

# The Burren

Naturetrek Tour Report

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## Day 1

Tuesday 22nd May

Eleven of us were picked up from Shannon Airport by our bus driver Declan who would look after us so well during the first two days of our stay in the Burren.

He took us through the Burren to lunch at Linnane's Lobster Bar on the Flaggy Shore. We then met the rest of our party at Sheedy's Hotel, Lisdoonvarna and were warmly welcomed by Martina Sheedy. She and her husband John have been caring for Naturetrek clients for the past 17 years.

That evening, the weather was fine and we had our first walk on Cappanawalla, a limestone hill where we got a marvellous view of the coast and Ballyvaughan harbour and 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 Orchids. We stopped to look at many ferns growing on the rocks. The highlight of the walk was *Pinguicula grandiflora*, the Large Butterwort, thought to be a pre-glacial relic, and Northern Europe's only site. It is otherwise native of the mountains of southwest Europe.

## Day 2

Wednesday 23rd May

Next morning we woke to sun and wind. We started with a walk at Poll Salach, where the Burren 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*; Vernal Sandwort *Minuartia verna*, and Honeysuckle.

In the short turf, we saw masses of Common Spotted Orchids, and on rocks, large patches of *Helianthemum canum*, the Burren Rockrose

Our next stop was Blackhead, a 1000 foot hill running down to the sea. We botanised round the base to see the Burren Saxifrage, *Saxifraga rosacea*, and then moved to the Rine, a low spit of land jutting into the sea. The special plant here is *Limonium humile*, Sea Lavender (not in flower), growing among bright patches of thrift; and Sea Milkwort, *Glaux maritima*. We also saw a Large-flowered Cerastium, *C. arvense*, growing along a sandy bank.

We had lunch at Monks Bar, overlooking the quay at Ballyvaughan, with delicious seafood a speciality. In the afternoon we drove to the Green Lane, Formoyle - an old stock road which runs the length of the Burren. The original walls were built with stones laid vertically. Here we saw patches of *Primula polyantha* and their parents, *Primula vulgaris* and *P. veris* at various stages of hybridisation.

Our last walk of the day was down the Caher River, the only river in the Burren, looking at the lovely flowery hillsides with *Dryas Octopetala*, Mountain Avens; masses of Twayblades and the Common Butterwort, *Pinguicula vulgaris*. There were also beautiful, startlingly blue patches of Spring Gentian, *Gentiana verna*.

## Day 3

Thursday 24th May

Another lovely day... we visited Kilfenora Cathedral and the Burren Centre, for maps and guidebooks etc. and then went on to Mullach Mor, an area of limestone pavement with a rich flora and several turloughs – winter lakes which almost disappear in summer. We walked round one side of the biggest turlough, Lough Gealain. This is a good place for orchids, and we saw *Dactylorhiza cruenta*, the Leopard Orchid.

Our new bus driver, Noel, a Burren botanical enthusiast, spotted the Dense-flowered Orchid, *Orchis intacta* and the Fly Orchid, *Ophrys insectivera*.

There were many violets, *Viola persicifolia*, the Turlough Violet and the hybrid, *Viola canina* x *V. persicifolia*. We also saw *Thalictrum minus* and many shrubs, such as *Viburnum opulus*, *Prunus spinosa* and *Frangula alnus*, growing prostrate among the rocks and plenty of *Potentilla fruticosa*.

We left for a late lunch, at Cassidy's Inn, Carran, converted from an old police station. And then on to the Cliffs of Moher where we were able to see Razorbills, Kittiwakes, Puffins and Fulmars on cliffs which are the highest in western Ireland.

## Day 4

Friday 25th May

Another sunny day and first we had a walk along the dunes at Fanore. Striding over beach and rocks, we saw many seaside plants: *Crithmum maritimum*, Samphire and on the dunes, *Eryngium maritimum*, Sea Holly, and short turf covered with thyme and the endemic *Euphrasia salisburgensis* var. *hibernica*, Irish Narrow-leaved Eyebright.

We then set off to find a place for our picnic lunch, known only to our bus driver Brian - Cahermor Ring Fort. Here we found *Saxifraga hypnoides*, Mossy Saxifrage, in flower, and leaves of *Epipactis helleborine*.

After lunch and a lovely view, we set off for a brief stop at Poulnabrone portal tomb dolmen before leaving for Shannon Airport and home, with memories of beautiful weather, outstanding flora and our friendly, helpful Irish hosts.

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## Plants

**Apiaceae**

*Anthriscus sylvestris*  
*Apium nodiflorum*  
*Conopodium majus*  
*Crithmum maritimum*  
*Eryngium maritimum*  
*Hydrocotyle vulgaris*\*  
*Sanicula europaea*

**Aquifoliaceae**

*Ilex aquifolia*

**Araliaceae**

*Hedera helix*

**Asteraceae**

*Achillea millefolium*  
*Antenaria dioica*  
*Carlina vulgaris*  
*Centaurea nigra*\*  
*Cirsium arvense*  
*C. dissectum*  
*C. palustre*  
*C. vulgare*  
*Crepis vesicaria*  
*Eupatorium cannabinum*  
*Heracium anglicum*  
*Hypochoeris maculata*  
*H. radicata*\*  
*Leucacanthemum vulgare*  
*Mycelis muralis*  
*Pilosella officinarum*  
*Solidago virgaurea*  
*Tripleurospermum maritimum*

**Betulaceae**

*Alnus glutinosa*  
*Betula pubescens*

**Boraginaceae**

*Symphytum officinale*

**Brassicaceae**

*Arabis hirsuta* \*  
*Cakile maritima*  
*Cardamine pratensis*  
*Cochlearia officinalis*  
*Hesperis matronalis*  
*Raphanus raphanistrum* subsp. *maritimus*\*  
*Sisymbrium officinale*\*  
*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*

**Caprifoliaceae**

*Lonicera periclymenum*  
*Sambucus nigra*

**Hedge Parsley Family**

Hedge Parsley common  
 Fools Watercress Caher River  
 Pignut Cap common  
 Samphire P S and Fanore  
 Sea Holly Fanore  
 Marsh Pennywort marshes  
 Sanicle roadsides

**Holly Family**

Holly scailps, common

**Ivy Family**

Ivy common

**Daisy Family**

Yarrow The Rine  
 Cat's Foot Cap. and P.S.  
 Carlina Thistle common  
 Common Knapweed meadow  
 Creeping Thistle Green Lane  
 Bog Thistle M M  
 Marsh Thistle Caher River  
 Spear Thistle common  
 Beaked Hawks Beard common  
 Hemp Agrimony P S  
 Irish Hawk Weed Cap.  
 Spotted Cats Ear M M  
 Common Cats Ear Cap.  
 Ox-eye Daisy Newtown, common  
 Wall Lettuce common  
 Mouse-ear Hawkweed common  
 Goldenrod P S  
 Sea Mayweed P S and Fanore

**Birch Family**

Alder common  
 Brown Birch M M

**Borage Family**

Comfrey Formoyle

**Cress Family**

Hairy Rock Cress Green Lane  
 Sea Rocket Fanore  
 Cuckoo Flower meadows  
 Scurvy Grass P S and Fanore  
 Dames Violet roadsides  
 Sea Radish Fanore  
 Hedge Mustard The Rine  
 Watercress Cap and Caher River

**Honeysuckle Family**

Honeysuckle P S. Common  
 Elder The Rine

<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry	Cap.
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Guelder Rose	Cap and M M
<b>Caryophyllaceae</b>	<b>Pink Family</b>	
<i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i>	Thyme-leaved Sandwort	P S
<i>Cerastium arvense</i>	Field Mouse-ear	The Rine
<i>C. diffusum</i>	Sea Mouse-ear	The Rine
<i>C. fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear	common
<i>Honkenia peploides</i>	Sea Sandwort	Fanore and The Rine
<i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i>	Ragged Robin	meadows
<i>Minuartia verna</i>	Vernal Sandwort	P S
<i>M. hybrida</i>	Fine-leaved Sandwort	M M
<i>Silene vulgare subsp. maritima</i>	Sea Campion	P S
<i>Spargularia marina*</i>	Lesser Sea Spurrey	The Rine
<i>S. media*</i>	Greater Sea Spurrey	The Rine
<i>Stellaria holostea</i>	Greater Stitchwort	common
<i>S. media</i>	Common Chickweed	common
<b>Celastraceae</b>	<b>Spindle Family</b>	
<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Spindle	Cap
<b>Chenopodiaceae</b>	<b>Fat Hen Family</b>	
<i>Atriplex portulacoides*</i>	Sea-purslane	The Rine
<i>Atriplex prostrata</i>	Spear-leaved Oranche	The Rine
<i>Beta vulgaris subsp. maritima</i>	Sea Beet	P S and Fabore
<i>Salicornia europaea*</i>	Glasswort	The Rine
<b>Cistaceae</b>	<b>Rockrose Family</b>	
<i>Helianthemum canum</i>	Burren Rockrose	P S
<b>Convolvulaceae</b>	<b>Bindweed Family</b>	
<i>Calystegia soldanella</i>	Sea Bindweed	dunes: Fanore
<b>Cornaceae</b>	<b>Dogwood Family</b>	
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	Cap.
<b>Coryllaceae</b>	<b>Hazel Family</b>	
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	very common: invasive
<b>Crassulaceae</b>	<b>Stonecrop Family</b>	
<i>Sedum acre</i>	Biting Stonecrop	P S
<i>S. album *</i>	White Stonecrop	M M
<i>Umbilicus rupestris</i>	Navelwort	Kilfenora Cathedral
<b>Cuscutaceae</b>	<b>Dodder Family</b>	
<i>Cuscuta epithymum</i>	Dodder (on Thyme)	Dunes: Fanore
<b>Empetraceae</b>	<b>Crowberry Family</b>	
<i>Empetrium nigrum</i>	Crowberry	Black Head
<b>Ericaceae</b>	<b>Heath Family</b>	
<i>Arcto-staphylos uva-ursi*</i>	Bearberry	Black Head
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Heather	common
<i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i>	Bilberry	Black Head
<b>Euphorbiaceae</b>	<b>Spurge Family</b>	
<i>Euphorbia beliscopia*</i>	Sun Spurge	Green Lane

<i>E. paralias</i>	Sea Spurge	rocks, P S and Fanore
<i>E. portlandica</i> *	Portland Spurge	Fanore
<b><i>Fabaceae</i></b>	<b>Pea Family</b>	
<i>Anthyllis vulneria</i>	Kidney Vetch	Cap and P S
<i>Lathyrus linifolius</i>	Bitter Vetch	Cap
<i>L. pratensis</i> *	Yellow Vetchling	roadsides
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Birds Foot Trefoil	common
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	Fanore
<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Lesser Trefoil	common
<i>Vicia cracca</i> *	Tufted Vetch	M M
<i>V. sepium</i>	Bush Vetch	roadsides
<b><i>Gentianaceae</i></b>	<b>Gentian Family</b>	
<i>Blackstonia perfoliata</i>	Yellow Wort	Cap and P S
<i>Gentiana verna</i>	Spring Gentian	common
<b><i>Geraniaceae</i></b>	<b>Geranium Family</b>	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Storksbill	The Rine
<i>G. columbinum</i>	Long-stalked Cranesbill	The Rine
<i>G. molle</i>	Soft Cranesbill	common
<i>G. lucidum</i>	Shiny Cranesbill	common
<i>G. robertianum</i>	Herb Robert	common
<i>G. sanguineum</i>	Bloody Cranesbill	scailps: common
<b><i>Hippuridaceae</i></b>	<b>Mares Tail Family</b>	
<i>Hippuris vulgaris</i>	Mares Tail	Caher River Bridge
<b><i>Hypericaceae</i></b>	<b>St Johns Wort Family</b>	
<i>Hypericum androsaemum</i>	Tutsan	scailps
<i>H. pulchrum</i>	Beautiful St Johns Wort	Cap
<i>H. tetrapterum</i> *	Square-stalked St Johns Wort	Green Lane
<b><i>Lamiaceae</i></b>	<b>Mint Family</b>	
<i>Ajuga pyramidalis</i> *	Pyramidal Bugle	P S
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Bugle	Caher River
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	Water Mint	Caher River
<i>Oreganum vulgare</i>	Marjoram	M M
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Self Heal	P S
<i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>	Wood Sage	common
<i>Thymus polytrichus</i>	Wild Thyme	common
<b><i>Lentibulariaceae</i></b>	<b>Butterwort Family</b>	
<i>Pinguicula grandiflora</i>	Greater Butterwort	Cap
<i>P. vulgaris</i>	Common Butterwort	Khyber Pass
<b><i>Linaceae</i></b>	<b>Flax Family</b>	
<i>Linum catharticum</i>	Purging Flax	CAP and Green Lane
<b><i>Menyanthaceae</i></b>	<b>Bog Bean Family</b>	
<i>Menyanthes trifoliata</i>	Bog Bean	Caher Bridge
<b><i>Orobanchaceae</i></b>	<b>Broomrape Family</b>	
<i>Orobanche alba</i> *	Thyme Broomrape	P S
<b><i>Plantaganaceae</i></b>	<b>Plantain Family</b>	
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Bucks Horn Plantain	P S

<i>P. maritima</i>	Sea Plantain	common
<i>P. lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	common
<b>Plumbaginaceae</b>	<b>Sea Lavender Family</b>	
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Thrift	common
<i>Limonium humile</i>	Lax-flowered Sea Lavender	The Rine rocks, P S
<i>L. recurvum</i> subsp. <i>pseudotranswallianum</i>	Rock Sea Lavender	
<b>Polygalaceae</b>	<b>Milkwort Family</b>	
<i>Polygala vulgaris</i>	Common Milkwort	common
<b>Polygonaceae</b>	<b>Knotweed Family</b>	
<i>Polygonum hydropiper</i>	Water Pepper	ponds
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Common Sorrel	common
<b>Primulaceae</b>	<b>Primrose Family</b>	
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel	dunes, Fanore
<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	P S
<b>Ranunculaceae</b>	<b>Buttercup Family</b>	
<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i>	Columbine	CAP
<i>Caltha palustre</i>	King Cup	Caher River, scailps
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Common Buttercup	common
<i>R. bulbosa</i>	Bulbous Buttercup	dunes, Fanore
<i>R. flammula</i>	Lesser Spearwort	Green Lane
<i>R. repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	common
<i>Thalictrum minus</i>	Lesser Meadow-rue	M M
<b>Rhamnaceae</b>	<b>Buckthorn Family</b>	
<i>Frangula alnus</i>	Alder Buckthorn	P S and M M
<i>Rhamnus catharticus</i>	Buckthorn	P S and M M
<b>Rosaceae</b>	<b>Rose Family</b>	
<i>Alchemilla glabra</i>	Hairless Lady's Mantle	Cap
<i>A. xanthochlora</i>	Pale Lady's Mantle	Green Lane
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	scailps and roadsides
<i>Dryas octopetala</i>	Mountain Avens	Black Head & Khyber Pass
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	Meadowsweet	Caher River
<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>	Tormentil	common
<i>P. fruticosa</i>	Shrubby Cinquefoil	M M
<i>P. reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	Cap
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	scailps and roadsides
<i>Rosa pimpinellifolia</i>	Burnet Rose	scailps, common
<i>Rubus caesius</i>	Dewberry	roadsides
<i>R. saxatilis</i>	Stone Bramble	P S and M M
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Salad Burnet	Cap
<i>Sorbus aria</i>	Whitebeam	Cap



**Rubiaceae**

*Asperula cynanchica*\*  
*Galium boreale*  
*G. odoratum*  
*G. palustre*  
*G. sternerii*  
*G. verum*\*  
*Rubia peregrina*

**Salicaceae**

*Salix aurita*  
*S. caprea*  
*S. pentandra*\*  
*S. repens*  
*Populus tremula*

**Saxifragaceae**

*Saxifraga hypnoides*  
*S. tridactylites*  
*S. rosacea*

**Scrophulariaceae**

*Cymbalaria muralis*  
*Erinus alpinus*  
*Euphrasia salisburgensis* var. *hibernica*  
*Pedicularis sylvatica*  
*Rhinanthus minor*  
*Scrophularia nodosa*  
*Veronica arvensis*  
*V. beccabunga*  
*V. chamaedrys*  
*V. officinalis*  
*V. serpyllifolia*

**Urticaceae**

*Parietaria judaica*

**Valerianaceae**

*Valeriana officinalis*  
*Valerianella locusta*

**Violaceae**

*Viola canina*  
*V. canina* × *persicifolia* = *ritschliana*  
*V. persicifolia*  
*V. riviniana*

**Cyperaceae**

*Eriophorum angustifolium*  
*Carex arenaria*  
*C. binervis*  
*C. elata*  
*C. flacca*  
*C. hostiana*  
*C. panacea*

**Bedstraw Family**

Squinancywort The Rine  
Northern Bedstraw M M  
Sweet Woodruff roadsides  
Marsh Bedstraw M M  
Limestone Bedstraw common  
Lady's Bedstraw Green Lane  
Wild Madder Cap etc

**Willow Family**

Eared Willow M M  
Goat Willow roadsides  
Bay Willow roadsides  
Creeping Willow Khyber Pass and M M  
Aspen Green Lane

**Saxifrage Family**

Mossy Saxifrage Cahermor Ring Fort  
Rue-leaved Saxifrage common  
The Burren Saxifrage Black Head

**Figwort Family**

Ivy-leaved Toadflax walls  
Fairy Foxglove Caher Bridge  
Irish narrow-lvd. Eyebright P S and Fanore  
Lousewort Cap and P S  
Hay Rattle P S  
Common Figwort roadsides  
Wall Speedwell The Rine  
Brooklime P S and Caher River  
Germander Speedwell common  
Heath Speedwell Cap  
Thyme-leaved Speedwell The Rine

**Nettle Family**

Pellitory of the Wall Newtown Castle

**Valerian Family**

Valerian roadsides  
Lambs Lettuce common

**Violet Family**

Heath Dog Violet M M  
Turloch Violet M M  
Common Dog Violet common

**MONOCOTYLEDONS****Sedge Family**

Common Cotton Grass peat bogs  
Sand Sedge dunes, Fanore  
Green-ribbed Sedge Cap and M M  
Tufted Sedge M M  
Glaucous Sedge common  
Tawny Sedge Cap  
Carnation Sedge common

<i>C. pendula</i>	Pendulous Sedge	Lisdoonvarna Wood
<i>C. remota</i>	Remote Sedge	M M
<i>C. sylvatica</i>	Wood Sedge	Lisdoonvarna Wood
<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	M M
<i>Schoenus nigricans</i>	Black Bog Rush	common
<b>Iridaceae</b>	<b>Iris Family</b>	
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Iris	common, pods and rivers
<b>Juncaceae</b>	<b>Rush Family</b>	
<i>Juncus articulatus</i>	Jointed Rush	Cap
<i>J. conglomeratus</i>	Common Rush	common
<i>J. effusus</i>	Soft Rush	meadows
<i>Luzula campestris</i>	Field Woodrush	meadows
<i>Luzula sylvatica</i>	Great Woodrush	Lisdoonvarna Wood
<b>Juncaginaceae</b>	<b>Arrowgrass Family</b>	
<i>Triglochin maritimum</i>	Seas Arrowgrass	The Rine
<b>Orchidaceae</b>	<b>Orchid Family</b>	
<i>Anacamptis pyramidalis*</i>	Pyramid Orchid	Fanore
<i>Dactylorhiza cruenta</i>	Leopard Orchid (spots on both leaf surfaces)	M M
<i>D. fuchsii</i>	Common Spotted Orchid	common
<i>D. incarnata*</i>	Early Marsh Orchid	M M
<i>D. maculata subsp. ericetorum</i>	Heath Spotted Orchid	common
<i>D. majalis subsp. occidentalis</i>	Broad-leaved Marsh Orchid	Cap and M M
<i>D. Okellyi *</i>	O'Kelly's Orchid	Khyber Pass & M M
<i>D.traunsteineri</i>	Narrow-lvd Marsh Orchid	MM
<i>Epipactis helleborine</i>	Broad-leaved Helleborine	Cahermor Ring Fort
<i>Gymnadenia conopsea*</i>	Fragrant Orchid	Khyber Pass and Fanore
<i>Listera ovata</i>	Twayblade	common
<i>Orchis intacta</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid	Cap and M M
<i>Ophrys insectivora</i>	Fly Orchid	M M
<i>O. mascula</i>	Early Purple Orchid	common
<i>Platanthera biflora</i>	Lesser Butterfly Orchid	M M and Green Lane
<b>Poaceae</b>	<b>Grass Family</b>	
<i>Alepecurus pratensis</i>	Meadow Foxtail	common
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	Marram Grass	Fanore
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass	common
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False Oat-grass	roadsides
<i>Briza media</i>	Quaking Grass	limestone
<i>Catapodium maritimum</i>	Sea Fern Grass	P S
<i>Cynosurus cretatus</i>	Crested Dogs Tail	common
<i>Dactylus glomerata</i>	Coxfoot	common
<i>Elymus farctus</i>	Sand Couch	Fanore
<i>Helictotrichon pubescens</i>	Downy Oat Grass	Green Lane, common
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Ryegrass	common, meadows
<i>Molinia caerulea</i>	Purple Moor Grass	M M
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	Smooth Meadow-grass	meadows
<i>P. trivialis</i>	Rough Meadow-grass	roadsides
<i>Puccinellia maritima</i>	Common Saltmarsh Grass	The Rine
<i>Sesleria caerulea</i>	Blue Moor Grass	most common grass

**Gymnosperms**

<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Juniper	Green Lane & M M
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	common

**Ferns**

<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i> *	Maidenhair Fern	Black Head
<i>Anthyrium felix-femina</i>	Lady Fern	roadsides
<i>Asplenium adiantum nigrum</i>	Black Spleenwort	Cap
<i>A. marinum</i>	Sea Spleenwort	Fanore
<i>A. ruta-muraria</i>	Wall Rue	common
<i>A. trichomanes</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	common
<i>Ceterach officinarum</i>	Rusty-back Fern	common
<i>Cystopteris fragilis</i>	Brittle Bladder Fern	Lisdoonvarna
<i>Dryopteris affinis</i> *	Scaly Male Fern	Doolin meadow
<i>D. dilatata</i>	Broad Buckler Fern	Lisdoonvarna wood
<i>D. felix-mas</i>	Male Fern	Green Lane
<i>Phyllitis scolopendrium</i>	Harts-tongue Fern	common
<i>Polypodium australe</i>	Southern Polypody	Black Head
<i>Polystichum aculeatum</i>	Hard Shield Fern	common
<i>P. setiferum</i>	Soft Shield Fern	Cap

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