies 1896, *Cyb 1898*).

*Cens Cat* **1, 2, 5-10, 12-14, 16-25, 31, 33, 35-40.**

Also **32**, roadside at Ballyleck post-1994 (I. McNeill).

**G. tricornutum** Dandy (*G. tricornue*)

**Corn Cleavers**

Rare casual; no modern records.

**19, 38.**

**19** \* Near Straffan 1905, hen run by canal, introduced with grain (Knowles 1906, **DBN**).

**38** Several places along railway between Belfast and Kinnegar, e.g. in 1906, 1915 (Carrothers 1906b, 1916, *FNE 1938*, **BEL**).

**Cruciata** Mill.**C. laevipes** Opiz (*Galium cruciata*)**Crosswort**

Established at Downpatrick for over 250 years; rare casual elsewhere.

\* Downpatrick, Co. Down 18th C, among the rubbish of the cathedral; fields near cathedral and sides of Downpatrick rath mid-19th C (More 1872, *FNE* 1888); established at Downpatrick (e.g. Carrothers 1906a, Anon. 1923, *FNE* 1938, **BEL**). Also pre-1850 specimen from Co. Cork (Reilly 1995).

*Cens Cat* **22, 38**. Also **3, 4, 33**.

Post-1970 records and additional vice-county records:

**3** Near Inishannon 1986, at entrance to quarry on bank of River Bandon (Reynolds 1996b).

**4** Inishannon, E side of bridge over River Bandon 1993-94, among brambles and nettles (Reynolds 1996b, **DBN**).

**22** Mulphedder E of Kinnegad 1981, grass verge of main road (Rohu 1983).

**33** Colebrooke 1869 (More 1872); searched for in 1937 without success, but planted shrubs there with which it could have been introduced (Praeger 1939).

**38** Still at Downpatrick 1989 (*FNE* 1992).

**CAPRIFOLIACEAE****Sambucus** L.**S. ebulus** L.**Dwarf Elder**

Fairly widespread, but local; established and persistent mainly on roadside banks, in hedgerows, near houses or ruins; also on waste ground; originally introduced as a medicinal plant.

\* Hedges, waysides, waste places and about ruins, rather rare (*Cyb* 1866); in most cases a more or less obvious garden outcast or relic of ancient cultivation, but well established in many stations and looking wild enough on limestone crags in Co. Clare (*Cyb* 1898); at end of 19th C, frequent throughout (*ITB* 1901).

*Cens Cat* **1-13, 15-18, 20, 21, 23, 25-40**.**Viburnum** L.**V. lantana** L.**Wayfaring-tree**

Regenerating "vigorously" by Lough Carra near Moore Hall, NW of Ballinrobe, E Mayo 1965 (Perring 1966), and all stages of regeneration again seen 1990 (**TCD**); elsewhere usually a relic of cultivation, mainly in roadside hedges.

\* Occasional in plantations and parks, but only where planted (*Cyb* 1866, *Cyb* 1898).

*Cens Cat* **8, 11, 19, 21, 22, 26, 31, 37, 39**. Also {16}, **28**.

Additional records:

{16 Ardnasillagh 1975, one bush on roadside, perhaps a deliberate planting (Scannell & Jebb 2000).}

**28** Near Holy Well/Waterglades, Lough Gill, roadside hedgerow (Cotton & Cawley 1993).

**V. tinus** L.**Laurustinus**

Rare escape from cultivation; established in a woodland in Co. Waterford, and self-seeding elsewhere, including Killarney National Park.

**2, 6, {13}.**

**2** \* Killarney 1969-86, occasional in woodland on limestone on Muckross peninsula and Ross Island; occasional saplings on lakeside cliff tops, self-sown (Kelly 1985a, 1988).

**6** Between Lismore and Cappoquin 1997, well established in woodland (P. Green and G. Crouch); and also self-sown at other sites (P. Green).

{13 Coolaphuca Wood, Bunclody, planted (Booth 1979).}

**Symphoricarpos** Duhamel

**S. albus** (L.) S.F. Blake (*S. rivularis*, *S. racemosus*)

**Snowberry**

Widespread and common; usually spreading from where originally planted and forming thickets by suckering; established on roadsides, in woodland and demesnes, as well as in quite wild places; also on waste ground and rubbish tips.

\* Seedling on wall top near Dunsink and looking wild by River Dodder below Bohernabreena, Co. Dublin 1903; frequently planted and in some places forming extensive hedgerows; not so far successful in establishing itself in any quantity remote from cultivation (*FDub 1904*); near Drumbeg, Co. Down (*FNE 1938*); not included in Praeger's (1934b) Census List; many records throughout the country by mid-20th C (*Atlas 1962*).

*Cens Cat* **1-40.**

**Leycesteria** Wall.

**L. formosa** Wall.

**Himalayan Honeysuckle**

Fairly widespread escape from cultivation, or relic of cultivation in demesnes; woodland and woodland margins, roadside and railway banks, quarries etc.; more rarely on walls and waste ground; self-seeding and presumably bird-sown.

\* Ards, W Donegal 1955, forestry plantation (Rosser 1957); spreading far beyond Pilton demesne, Co. Meath 1957 (Wallace 1960); berries much sought after by pheasants, so commonly planted as a covert for them; regenerating from seed and apparently spreading along hedgerows and ditch-banks of Lyons Estate, Celbridge, Co. Kildare (Curran 1967); well established at Co. Cork sites (O'Mahony 1975); and considered to be steadily increasing as a naturalized plant (Webb 1982).

*Cens Cat* **1, 4-11, 16, 19, 20, 22, 31, 36, 37.** Also **3, 12, 21, 28, 29, 35, 38-40.**

Additional vice-county records:

**3** (O'Mahony 1999), **12** (**DBN**: e.g. Kerloge, S of Wexford 1990, disused quarry), **21** (Reilly 1993, *FDub 1998*, **DBN**, **TCD**), **28** (Cotton & Cawley 1993), **29** (Cotton & Cawley 1993, Hill 1998), **35** (Rosser 1957), **38** (Kertland 1972, Hackney 1998a), **39** (Kertland 1972, Beesley 1993b, *FBel 1997*) and **38-40** (*FNE 1992*, **BEL**).

**Weigela** Thunb.**Weigela** spp.**Weigelia**

In NE, popular shrubs which persist in abandoned gardens (*FNE 1992*).

**Lonicera** L.**L. alpigena** L.**Alpine Honeysuckle**

**34** Brown Hall near Donegal town 1885-86, established in woods (**DBN**).

**L. caprifolium** L.**Perfoliate Honeysuckle**

**39** Belfast 1893/94, near distillery/flour mill (Stewart & Praeger 1894-95).

**L. involucrata** (Richardson) Banks ex Spreng. (*L. ledebourii*)**Californian Honeysuckle**

Rare garden escape, or persisting where planted.

{28, 39}, **40**.

{28 Planted in hedges in a few places in W of Ireland, e.g. S of Toberscanavan 1987 (Webb 1959c and later editions of *An Irish flora*; **TCD**).}

{39 Redhall Glen 1938, in plantation (Brenan & Simpson 1949). Near Gobbins, Islandmagee 1987, planted in a garden (*FNE 1992*).}

**40** Brockagh quarry 2000, garden throw-out, possibly established (I. McNeill).

**L. japonica** Thunb. ex Murray**Japanese Honeysuckle**

Rare garden escape, or relic of cultivation.

**3, 4, 6**.

**3** Ahakista, N side of Dunmanus Bay 1999, large stand covered road verge (Green 2000b).

**4** Ringabella Bay 1999, creeping over scrub on edge of small cliff, with *Delairea odorata* (I. Green).

**6** \* Ardmore area 1997; Coolhagh 1997, by ruin (P. Green and I. Green).

**L. nitida** E.H. Wilson**Wilson's Honeysuckle**

Common relic of cultivation where used as hedging; spreading vegetatively in roadside hedges and abandoned gardens, also rooting readily from hedge clippings; garden discard on rubbish tips; rarely self-sown.

**1-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 21, 30, 31, 36, 38-40**.

**1-3, 5, 6, 11, 12** Widespread in hedges, woodland, at sites of ruins and on waste ground; self-sown on a high wall in **6** (P. Green).

**4** SE of Meelin 1987 (M. Scannell).

**8** Several sites, mainly roadsides (SR).

**9** No details (Clement 1984). S of Tuamgraney 1988, roadside (SR).

**15** No details (Clement 1984).

**21** Widespread in hedges, sometimes far from houses (*FDub 1998*). Ballyogan tip 1994 (SR).

**30** Frequent as hedge plant, but often found away from dwellings (Reilly 2001).

- 31** \* Near Carlingford castle 1967, on natural rock face of steep railway cutting (Harron 1974).  
**36** Very frequent (I. McNeill).  
**38, 39** Belfast, occasional as a persistent garden discard (*FBel* 1997).  
**39** Five 10 km squares since 1985 (Beesley 1993b).  
**38-40** Persistent long after abandonment of cultivation (*FNE* 1992).

**L. pileata** Oliv.**Box-leaved Honeysuckle**

Rare garden escape or discard.

**6, 21.**

- 6** Woodland Pill W of Passage East 2000, single bush among brambles (P. Green).  
**21** \* Ballyogan tip 1995 (Reynolds 1997e, **DBN**).

**L. xylosteum** L.**Fly Honeysuckle**

Rare garden escape or relic of cultivation.

\* 19th C records for Kippard Mountain near Mountmellick in **14** (*Cyb* 1866); established in woods at Buncrana castle, and at Brown Hall near Donegal town in **34** (Hart 1898); and Bellahill near Carrickfergus in **39** (Dickie 1864, *FNE* 1888).  
 20th C records:

- 22** Dunshaughlin 1929, growing all over marsh, far from garden (**DBN**).  
**39** Glynn 1912, near waterfall, "garden relic" (**BEL**). Glenoe (*FNE* 1938).

**ADOXACEAE****Adoxa** L.**A. moschatellina** L.**Moschatel**

Rare garden escape or relic of cultivation. Known in Co. Antrim since the early 1800s, and at Cave Hill from pre-1863 to the present; whether it is native there or not remains debatable (*Cyb* 1866, *FNE* 1888, *FNE* 1992, **BEL**); protected by Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order, 1985.

In *Cens Cat* as 'possibly introduced' in **39** and 'certainly introduced' in **21**. Also {22}.

- 21** Near Leopardstown Park Hospital 1985, established in demesne woodland (*FDub* 1998, **DBN**), and still there 2001 (SR); origin of plants unknown.  
 {22 Muff, Nobber 1969, planted beside Dispensary House; well established in boundary hedge by 1974 (Harvey 1975).}

**VALERIANACEAE****Valerianella** Mill.**V. carinata** Loisel.**Keeled-fruited Cornsalad**

Frequent in S and E; freely seeding and locally abundant in dry habitats; pavement edges, roadsides, walls, disturbed ground, abandoned railway lines and quarries, also garden weed; apparently still spreading. Weed in Slieve Donard

Nursery, Co. Down (Chase 1953), and possibly introduced with garden plants elsewhere.

\* Near Dundonald, Co. Down 1871, abundant on hedgebanks for a mile (More 1872); becoming naturalized there (*Cyb 1898*) and still in same area 1953 (Chase 1953); also near Ballyheigue, N Kerry 1902, where it did not persist (Scully 1903, 1912). Few new records (e.g. Praeger 1939, 1946, Brunner 1955) until latter part of 20th C.

*Cens Cat* **2, 5, 12, 13, 20, 21, 23, 38**. Also **3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11**.

Post-1987 and additional vice-county records:

- 3** Courtmacsherry 1999 (O'Mahony 2000b). Innacullin garden, Garinish Island 1999 (Green 2000b). Timoleague 1999-2000; James Fort near Kinsale 2000 (O'Mahony 2001c).
- 4** Cork City, many populations (O'Mahony 2000b). Blarney, Ballincollig and Ringabella Bay 1999 (I. Green).
- 5** Pillmore 1998 (P. Green). Near Cobh railway station 2001 (O'Mahony 2002).
- 6** Many sites since 1997, often on walls (P. Green and I. Green).
- 8** S of Coolcappagh on abandoned railway 1987, and elsewhere (e.g. Reynolds 1988a, 1999a, **DBN**).
- 10** Roscrea post-1990, cemetery of church on hill (D. Nash).
- 11** Rosbercon 1990 (Reynolds 1992b, **DBN**), also 1993. Kells Priory 1999 (Dines 2000a).
- 12** Wexford Harbour area (FitzGerald 1996).
- 20** Newtownmountkennedy 1999, and elsewhere (SR).
- 21** Common in places (*FDub 1998*, **DBN, TCD**).

#### **V. dentata** (L.) Pollich

#### **Narrow-fruited Cornsalad**

Rare arable weed, formerly widespread.

\* Cultivated fields and banks, rather rare (*Cyb 1866*); recorded in 33 vice-counties by 1900 (*ITB 1901*). Weed in Viking Dublin (Geraghty 1996).

*Cens Cat* **2-25, 30-33, 35, 37-40**.

Post-1970 records:

- 3** Sherkin Island 1999 (J. Akeroyd).
- 12** Drumderry, Bunclody 1976; Longgraique 1987; Slaney valley NNW of Bunclody 1992 (**DBN**). Near Fethard 1994 (BSBI).
- 13** Around Ballon and Carrigduff, Bunclody, in fields (Booth 1979). Kilgreany 1990, W of old railway bridge (**DBN**).
- 21** Near Westmanstown 1987, potato field (*FDub 1998*).

#### **V. rimosa** Bastard (*V. auricula*)

#### **Broad-fruited Cornsalad**

Rare arable weed, formerly quite widespread.

\* Cultivated fields, rare (*Cyb 1866*); reported from 17 vice-counties by 1900, rare in W and absent from N (*ITB 1901*).

*Cens Cat* **3-6, 10-18, 20-22, 24, 26, 30, 31, 38**.

Post-1970 record:

**13** Near Borris, field edge by Bagenalstown road (Booth 1979).

**Valeriana L.**

**V. pyrenaica L.**

**Pyrenean Valerian**

Rare relic of, or escape from, cultivation; on roadsides, open ground and in sparse woodland.

*Cens Cat* **16, 31, 36**. Also **30, 39**.

All records:

**16** Leenane 1935, near coastguard station (**DBN**). Near ruins of Clifden Castle 1974-77, 1981, naturalized on roadside; in cultivation in castle grounds c.1835 (Webb 1982, *FCB* 1983, **DBN**).

**30** Map record (*Atlas 1962*). N of Derryhum crossroads 1999, three sites on open ground (Reilly 2001).

**31** Oriel Temple 1957, edge of wood by main road (Wallace 1960). Near Collon 1975, lay-by on Ardee road (**DBN**).

**36** Donaghmore 1938 (**BEL**). Limehill near Pomeroy 1982 (Lambert 1985), and still near Pomeroy (I. McNeill).

**39** \* Near Antrim 1885, introduced shrubby plant (*FNE 1888, Cyb 1898*). Castle Upton, Templepatrick 1924 (**BEL**). Glenarm Forest Park 1980, in sparse woodland (*FNE 1992*).

**Centranthus Neck. ex Lam. & DC.**

**C. ruber (L.) DC. (*Centranthus ruber*)**

**Red Valerian**

Common garden escape, locally abundant; naturalized particularly on old walls; also on waste ground, railway banks and roofs, as well as on outcrops, cliffs and limestone pavement; freely seeding; various shades of red and pink, also white.

\* Abundant on walls about Cork, Clonmel, Fermoy, Enniscorthy and other towns in S; also Kilfenora in the Burren, and in the neighbourhood of Dublin City; does not appear to extend to really wild stations (*Cyb 1866*); thoroughly naturalized around Cork City and harbour only (*Cyb 1898*); by early 20th C, spreading into quite wild ground (Praeger 1934b).

*Cens Cat* **1-17, 20-23, 27, 31, 32, 34-40**. Also **19, 25, 28-30**.

Additional vice-county records:

**19** (Bowering *et al.* 1995), **25** (Wyse Jackson 1995), **28, 29** (Cotton & Cawley 1993) and **30** (Reilly 1996, 2001).

**DIPSACACEAE**

**Dipsacus L.**

**D. pilosus L.**

**Small Teasel**

**38** Ballymacarrett 1915, casual (*FNE 1938, FNE 1992*).

**D. sativus (L.) Honck. (*D. fullonum* subsp. *sativus*)**

**Fuller's Teasel**

Rare casual; hybridizes with *D. fullonum* L. In 18th C, cultivated and dried for

use of clothiers in Dublin (*FDub 1904*).

**21, 38.**

**21** Ringsend Dump, Dublin 1990-95, disturbed ground; and *D. sativus* × *D. fullonum* nearby in 1995 (Reynolds 1997c, 1998b, **DBN**); same site 1998-99, hybrids and few almost pure *D. sativus* (SR).

**38** \* Ballymacarret 1915 (as *D. fullonum*, 'Fuller's Teasel' in *FNE 1938*; *FNE 1992*).

### **Scabiosa L.**

**S. columbaria L.**

**Small Scabious**

**39** Portrush "since 1955", around W Strand near Castle Erin (Kertland 1972).  
Portrush golf course 1957, single plant in the rough (Chase 1958).

## **ASTERACEAE (Compositae)**

### **Echinops L.**

**E. bannaticus** Rochel ex Schrad.

**Blue Globe-thistle**

Rare garden escape.

**21, 32.**

**21** \* Ballyfermot 1987, persisting in waste ground (*FDub 1998*).

**32** Wallace's Bridge, NE side of Muckno Lake 2000, large stand (Hill 2001).

**E. sphaerocephalus L.**

**Glandular Globe-thistle**

**13** Roadside between Royal Oak and Goresbridge, garden escape (Booth 1979).

### **Carlina L.**

**C. acaulis L.**

**Stemless Carlina-thistle**

Rare casual. In error for native *C. vulgaris* L. in Webb *et al.* (1996).

**28** Killaspug Point, Strandhill c.1989; in 1991, 14 plants established in sand hills; this area, close to the runway of Sligo airport, was thinly planted with conifers c.1982 (Cotton & Cawley 1993, **DBN**).

### **Carduus L.**

**C. nutans L.**

**Musk Thistle**

Probably introduced (*Cens Cat*).

Rather rare, e.g. in permanent pasture in E Cork 1986-87 (Smiddy 1988), and Tawin Island, SE Galway 1987 (Scannell & Jebb 2000); in reseeded field in Co. Down 1985, introduced with seed and gone 1986 (*FNE 1992*).

*Cens Cat* **5, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, 38-40.**

Also **30**, Lough Oughter 1968 (Reilly 2001).

### **Cirsium Mill.**

**C. eriophorum** (L.) Scop. (*Carduus eriophorus*)

**Woolly Thistle**

19th C records only.