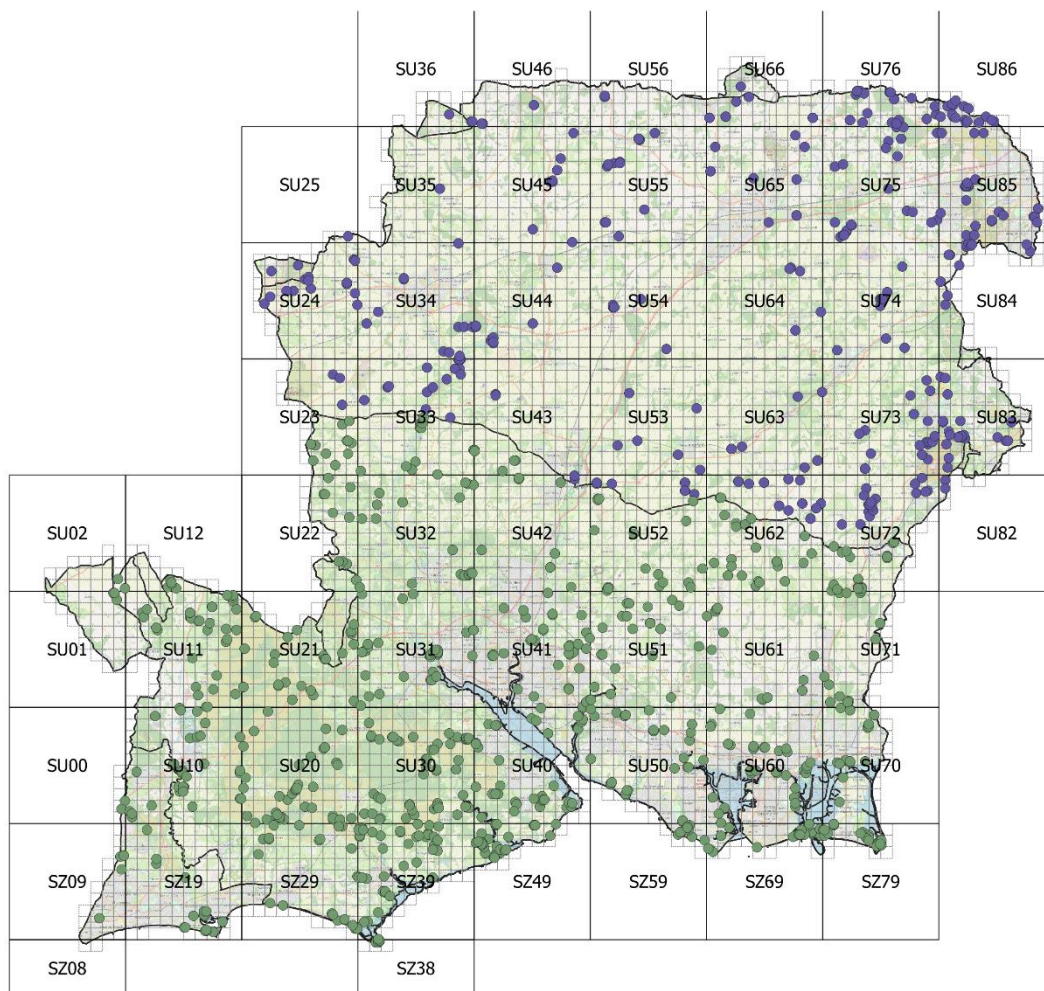


# LORE – Lost “Rarities” in England

This is a project to re-find native plants that have not been recorded in a 10km x 10km Ordnance Survey grid square since 1999, to help to complete gaps in the record or to document why they might have disappeared. They are not all rare plants, at least at a national scale, but the lack of a recent record will be noteworthy. It's a project that you can take part in at any level: maybe you've just noticed something in your area that is on the list, or maybe you want to go out week after week assiduously tracking down the missing plants. You don't need to be an expert, so long as you can find something on the list you think you will recognise; and even if you're not sure, you can send photos and/or notes to Martin Rand (South Hampshire) or Tony Mundell (North Hampshire) by email if you need help.

## How to use the list and plan a site visit

First decide what area or areas you would like to work in. The map below shows the hectad numbering for the county, and the locations where we are hoping for re-finds. The line running roughly E-W across the middle of the county shows the division between South and North Hampshire.



Once you have decided on a hectad or hectads to investigate, the list will show you what is of concern there.

It will be helpful if you let Martin or Tony know of sites you intend to check up on in advance of your visit, as they can then provide guidance to other people who consider targeting the same places. The locations on the lists have been filtered to sites which we believe to have open access or at least access along a public right of way, but you will need to ascertain this and, if necessary, get permission from the landowner or land manager. If you do run into any difficulties, please let us know. Of course, you may know of other sites within the hectad that have one of the target species, or you may decide to hunt in other suitable habitat and then strike lucky; those records will be equally welcome, but please note the advice in the next section about recording any sensitivities concerning private landowners.

## What to record

The basic information is what you might expect to submit for any record, but with some added features.

<b>LORE number</b>	If you are recording at a listed site, please include this, as shown in the left-hand column of the lists. Leave it blank if you are recording a new site.
<b>Site name</b>	Provide a name in the vicinity recognisable from the Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 maps, OpenStreetMap or Google Maps. If you've provided the LORE number, you don't need to do this unless you think the previous name is inappropriate.
<b>OS grid reference</b>	This should be at either 6-figure (100-metre) precision, e.g. "SU278386", or for a small population, 8-figure (10-metre) precision, e.g. "SU27813864". <b>Please record this, whether or not you entered a LORE number, for checking purposes.</b> Also note that grid references of older records will not always be accurate even to 100 metres as they will generally not have been obtained from GPS, so it's worth looking at promising habitat in the immediate neighbourhood.
<b>Taxon</b>	Please provide the species or subspecies name as given on the lists.
<b>Date</b>	Give the date recorded.
<b>Recorded by</b>	Provide the name of the recorder(s).
<b>Found</b>	"Y" or "N". <b>Please submit a record for your visit, whether you found the plant or not.</b>
<b>Notes</b>	What you say here depends on whether you refound the plant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you didn't, please provide any evidence or opinions you have about why it wasn't to be found on your visit.</li> <li>• If you did, an estimate of the population is useful. Some plants are easily countable, in which case a count is good; for others, it may be easier to give an estimate of the extent over which it is found (e.g. "35 x 10 metres") and whether it is abundant, frequent or scattered. Any notes you can provide on the habitat, site condition, and whether the plant appears to be thriving or not are also useful. Anything else you think is relevant is also welcome.</li> </ul>
<b>Landowner contact</b>	If you are recording on a site on private land and you know who the landowner is, please provide a note to say whether you had their permission to be present and whether you have their agreement to pass on the record. You should only pass on contact details for the landowner with their permission to do so.  If you don't know who the landowner is but you know the land does not have public access (statutory or permissive), please record "Private: unknown".

## How to submit records

You can send records to Tony or Martin in several ways. Small numbers of records can be sent in emails or as text files, MS-Word documents or OpenDoc documents, using the item titles shown above. Use an Excel or Opendoc spreadsheet if you prefer, or if you are submitting larger numbers. You can also put records onto the online **Living Record** system (which is available through the Hants Plants web site), but if you do, you will have to cram some of the items required for the record into the Notes field, as Living Record won't cater for them as individual fields.

Records for LORE number records beginning with "W" or "E" go to Tony; those beginning with "SW" or "SE" go to Martin. For a new site, the boundary runs along the A30 from the Wiltshire boundary to Stockbridge; along the B3049 from Stockbridge to Winchester; along the A31 and then A272 from Winchester to Petersfield and the A272 again from Petersfield to the Sussex boundary. It's a bit more complicated through Winchester and Petersfield, as the boundaries follow 19<sup>th</sup>-century main road alignments: ask Martin or Tony if you need to know; or look up the boundaries on Cucaera (<https://www.cucaera.co.uk/grp/>).

Please don't use iRecord or any other Web-based or tablet / phone app that puts records into the Indicia database at present, as there is a long time-lapse before they find their way to the BSBI database, and we want a quick turn-around if possible.

If there is enough interest in this project, expect to see a tailored online form for LORE submissions on the Hants Plants web site in the not-too-distant future.