

BOTANICAL RAMBLES

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ON the 5th June, 1934, between 40 and 50 members met near the Monument on the top of Farley Mount : many of these had not previously visited this locality and were both surprised and delighted with the extensive views to be obtained therefrom.

Owing to the exceedingly dry weather, many flowers, which should have been found, were conspicuous by their absence; but on the whole quite an interesting collection was brought in. The party dispersed to wander about the copses and rough meadowland in search of what they could find ; but the wood wherein the Lily of the Valley grows in abundance was carefully avoided, as the owner is very particular and leave had not been obtained to visit them. There is another wood near North Baddesley where these lilies also grow in abundance and they have not hitherto been recorded here ; this wood, also, was not visited as it happened to be the spot where many young pheasants were being reared.

The list of finds is given below, as it forms a useful guide for future rambles.

Lunch was enjoyed near the Monument to the famous horse which jumped into a deep chalk pit, but won a Hunt Cup race two years after !

The party then proceeded to North Baddesley, where a short time was spent at the old church of the Knights Hospitallers of St. John ; this is mentioned in Domesday Book and is full of interest to the archaeologist and to the stray visitor. We then went on our way to visit Professor Lyttel's garden at Chilworth, the chief feature being the large rock garden, containing hundreds of rare Alpines ; but the rest of the garden is also full of interest to the flower lover, consisting of shrubberies, woodland and water gardens, with many beautiful and uncommon flowering shrubs and plants. This garden was unknown to most of the party, and the visit to it came as a delightful surprise and formed an instructive variation to the ramble in search of native plants, as they made the acquaintance of many new flowers.

On the way to tea at Cuckoo Bushes, Chandler's Ford, the botanists had the opportunity of finding a quantity of the curious Bird's Nest Orchis, growing under the fir trees. After tea the party went round the Director's garden, which is on a much smaller scale, but found many interesting flowers and shrubs in bloom, and then dispersed after spending a very enjoyable day.

On 3rd July a small, but keen, party of 17 botanists met at Holmsley Station and spent an hour in exploring the somewhat dried-up marsh near by, where several interesting plants were found, although owing to the drought many had to be sought for diligently. The party then went by cars to Mudeford, near Christchurch (and unknowingly passed the spot where the very rare *Lobelia urens* grows in fair quantity, but the Director considered it better not to mention this until after tea!). Lunch was eaten on the beach in the beautiful and unspoilt bit of the coast, and then the party dispersed to hunt for what they could find, the flora here being a great contrast to that of the morning ramble; the shore, sandbanks and the fresh-water pond provided many interesting specimens, but a great many uncommon plants were missing which would have been found in a normal and less dry season.

After tea in the café garden, the Director gave a short talk on the various specimens which were found during the day.

LIST OF SOME OF THE PLANTS FOUND.

FARLEY MOUNT.

Wild Mignonette	..	..	..	..	<i>Reseda lutea.</i>
Dyer's Green Weed	..	..	..	..	<i>Reseda luteola.</i>
Rock-rose	..	..	..	..	<i>Helianthemum Chamaecistus.</i>
Milkwort	..	..	..	..	<i>Polygala vulgaris.</i>
White Campion	..	..	..	..	<i>Lychnis alba.</i>
Purging Flax	..	..	..	..	<i>Linum catharticum.</i>
Spindle Tree	..	..	..	..	<i>Euonymus europaeus.</i>
Berry-bearing Alder	..	..	..	..	<i>Rhamnus Frangula.</i>
Buckthorn	..	..	..	..	<i>Rhamnus Catharticum.</i>
Wood Avens	..	..	..	..	<i>Geum urbanum.</i>
Lesser Burnet	..	..	..	..	<i>Poterium Sanguisorba.</i>
White Beam	..	..	..	..	<i>Pyrus Aria.</i>
Biting Stonecrop	..	..	..	..	<i>Sedum acre.</i>
Wood Sanicle	..	..	..	..	<i>Sanicula europaea.</i>
Dogwood	..	..	..	..	<i>Cornus sanguinea.</i>
Guelder Rose	..	..	..	..	<i>Viburnum Opulus.</i>
Wayfaring Tree	..	..	..	..	<i>Viburnum Lantana.</i>
Carlina Thistle	..	..	..	..	<i>Carlina vulgaris.</i>
Woodruff	..	..	..	..	<i>Asperula odorata.</i>
Hound's Tongue	..	..	..	..	<i>Cynoglossum officinale.</i>
Bitter Sweet	..	..	..	..	<i>Solanum Dulcamara.</i>
Deadly Night-Shade	..	..	..	..	<i>Atropa Belladonna.</i>
Yellow Archangel	..	..	..	..	<i>Lamium Galeobdolon.</i>
Helleborine	..	..	..	..	<i>Cephalanthera grandiflora.</i>
Butterfly Orchis	..	..	..	..	<i>Habenaria virescens.</i>
Twayblade	..	..	..	..	<i>Listera ovata.</i>
Bird's Nest Orchid (at Chandler's Ford)	..	..	..	..	<i>Neottia Nidus Avis.</i>

HOLMSLEY MARSH.

Lesser Bladderwort	<i>Utricularia minor.</i>
Round-leaved Sundew	<i>Drosera rotundifolia.</i>
Long-leaved Sundew	<i>Drosera anglica.</i>
Lesser long-leaved Sundew	<i>Drosera longifolia.</i>
Marestail	<i>Hippuris vulgaris.</i>
Slender Thistle	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus.</i>
Meadow Thistle	<i>Cirsium pratense.</i>
Marsh St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum Elodes.</i>
Bog Pimpernel	<i>Anagallis tenella.</i>
Water Avens	<i>Geum rivale.</i>
Marsh Lousewort	<i>Pedicularis palustris.</i>
Heath Lousewort	<i>Pedicularis sylvatica.</i>
Pennywort	<i>Hydrocotyle vulgaris.</i>
Lesser Spearwort	<i>Ranunculus flammula.</i>
Bog Asphodel	<i>Narthecium ossifragum.</i>
Marsh Arrowgrass	<i>Triglochin palustre.</i>
Marsh Orchis	<i>Orchis latifolia.</i>
Cotton Grass	<i>Eriophorum angustifolium.</i>

AT MUDEFORD.

Hare's-foot Trefoil	<i>Trifolium arvense.</i>
Vetch	<i>Vicia sativa.</i>
Smooth Tare	<i>Vicia tetrasperma.</i>
Sea Kale	<i>Crambe maritima.</i>
Sea Radish	<i>Raphanus maritimus.</i>
Tamarisk	<i>Tamarix gallica.</i>
Mallow	<i>Malva sylvestris.</i>
Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare.</i>
Cudweed	<i>Filago germanica.</i>
Teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum.</i>
Wormwood	<i>Artemisia absinthium.</i>
Sheep's bit Scabious	<i>Jasione montana.</i>
Comfrey	<i>Symphytum officinale.</i>
Yellow Rattle	<i>Rhinanthus crista-galli.</i>
Lesser Skullcap	<i>Scutellaria minor.</i>
Marsh Speedwell	<i>Veronica scutellata.</i>
Sea Beet	<i>Beta maritima.</i>
Crow Garlic	<i>Allium vineale var compactum.</i>
Sea Arrowgrass	<i>Triglochin maritimum.</i>
Water Plantain	<i>Alisma plantago aquaticum.</i>
Marram Grass	<i>Ammophila arenaria.</i>