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Lectures live, and..

AN EVENING WITH
PROF. SPENCER BARRETT



THE CAPE FLORISTIC KINGDOM:
FLOWER SEX HOTSPOT AND
HORTICULTURAL MOTHERLODE



THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER

SCOTLAND'S WESTERN RAINFOREST, AND
INCREASING HINTS OF

Botanical Society of Scotland
and the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh
Present a talk by
Award-winning writer **Cal Flynn**

Islands of Abandonment: ruderal species, metallophyte plants
Other strange and beautiful residents of the

FIS GLEN PROSEN:
ECOLOGICAL BLANK CANVAS
OR BOTANICAL HOTSPOT?



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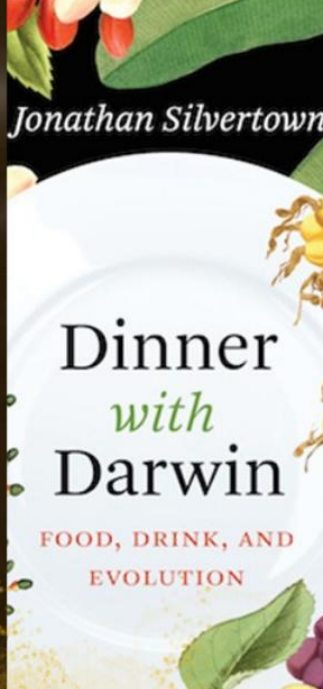
WHEN:
THU 19 DEC 18:00-19:00

WHERE:
LECTURE THEATRE, RBGE, EDINBURGH
20A INVERLEITH ROW, EDINBURGH EH3 5LR

Jonathan Silvertown

Dinner
with
Darwin

FOOD, DRINK, AND
EVOLUTION



DR. BRIAN STEIDINGER PRESENTS:
THE LATITUDINAL TREE SPECIES



EITHER WAY - ENJOY AN EVENING
WITH DAVID WILKINSON

TO DELVE AND DEBATE INTO
THE PERSPECTIVES OF A

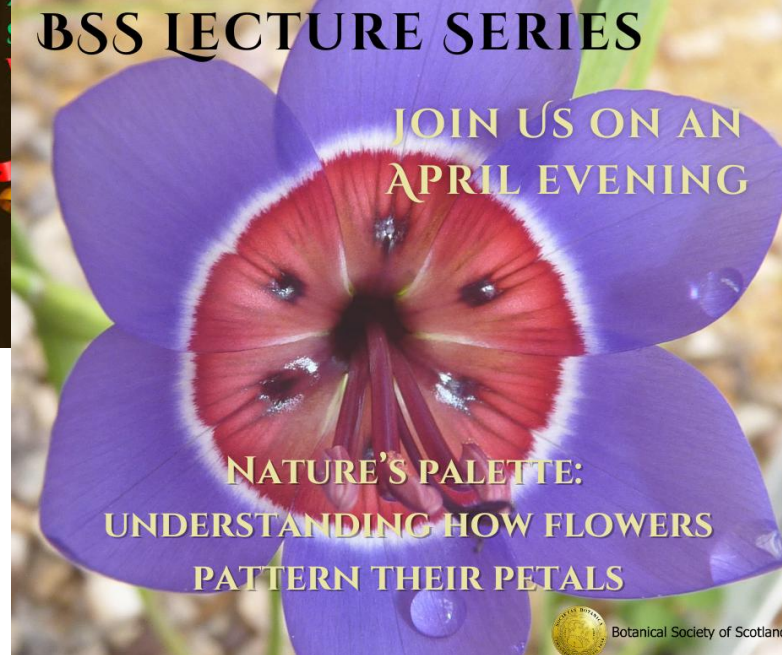


MICORRHIZAL WOOD WIDE WEB:
HOW CULTURE MEETS COMPLEX
SCIENCE

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APRIL EVENING

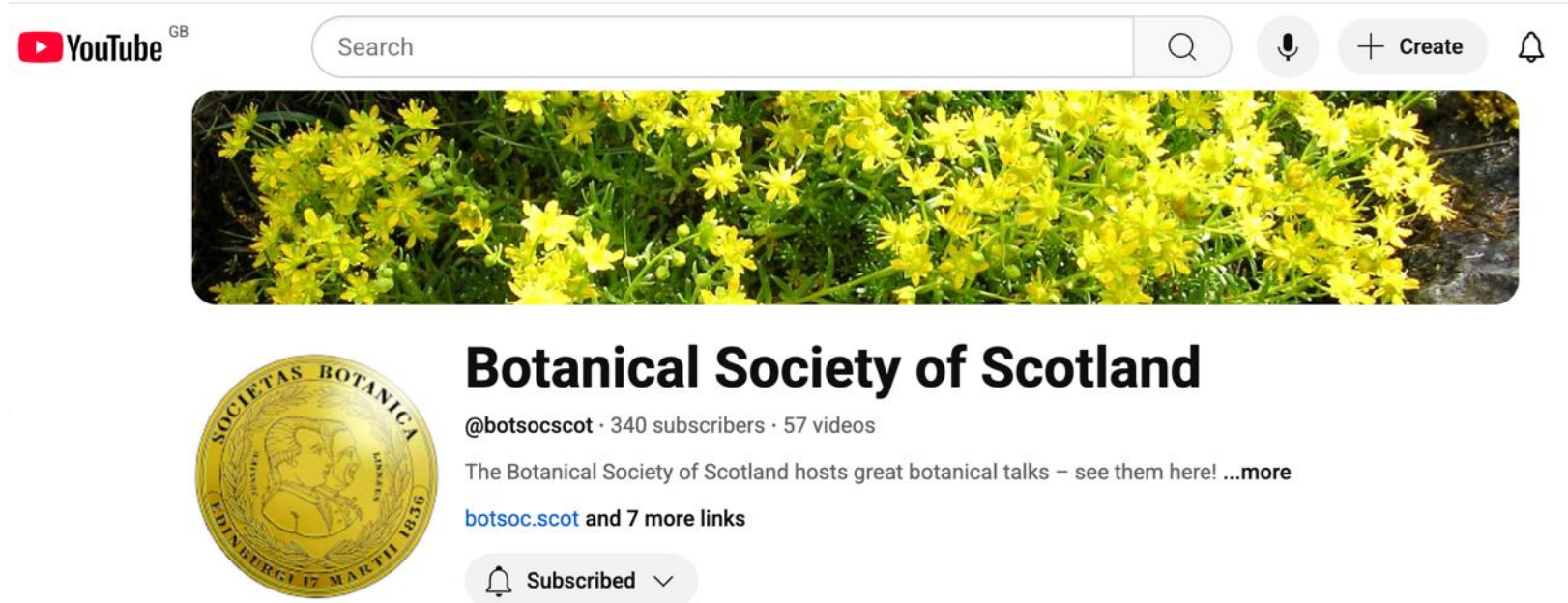
NATURE'S PALETTE:
UNDERSTANDING HOW FLOWERS
PATTERN THEIR PETALS



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Lectures live, and then on YouTube



Thanks to Maria Chamberlain for organizing the lecture programme and Jim McIntosh for editing videos.

Isn't this
where the
famous
Plant Pub
meets?

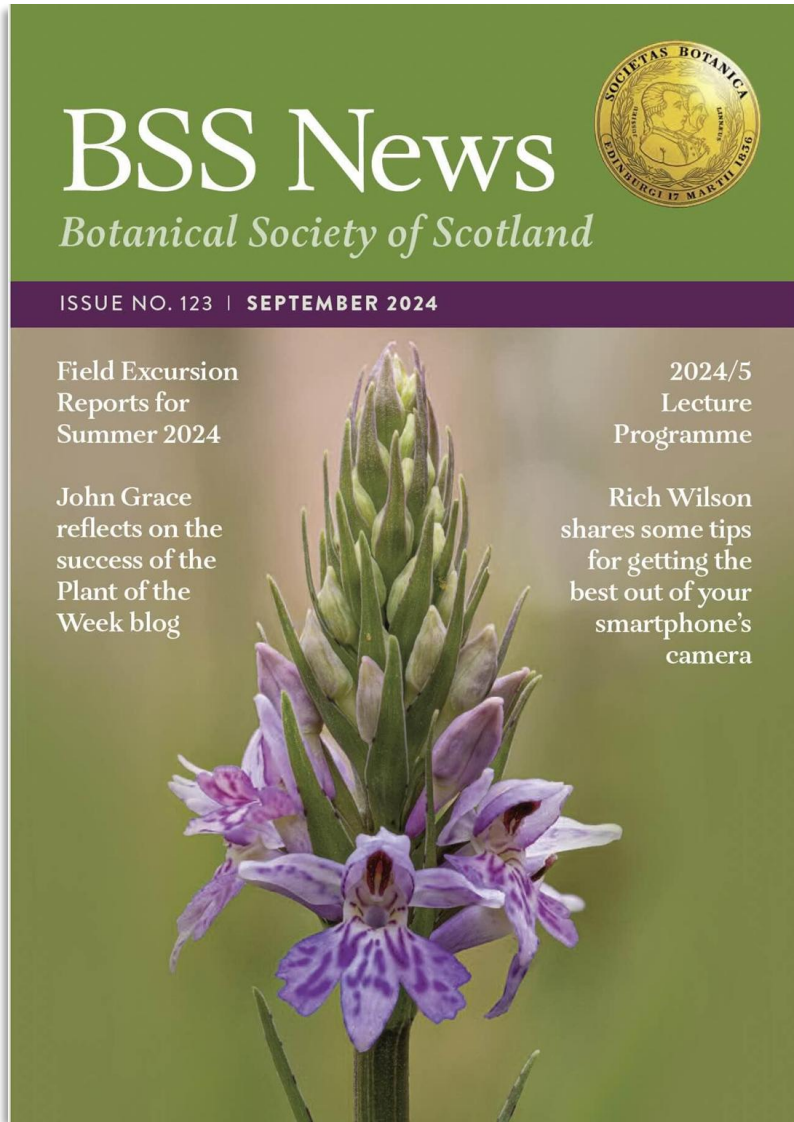
Yes it is!
Come on
up!

Plant Pub
2nd Thursday,
Sept – June
(~~Dec, Jan~~)

The Wash Bar
The Mound
Edinburgh

Next: Nov 13th





Chris Jeffrey



Susan White



Ben Averis

We welcome items from anyone, including non-members.



FIELD MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

CALENDAR

Sign up via this calendar. If an event shows as FULL, you can sign up anyway and your name will go list. Then, if a place later becomes available, you will be contacted. If you'd like to organise a field me use the contacts page to let us know and we'll get back to you.

Event Type: All ☐ Day of Week: All ☐ Search Filters



May 2025

Date	Time	Event	Cost	Sign-ups So Far
Sun, 1	11:00 - 13:00	West Lothian Bings West Lothian Bings Field Meeting		3 / 10 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up
Sun, 22	10:00 - 16:00	Holyrood Park: Towards 900 plants to celebrate Edinburgh 900 Holyrood Park Education Centre Field Meeting		0 / 50 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up
Sat, 28	10:00 - 16:00	Ben Chonsie (via Glen Turret). BSS Alpine Field Meeting Ben Chonsie Field Meeting		1 / 10 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up
Tue, 20	19:00 - 21:00	Carnoustie Golf Course Carnoustie Golf Course Field Meeting		2 / 25 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up
Thu, 29	19:00 - 21:00	Evening crash course in flowering plant ID Ashworth Laboratory Workshop	£3.50	6 / 45 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up

June 2025

Date	Time	Event	Cost	Sign-ups So Far
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July 2025

Date	Time	Event	Cost	Sign-ups So Far
Sat, 12	10:30 - 17:30	Evanton, Easter Ross Evanton, Easter Ross Field Meeting		0 / 25 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up
Sat, 12	10:30 - 17:30	Kinghorn Loch, Fife The Ecology Centre, Kinghorn Loch Field Meeting		0 / 25 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up
Sat, 26	11:00 - 16:00	Carsehall Bog, near Loch Leven Loch Leven's Larder Field Meeting		0 / 25 attendees Register and Sign Up Sign in to Sign Up

STUDENTS

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AWARDS

For information on awards for students, please visit the [Awards page](#).

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STUDENTS NEWS



STUDENTS! APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM BSS

Two kinds of grant are available for students – apply by April 30th More details of both can be found on the [Awards page](#)



STUDENT ECO CEILIDH 2024!

What better way to spend a Tuesday night than with a ceilidh! Better yet, an eco ceilidh organised in partnership with eco and environmental based...

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STUDENT CYANOTYPE PRINTING WORKSHOP RESULTS!

Two weeks ago the student sub group organised a cyanotype printing workshop at the Royal Oak, and after a long wait, the results can finally...



STUDENT EVENT: CYANOTYPE PRINTING WORKSHOP

The student subgroup have a new event to announce! On Monday 26th February, we will be holding a cyanotype printing workshop. Bring along any old...

- We have an active student group, which is represented on Council
- An undergraduate thesis prize
- Training and fieldwork grants.
- We support Botanical University Challenge, which was won this year by the University of Aberdeen



***Plant of the Week*, every week since May 2020**

Various contributors, images by Chris Jeffree and others



Plant of the Week – April 14th 2025 –
Purple Saxifrage (*Saxifraga oppositifolia*)



(Honorary) Plants of the Week – April 7th
2025 – Truffles (*Tuber* sp.)



Plant of the Week – March 31st 2025 –
Wood Forget-me-not (*Myosotis sylvatica*)



Plant of the Week – May 5th 2025 –
Tuberous Comfrey
(*Symphytum tuberosum*)



Plant of the Week – April 28th 2025 –
Weld (*Reseda luteola*)

A traditional source of yellow dye



Plant of the Week – April 21st 2025 –
New Zealand Bittercress
(*Cardamine corymbosa*)

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> 300 species, now
indexed

Suggestions and offers
are always welcome!



Our science journal, *Plant Ecology and Diversity* (On-line only, from 2025)

Featuring a Special Issue *Urban Floras - a contribution to biodiversity*

A few early online articles of the Special Issue are available.
Others are coming soon.

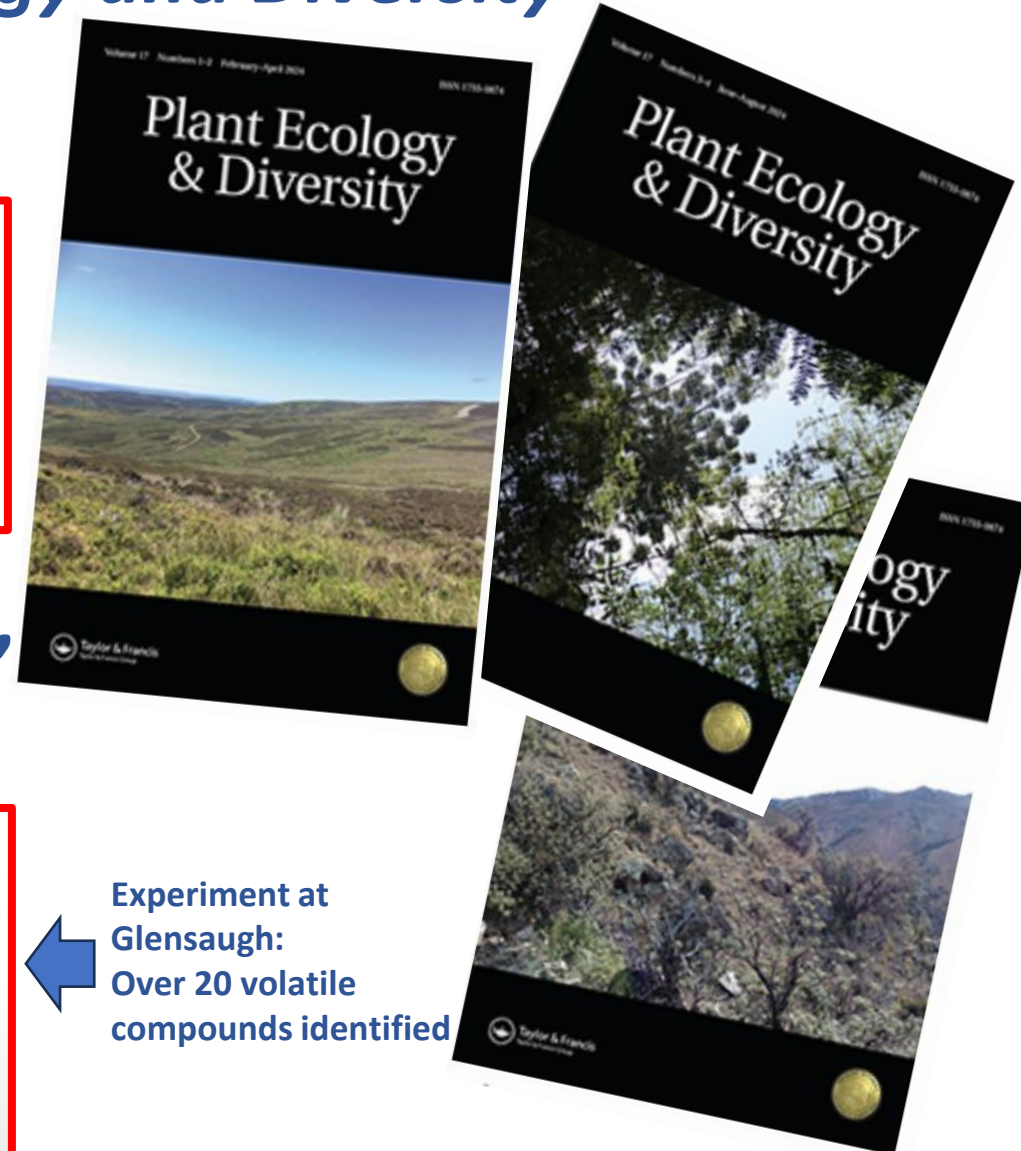
Contents of 2024: 17 papers published,
my 'top pick' is is:

Research Article

***Calluna vulgaris* volatile emissions suggest varying anti-herbivore defence strategies with plant ontogeny**

Evans Effah, D. Paul Barret, Robin J. Pakeman, Joan K. Beaton & Andrea Clavijo McCormick  

Pages 65-74 | Received 11 Oct 2023, Accepted 03 Jun 2024, Published online: 20 Jun 2024



Experiment at
Glensaugh:
Over 20 volatile
compounds identified



BSS Group: Urban Flora of Scotland (2015-now)

(“what grows in your street”)

Analysis: Science papers now appearing online in the Special Issue of *Plant Ecology and Diversity*

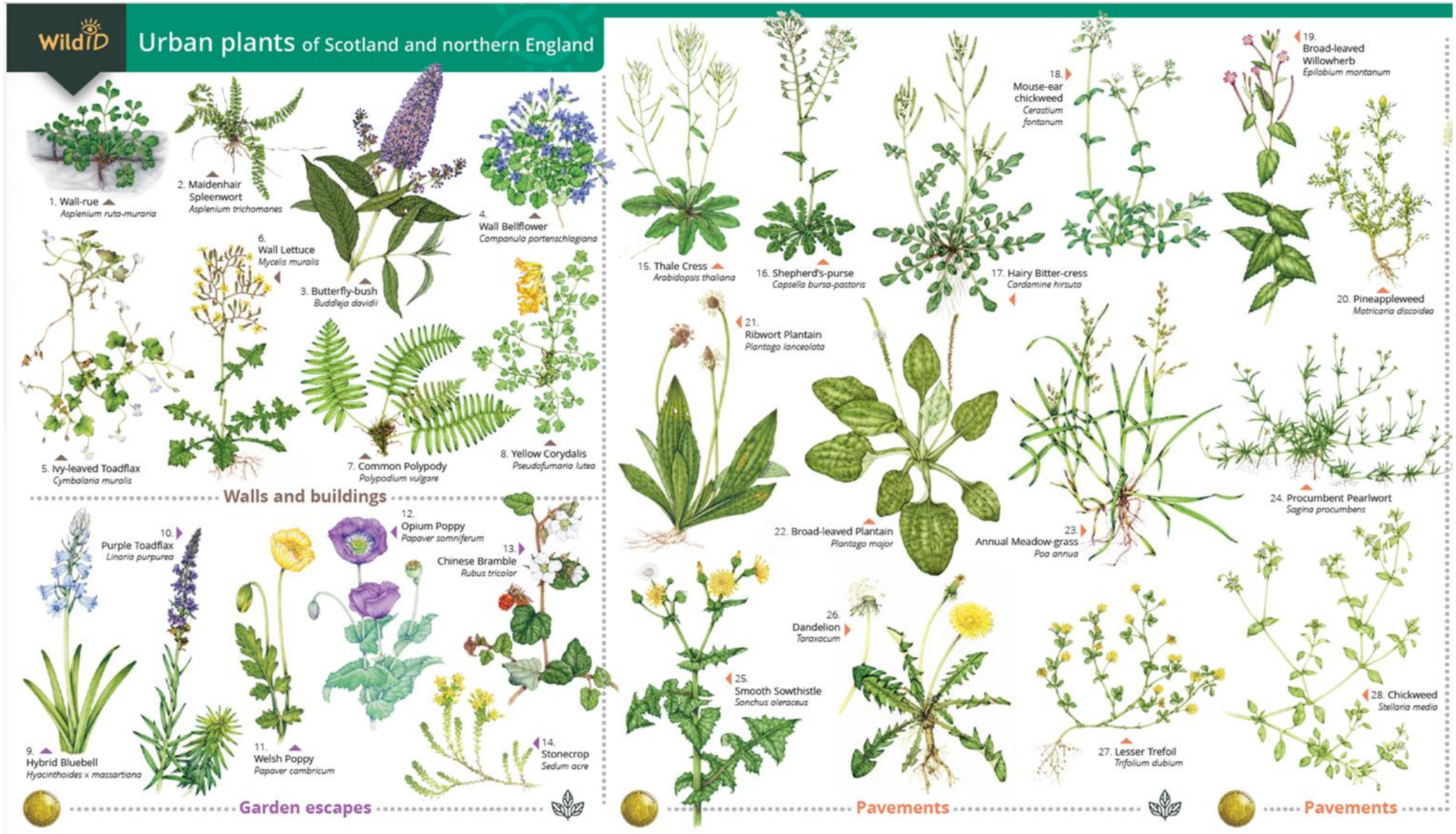
Publication: BSS is funding a full-colour 400 page book *The Urban Flora of Scotland*

Dissemination: the complete **irecord data set** now being ‘cleaned’ before being made widely available via the EIDC (UK/CEH Environmental Information Data Centre)

Public Engagement: **FSC WildID Guide** now available



Urban Flora of Scotland WildID Guide



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