

Ireland - The Burren

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Party leaving the Rine



Fairy Foxglove



Mullachmor & Turlough



Green Lane Formoyle

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Day 1

Tuesday 27th May

We all met at Sheedy's Hotel in Lisdoonvarna where we were welcomed by Martina Sheedy (she and her husband John have been looking after Naturetrek clients for the past thirteen years). That evening our first walk was on Cappanawalla, a limestone hill, from where we got a marvellous view of the coast and Ballyvaughan harbour. This was our first chance to see many of the typical Burren plants: *Rosa pimpinellifolia*, the Burren Rose; *Antenaria dioica*, Catspaw, *Geranium sanguineum*, Bloody Cranesbill, and Heath Spotted Orchid. The highlight was a mass of *Pinguicula grandiflora*, the Large Butterwort, thought to be a pre-glacial relic and in the only site in northern Europe. It is otherwise a native of the mountains of SW Europe.

Day 2

Wednesday 28th May

Next morning we woke to a lovely sunny day and started with a walk at Poll Salach where the Burren's limestone pavement runs into the sea. We looked into the scailps – deep crevices - for the many plants nestling in their own micro-climates – Golden Rod, *Solidago virgaurea*; Wood Sanicle *Sanicula europaea*; Vernal Sandwort, *Minuartia verna* and Honeysuckle. In the short turf, masses of Common Spotted Orchids; as well as *Gentiana verna*, *Pedicularis sylvatica*, Lousewort and *Helianthemum canina*– the Burren Rockrose.

Our next stop was Black Head, a 1000 ft hill which runs down to the sea. We botanised round the base and found *Dryas octopetala*, Mountain Avens, the Burren Saxafrage, *S. rosaceae* and Maidenhair Fern. We then moved to The Rine, a low spit of land jutting out into the sea. The special plant here is *Limonium humile*, not quite in flower, and growing among bright patches of thrift; and a large-flowered Cerastium, *C. arvense*, growing along a sandy bank.

We had lunch at Monk's Bar in Ballyvaughan, famous for its excellent sea food. After lunch we wandered along the pier.

In the afternoon, we drove inland to the Green Lane at Formoyle. This is an old stock road which runs the length of the Burren. The original walls are built with stones laid vertically. We finished the day with a walk down the Caher River, which is the Burren's only river, looking at the flowery roadside banks, with masses of Twayblades, *Listera ovata*.

Day 3

Thursday 29th May

Another lovely day. We visited Kilfenora Cathedral and the Burren Centre - for maps and guide books etc. Then on to Mullachmor, an area of limestone pavement with a rich flora and several turloughs - winter lakes - which almost disappear in the summer. We walked round one side of the biggest turlough, L.Gealain. This is a good place for orchids and we saw several, all within a few metres: *Dactylorhiza traunsteineri*, Narrow-Leaved Marsh Orchid; *D. incarnata ssp. cruenta*, Early Marsh Orchid. Walking right to the end of the turlough, greatly reduced because of the dry spring, we were rewarded by a beautiful specimen of O'Kelly's Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* subsp. *Okellyi*, and, on a grassy bank, *Neotinia maculata*, the Dense-flowered Orchid. There were many *Viola canina*, Dog Violets and the hybrid between them and *V. persicifolia*, the Turlough Violet. *V. persicifolia* grows very close to the lake edge.

We left for a late lunch. On the way, we saw the house at Craggy Island - the house made famous by television's Father Ted. We stopped again at the top of a steep winding road for a view over the limestone hills above Mullach Moor and a quick look on the other side of the road to see a group of what are thought to be Bronze Age Ovens, built of stone. Then we went to the pub at Carron with beautiful views of rocky hills and an interesting and delicious menu.

We went on to the Cliffs of Moher, and saw Razorbills, Kittiwakes and Fulmars flying round the cliffs. On the way back we stopped at a marshy meadow above Doolin, colourful with Ragged Robins and some spectacular spikes of *Dactylorhiza majalis* subsp. *occidentalis*.

Day 4

Friday 30th May

We spent the morning walking in the dunes at Fanore and along the beach. It was a warm, sunny day. On the short turf we found Irish Eyebright and Wild Thyme; and in the rocks, *Asplenium maritimum*, Sea Spleenwort, Along the beach, *Cakile maritima*, Sea Rocket, and many clumps of Thrift. We had a sandwich lunch in a sheltered spot before leaving for Shannon and home.

Species List

Key to abbreviations and asterisks

PS = Poll Salach

MM = Mullach Moor

Cap = Cappanawalla

** = plants seen in previous years

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Location |
|---|---|---|
| <i>Aquifoliaceae</i> <i>Ilex aquifolia</i> | Holly Family Holly | scailps, common |
| <i>Araliaceae</i> <i>Hedera helix</i> | Ivy Family Ivy | common |
| <i>Betulaceae</i> <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> <i>Betula pubescens</i> | Birch Family Alder Brown Birch | common M.M etc |
| <i>Boraginaceae</i> <i>Symphytum officinale</i> | Borage Family Comfrey | Formoyle |
| <i>Campanulaceae</i> <i>Jasione montana</i> | Bellflower Family Sheep's Bit | Cliffs of Moher |
| <i>Caprifoliaceae</i> <i>Lonicera perichlymenum</i> <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> <i>Viburnum opulus</i> | Honeysuckle Family Honeysuckle Snowberry Guelder Rose | PS Cap. Cap. |
| <i>Cariophyllaceae</i> <i>Antenaria serpyllifolia</i> <i>Cerastium arvense</i> <i>C. diffusum</i> <i>Honkenia peploides</i> <i>Lycchnis flos-cuculi</i> <i>Minuartia verna</i> <i>Silene vulgaris subsp. Maritima</i> <i>Spergularia media</i> <i>Stellaria holostea</i> <i>S. media</i> | Pink Family Thyme-leaved Sandwort Field Mouse-ear Dark Green Chickweed Sea Sandwort Ragged Robin Vernal Sandwort Sea Campion Greater Sea Spurrey Greater Stitchwort Common Chickweed | PS The Rine The Rine Fanore and The Rine common PS PS The Rine roadsides roadsides |
| <i>Celastraceae</i> <i>Euonymus europaeus</i> | Spindle Family Spindle | Cap. |
| <i>Chenopodiaceae</i> <i>Atriplex portulacoides</i> <i>A. prostrata</i> <i>A. glabriuscula</i> <i>Beta vulgaris subsp. maritima</i> | Fat Hen Family Sea-purslane Spear-leaved Oranche Babington's Oranche Sea Beet | The Rine The Rine The Rine PS & Fanore |
| <i>Cistaceae</i> <i>Helianthemum canum</i> | Rockrose Family Burren Rockrose | scailps, common |
| <i>Compositae</i> <i>Achillea millefolium</i> | Daisy Family Yarrow | The Rine |

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| <i>Antennaria dioica</i> | Cat's-foot | Cap, etc |
| <i>Eupatorium cannabinum</i> | Hemp - agrimony | PS |
| <i>Carlina vulgaris</i> | Carlina Thistle | The Rine |
| <i>Cirsium dissectum</i> | Bog Thistle | MM and Doolin meadow |
| <i>C. palustre</i> | Marsh Thistle | Doolin meadow |
| <i>C. vulgare</i> | Spear Thistle | The Rine |
| <i>Crepis vesicaria</i> | Beaked Hawk's Beard | roadsides |
| <i>Heracium anglicum</i> | Irish Hawkweed | Cap. |
| <i>Hypochoeris radicata</i> | Common Cat's Ear | Cap. |
| <i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> | Ox-eye Daisy | Newtown, common |
| <i>Mycelis muralis</i> | Wall Lettuce | common |
| <i>Pilosella officinarum</i> | Mouse-ear Hawkweed | PS |
| <i>Solidago virgaurea</i> | Goldenrod | PS |
| <i>Taraxacum palustre</i> | Marsh Dandelion | MM |
| Convolvulaceae | Bindweed Family | |
| <i>Calystegia soldanella</i> | Sea Bindweed | dunes, Fanore |
| Cornaceae | Dogwood Family | |
| <i>Cornus sanguinea</i> | Dogwood | Cap. |
| Corylaceae | Hazel Family | |
| <i>Corylus avellana</i> | Hazel | very common, invasive |
| Crassulaceae | Stonecrop Family | |
| <i>Sedum acre</i> | Biting Stonecrop | PS |
| <i>Umbilicus rupestris</i> | Pennywort | Kilfenora Cathedral |
| Cruciferae | Cress Family | |
| <i>Arabis hirsuta</i> | Hairy Rock Cress | green lane |
| <i>Cakile maritima</i> | Sea Rocket | Famore |
| <i>Cardamine pratensis</i> | Cuckoo Flower | common |
| <i>Cochlearia officinalis</i> | Scurvy Grass | PS |
| <i>Coronopus didymus</i> | Swine Cress | Kilfenora Cathedral |
| <i>Erophila verna</i> | Whitlow Grass | Lisdoonvarna |
| <i>Hesperis matronalis</i> | Dames' Violet | roadsides |
| <i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> subsp. <i>maritimus</i> | Sea Radish | Famore |
| <i>Sisymbrium officinale</i> | Hedge Mustard | roadsides |
| <i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i> | Watercress | Caher River |
| Empetraceae | Crowberry Family | |
| <i>Empetrium nigrum</i> ** | Crowberry | Black Head |
| Ericaceae | Heath Family | |
| <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> ** | Bearberry | Black Head |
| <i>Calluna vulgaris</i> | Heather | common |
| <i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i> | Bilberry | Black Head |
| Euphorbiaceae | Spurge Family | |
| <i>Euphorbia helioscopia</i> | Sun Spurge | green lane |
| <i>E. paralias</i> | Sea Spurge | dunes, Famore |
| <i>E. portlandica</i> ** | Portland Spurge | dunes, Fanore |
| Gentianaceae | Gentian Family | |
| <i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i> | Yellow Wort | Cap. |

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| <i>Gentiana verna</i> | Spring Gentian | common |
| Geraniaceae | Geranium Family | |
| <i>Erodium cicutarium</i> | Storksbill | The Rine |
| <i>Geranium columbinum</i> | Doves-foot | Cap. |
| <i>G. molle</i> | Soft Cranesbill | common |
| <i>G. lucidum</i> | Shining Cranesbill | Cap. |
| <i>G. robertianum</i> | Herb Robert | common |
| <i>G. sanguineum</i> | Bloody Cranesbill | scailps, common |
| Haloragaceae | Milfoil Family | |
| <i>Myriophyllum</i> sp. | aquatic | sink hole, MM |
| Hypericaceae | St John's Wort Family | |
| <i>Hypericum androsaemum</i> | Tutsan | scailps |
| <i>H. pulchrum</i> | Beautiful St John's Wort | Cap. |
| <i>H. tetrapterum</i> | Square-stalked St John's Wort | green lane |
| Labiatae | Mint Family | |
| <i>Ajuga pyramidalis</i> ** | Pyramidal Bugle | |
| <i>A. reptans</i> ** | Bugle | |
| <i>Mentha aquatica</i> | Water Mint | Caher River |
| <i>Oreganum vulgare</i> | Marjoram | MM |
| <i>Prunella vulgaris</i> | Self Heal | common |
| <i>Teucrium scorodonia</i> | Wood Sage | common |
| <i>Thymus polytrichus</i> | Wild Thyme | common |
| Leguminosae | Pea Family | |
| <i>Anthyllis vulneria</i> | Kidney Vetch | PS |
| <i>Lathyrus linifolius</i> | Bitter Vetch | Cap. |
| <i>L. pratensis</i> | Yellow Vetchling | Cap. |
| <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> | Birds Foot Trefoil | common |
| <i>Medicago lupulina</i> | Black Medick | Fanore |
| <i>Trifolium dubium</i> | Shamrock | common |
| <i>Vicia sativa</i> | Common Vetch | roadsides |
| <i>V. sepium</i> | Bush Vetch | roadsides |
| Lentibulariaceae | Butterwort Family | |
| <i>Pinguicula grandiflora</i> | Greater Butterwort | Cap. |
| <i>P. vulgaris</i> ** | Common Butterwort | |
| Linaceae | Flax Family | |
| <i>Linum catharticum</i> | Purging Flax | Cap. |
| Orobanchaceae | Broomrape Family | |
| <i>Orobanche alba</i> | Thyme Broomrape | PS |
| Plantaganaceae | Plantain Family | |
| <i>Plantago coronopus</i> | Buck's Horn Plantain | PS |
| <i>P. maritima</i> | Sea Plantain | common |
| <i>P. media</i> | Hoary Plantain | PS |
| Plumbaginaceae | Sea Lavender Family | |
| <i>Armeria maritima</i> | Thrift | common |
| <i>Limonium humile</i> | Lax-flowered Sea Lavender | The Rine |

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| <i>L. recurvum</i> subsp. <i>pseudotranswallianum</i> | Rock Sea Lavender | rocks, PS |
| Polygalaceae | Milkwort Family | |
| <i>Polygala vulgaris</i> | Common Milkwort | common |
| Polygonaceae | Knotweed Family | |
| <i>Polygonum hydropiper</i> | Water Pepper | ponds |
| <i>Rumex acetosa</i> | Common Sorrel | common |
| Primulaceae | Primrose Family | |
| <i>Glaux maritima</i> | Sea Milkwort | The Rine |
| <i>Lysimachia nemorum</i> | yellow pimpernel | green lane |
| <i>Primula veris</i> | Cowslip | common |
| <i>P. vulgaris</i> | Primrose | common |
| <i>P. polyantha</i> (<i>P. vulgaris</i> × <i>P. veris</i>) | | green lane |
| <i>Samolus valerandi</i> | Brookweed | PS |
| Ranunculaceae | Buttercup Family | |
| <i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i> | Columbine | Cap |
| <i>Caltha palustre</i> | King Cup | Caher River |
| <i>Ranunculus flammula</i> | Lesser Spearwort | MM |
| <i>R. bulbosa</i> | Bulbous Buttercup | dunes, Famore |
| <i>R. acris</i> | common Buttercup | common |
| <i>Thalictrum minus</i> | Lesser Meadow-rue | Blackhead |
| Rhamnaceae | Buckthorn Family | |
| <i>Frangula alnus</i> | Alder Buckthorn | MM |
| <i>Rhamnus catharticus</i> | Buckthorn | MM |
| Rosaceae | Rose Family | |
| <i>Alchemilla glabra</i> | Lady's Mantle | Cap, green lane |
| <i>A. filicaulis</i> subsp. <i>vestita</i> | Lady's Mantle | green lane |
| <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> | Hawthorn | scailps and roadsides |
| <i>Filipendula ulmaria</i> | Meadowsweet | Caher River |
| <i>Dryas octopetala</i> | Mountain Avens | Blackhead etc |
| <i>Geum rivale</i> | Water Avens | green lane |
| <i>G. urbanum</i> | Wood Avens | hedgerows |
| <i>Potentilla anserina</i> | Silverweed | common |
| <i>P. erecta</i> | Tomentil | common |
| <i>P. reptans</i> | Creeping Cinquefoil | Cap |
| <i>P. fruticosa</i> | Shrubby Cinquefoil | MM |
| <i>Prunus spinosa</i> | Blackthorn | scailps and roadsides |
| <i>Rosa pimpinellifolia</i> | Scotch Rose | scailps, common |
| <i>Rubus saxatilis</i> | Stone Bramble | MM |
| <i>R. caesius</i> | Dewberry | roadsides |
| <i>Sanguisorba minor</i> | Salad Burnet | Cap |
| <i>Sorbus aria</i> | Whitebeam | Cap |
| <i>S. aucuparia</i> | Mountain Ash | Cap |
| Rubiaceae | Bedstraw Family | |
| <i>Asperula cynanchica</i> | Squinancywort | PS |
| <i>Galium boreale</i> | Northern Bedstraw | MM |
| <i>G. odoratum</i> | Sweet Woodruffe | Cap. |
| <i>G. palustre</i> | Marsh Bedstraw | MM |
| <i>G. sternerii</i> | Limestone Bedstraw | common |

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| <i>G. verum</i> | Lady's Bedstraw | green lane |
| <i>Rubia peregrina</i> | Wild Madder | Cap etc |
| Salicaceae | Willow Family | |
| <i>Salix aurita</i> | Eared Willow | MM etc |
| <i>S. caprea</i> | Goat Willow | roadsides |
| <i>S. pentandra</i> | Bay Willow | roadsides |
| <i>S. repens</i> | Creeping Willow | MM |
| <i>Populus tremula</i> | Aspen | Green Lane |
| Saxifragaceae | Saxifrage Family | |
| <i>Chrysosplenium oppositifolium</i> | Golden Saxifrage ** | Black Head |
| <i>Saxifraga hypnoides</i> | Mossy saxifrage ** | Black Head |
| <i>S. tridactylites</i> | Rue-leaved Saxifrage | The Rine |
| <i>S. rosaceae</i> | The Burren Saxifrage | Black Head |
| Scrophulariaceae | Figwort Family | |
| <i>Cymbalaria muralis</i> | Ivy-leaved Toadflax | Kilfenora |
| <i>Digitalis purpurea</i> | Foxglove | roadsides |
| <i>Erinus alpinus</i> | Fairy Foxglove | walls, Pinnacle Well |
| <i>Euphrasia salisburgensis</i> var . <i>hibernica</i> | Irish Narrow-leaved Eyebright | Fanore |
| <i>Pedicularis sylvatica</i> | Lousewort | PS |
| <i>Rhinanthus minor</i> | Hayrattle | PS |
| <i>Veronica arvensis</i> | Wall Speedwell | Fanore |
| <i>V. beccabunga</i> | Brooklime | Caher River |
| <i>V. chamaedrys</i> | Germander Speedwell | common |
| <i>V. officinalis</i> | Common Speedwell | Green Lane |
| <i>V. serpyllifolia</i> | Thyme-leaved Speedwell | Green Lane |
| Umbelliferae | Hedge Parsley Family | |
| <i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i> | Hedge Parsley | common |
| <i>Apium nodiflora</i> | Fool's Watercress | Caher River |
| <i>Conium maculata</i> | Hemlock | roadsides |
| <i>Conopodium majus</i> | Pignut | Cap. |
| <i>Critbnum maritimum</i> | Samphire | PS |
| <i>Eryngium maritimum</i> | Sea Holly | Fanore |
| <i>Hydrocotyle vulgaris</i> | ** | Marsh Pennywort |
| <i>Sanicula europaea</i> | Sanicle | scailps |
| <i>Smyrniun olusatrum</i> | Alexanders | roadsides |
| Urticaceae | Nettle Family | |
| <i>Parietaria judaica</i> | Pellitory of the Wall | Newtown Castle |
| Valerianaceae | Valerian Family | |
| <i>Valeriana officinalis</i> | Valerian | roadsides |
| <i>Valarianella locusta</i> | Lamb's Letuce | Fanore |
| Violaceae | Violet Family | |
| <i>Viola canina</i> | Heath Dog Violet | MM |
| <i>V. canina</i> x <i>persicifolia</i> = <i>V. ritschliana</i> | | MM |
| <i>V. persicifolia</i> | Turloch Violet | MM |
| <i>V. riviniana</i> | Common Dog Violet | common |
| <i>V. tricolor</i> subsp. <i>curtisii</i> ** | Sandhill Pansy | dunes, Fanore |

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| MONOCOTYLEDONS | | |
| Alliaceae | Onion Family | |
| <i>Allium triquetrum</i> | Three-cornered Garlic | Black Head |
| Cyperaceae | Sedge Family | |
| <i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i> | Common Cotton Grass | peat bogs |
| <i>E. vaginatum</i> | Hare's Tail Cotton Grass | peat bogs |
| <i>Carex arenaria</i> | Sand Sedge | dunes, Fanore |
| <i>C. binervis</i> | Green-ribbed Sedge | Cap. & MM |
| <i>C. elata</i> | Tufted Sedge | MM |
| <i>C. flacca</i> | Glaucous Sedge | common |
| <i>C. panicea</i> | Carnation Sedge | Cap. |
| <i>C. viridula subsp. brachyrhyncha</i> | Long-stalked Yellow Sedge | Cap |
| <i>C. viridula subsp. oedocarpa</i> | Common Yellow Sedge | Cap. |
| <i>Cladium mariscus</i> | Great Fan Sedge | MM |
| <i>Schoenus nigricans</i> | Black Bog Rush | common |
| Iridaceae | Iris Family | |
| <i>Iris pseudacorus</i> | Yellow Iris | common, ponds & rivers |
| Juncaceae | Rush Family | |
| <i>Juncus conglomeratus</i> | Common Rush | common |
| <i>Juncus campestris</i> | Field Woodrush | meadow |
| Juncaginaceae | Arrowgrass Family | |
| <i>Triglochin maritimum</i> | Sea Arrowgrass | The Rine |
| Orchidaceae | Orchid Family | |
| <i>Anacamptis pyramidalis**</i> | Pyramid Orchid | |
| <i>Dactylorhiza fuchsia</i> | Common Spotted Orchid | MM and PS |
| <i>D. fuchsia subsp. okellii</i> | O'Kelly's Orchid | MM |
| <i>D. maculata subsp. Ericetorum</i> | Heath Spotted Orchid | MM and Cap |
| <i>D. incarnata subsp. cruenta</i> | Early Marsh Orchid | MM |
| <i>D. majalis subsp. Occidentalis</i> | Broad-leaved Marsh Orchid | Cap and Doolin Meadow |
| <i>D. traunsteineri</i> | Narrow-leaved Marsh Orchid | MM |
| <i>Epipactis atrorubens**</i> | Dark-flowered Helleborine | |
| <i>E. helleborine</i> | Broad-leaved Helleborine | MM |
| <i>Gymnandenia conopsea**</i> | Fragrant Orchid | |
| <i>Listera ovata</i> | Twayblade | common |
| <i>Neotinea maculata</i> | Dense-flowered Orchid | MM |
| <i>Ophrys insectivora**</i> | Fly Orchid | |
| <i>Orchis mascula</i> | Early Purple Orchid | common |
| <i>Platanthera biflora</i> | Lesser Butterfly Orchid | MM |
| Poaceae | Grass Family | |
| <i>Alopecurus geniculatus</i> | Marsh Foxtail | damp meadows |
| <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> | Marram Grass | Fanore |
| <i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i> | Sweet Vernal Grass | roadsides |
| <i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i> | False Oat-grass | roadsides |
| <i>Briqua media</i> | Quaking Grass | limestone |
| <i>Catapodium rigidum</i> | Fern Grass | PS |
| <i>Cynosurus cristatus</i> | Crested Dog's Tail | common |
| <i>Dactylus glomerata</i> | Cocksfoot | common |
| <i>Elytrigia juncea</i> | Sand Couch | Fanore |

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| <i>Helictotrichon pubescens</i> | Downy Oat Grass | Green Lane |
| <i>Lolium perenne</i> | Perennial Ryegrass | common: meadows |
| <i>Melica uniflora</i> | Wood Medick | scailps |
| <i>Molinia caerulea</i> | Purple Moor Grass | MM |
| <i>Poa pratensis</i> | Smooth Meadow-grass | meadows |
| <i>Puccinellia maritima</i> | Common Saltmarsh Grass | Fanore |
| <i>Sesleria caerulea</i> | Blue Moor Grass | .most common grass |
| GYMNOSPERMS | | |
| <i>Juniperis communis</i> | Juniper | Green Lane |
| <i>Taxus baccata</i> | Yew | common |
| FERNS | | |
| <i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i> | Maidenhair Fern | PS |
| <i>Anthyrium felix-femina</i> | Lady Fern | roadsides |
| <i>Asplenium marinum</i> | Sea Spleenwort | PS |
| <i>A. trichomanes</i> | Maidenhair Spleenwort | common |
| <i>A. ruta-muraria</i> | Wall Rue | common |
| <i>Blechnum spicant</i> | Hard Fern | roadsides |
| <i>Ceterach officinarum</i> | Rusty-back Fern | common |
| <i>Cystopteris fragilis</i> | Brittle Bladder Fern | Black Head |
| <i>Dryopteris felix-mas</i> | Male Fern | Green Lane |
| <i>D. affinis</i> | Scaly Male Fern | Doolin meadow |
| <i>Phyllitis scolopendrium</i> | Heart's Tongue Fern | common |
| <i>Polypodium australe</i> | Southern Polypody | Black Head |
| <i>Polystichum aculeatum</i> | Hard Shield Fern | common |
| <i>P. lonchitis</i> ** | Holly Fern | |

Original List made from *Flora of Connemara and The Burren* (DA Webb and M J P Scannell (1983))

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