## CARMARTHENSHIRE LOCAL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN LBAP/S42 BRYOPHYTES

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## **OVERALL OBJECTIVES**

- To identify new sites for survey in the county.
- Encourage volunteer interest in bryophytes.
- To use key species as a focus for public/school engagement.
- To raise awareness of these species and the issues affecting them.

SPECIES	РНОТО	HABITAT/CARMS SITES	ISSUES/ACTION REQUIRED
Baltic bryum Bryum marratti		• Found on the north side of Tywyn Burrows, and near Ferryside at Morfa Uchaf, in both cases where freshwater flows from dunes on to grazed salt marsh.	• Grazing of dune–saltmarsh transition for <i>Bryum marratii</i>
Sea bryum <i>Bryum</i> warneum		• Not seen in Carms since 1910 but recently found at Whiteford Burrows.	<ul> <li>Dune remobilisation for Bryum warneum and Petalophyllum ralfsii</li> <li>CCC/MOD/NRW all removing sea buckthorn from coastal dunes. NRW recreating slacks at Pendine and Pembrey ranges</li> </ul>
Multi-fruited river moss Dendrocryphaea lamyana	<image/>	•Found on the Teifi around Cenarth, Henllan, Pont Tyweli and Maesycrugiau, but commoner on the sunny north bank of the river. Also at one site on the Tywi at Nantgaredig – both SACs. It is found on rocks on banks and overhanging trees.	<ul> <li>Laurel and conifer clearing for Dendrocryphaea lamyana by the Teifi</li> <li>Info passed to local anglers.</li> </ul>
Irish Daltonia Daltonia spachnoides		<ul> <li>Spreading into Wales from Ireland – likes ultrahumid willow in conifer areas. One record from Brechfa Forest and one from near Llyn Brianne.</li> </ul>	• No actions suitable.



Lead moss Ditrichum plumbicola	• Found on two disused lead mines at Rhandirmwyn. The main site was designated in 2013 as Mwyngloddfa Nantymwyn SSSI.	• SSSI protection for <i>Ditrichum</i> <i>plumbicola</i> and <i>Scopelophila</i> <i>cataractae</i>
Tongue-leaved copper moss <i>Scopelophila</i> cataractae	• Found on one disused lead mines at Rhandirmwyn. The site was designated in 2013 as Mwyngloddfa Nantymwyn SSSI.	• SSSI protection for <i>Ditrichum</i> <i>plumbicola</i> and <i>Scopelophila</i> <i>cataractae</i>
Awl-leaved ditrichum Ditrichum subulatum	• Found on acidic banks above coastal creeks. One record from the Taf estuary north of Dylan Thomas' Boathouse, Laugharne.	• Further survey for Ditrichum subulatum (estuary banks),
Portuguese pocket moss <i>Fissidens curvatus</i>	•Found at Dryslwyn castle, but gorse scrub has invaded here, and also recorded on a lane bank near Llandeilo.	<ul> <li>Scrub clearance at Dryslwyn Castle for <i>Fissidens curvatus</i></li> <li>Discuss with CADW?</li> </ul>
Fragile frillwort Fossombronia fimbriata	•Found at Pont-ar-Wysg where a sheep track crosses a base- rich flush.	• Maintain upland grazing for Fossombronia fimbriata
Pitted frillwort Fossombronia foveolata	•Found on banks of Usk Reservoir	• Further survey - upland pools

foveolata	Most <i>Fossombronia</i> look identical and their spores need to be checked.		
Lesser squirrel tail		•Found on sycamores at St	<ul> <li>Sycamore protection at Sir</li> </ul>
moss		John's Hill, on the south side of	John's Hill for Habrodon
Habrodon		Laugharne.	perpusillus
perpusillus			<ul> <li>CCC PROW informed of</li> </ul>
			presence of moss at St John's Hill

Veilwort Pallavicinia lyellii	•Found in tussocky rank Molinia at Cors Goch, Glyn bog, Llyn Llech Owain, Llanpumsaint and recently on a ridge above Rhandirmwyn.	• Water level management on bogs for <i>Pallavicinia lyellii</i>
Petalwort Petalophyllum ralfsii	•Found at Laugharne–Pendine Burrows; extinct at Pembrey and Tywyn Burrows	
Willson's pottia Pottia wilsonii	•Extinct, recorded once near Llansteffan in 1907.	• Further survey of coastal slopes near Llansteffan
Spreading-leaved beardless moss Weissia squarrosa	•Found on a verge near Ferryside.	<ul> <li>Further survey - (arable and rye- grass leys)</li> <li>Pass details on to CCC</li> <li>Streetscene re verge management.</li> </ul>

• Recording is continuing and new sites continue to be found

• Other – the Oceanic Ravine bryophyte assemblage is threatened by hydro schemes through the reduction of humidity when water is removed to go through turbines.

• Further survey for *Tortula wilsonii* (thin soil on coastal rock).