

Rust Fungus Red
Data List and
Census
Catalogue for
Wales

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Summary

The rust fungi are a group of specialised plant pathogens. Conserving them seems to fly in the face of reason. Yet as our population grows and food supplies become more precarious, controlling pathogens of crop plants becomes more imperative. Breeding resistance genes into such plants has proved to be the most cost effective solution. Such resistance genes evolve only in plants challenged by pathogens. We hope this report will assist in prioritising the conservation of natural ecosystems and traditional agro-ecosystems that are likely to be the richest sources of resistance genes. Despite its small size (11% of mainland Britain) Wales has supported 225 rust fungi taxa (including 199 species) representing 78% of the total British mainland rust species. For the first time using widely accepted international criteria and data collected from a number of mycologists and institutions, a Welsh regional threat status is offered for all native Welsh rust taxa. The results are compared with other published Red Lists for Wales. Information is also supplied in the form of a census catalogue, detailing the rust taxa recorded from each of the 13 Welsh vice-counties.

Of the 225 rust taxa so far recorded from Wales 7 are probably extinct (3% of the total), and 39 (18%) are threatened with extinction. Of this latter total 13 taxa (6%) are considered to be Critically Endangered, 15 (7%) to be Endangered and 13 (6%) to be Vulnerable. A further 20 taxa (9%) are Near Threatened, whilst 15 taxa (7%) lacked sufficient data to permit evaluation.

Just over a third of Welsh rust fungi taxa require some form of action, either to better understand their status, or reverse known ongoing declines. This is a similar figure to those presented elsewhere for bryophytes and lichens but higher than the 19% of vascular plants requiring action.

Crynodeb

Grŵp arbenigol o bathogennau planhigion yw'r ffwng cawod goch. Mae eu cadw rhag diflannu yn ymddangos fel petai yn erbyn pob rheswm. Er hynny, fel mae ein poblogaeth yn cynyddu a chyflenwadau bwyd yn prinhau, daw rheoli pathogennau cnydau yn fwy gorfodol. Profwyd mai trwy fridio genynnau gwrthiannol i fewn i blanhigion fel hyn yw'r ateb mwyaf côst effeithiol. Esblyga genynnau gwrthiannol o'r fath dim ond mewn planhigion sy'n cael eu herio gan bathogennau. Rydym yn gobeithio fod yr adroddiad yma yn gymorth i flaenoriaethu cadwraeth ecosystemau naturiol ac ecosystemau amaeth traddodiadol ble fydd y ffynonellau mwyaf cyfoethog ar gyfer genynnau gwrthiannol. Er ei faint cymharol fach (11% o dir mawr Prydain) mae Cymru wedi cynnal 225 o dacsa ffwng cawod goch (yn cynnwys 199 rhywogaeth) sy'n cynrychioli 78% o gyfanswm rhywogaethau cawodydd cochion tir mawr Prydain. Am y tro cyntaf gan ddefnyddio meini prawf sy'n dderbyniol yn rhyngwladol a data a gasglwyd gan nifer o fycolegwyr a sefydliadau, gellir cynnig statws o fygythiad rhanbarthol i Gymru ar gyfer holl dacsa cawod goch cynhenid Cymru. Yn ychwanegol, rhoddir gwybodaeth ar ffurf catalog cyfrifiad, yn rhoi manylion am y tacsa cawod goch a gofnodwyd o pob un o'r 13 o is- siroedd (*vice –county*) Cymru.

O'r 225 o dacsa cawod goch sydd wedi eu cofnodi yng Nghymru hyd yma, mae 7 yn debygol o fod yn ddiflanedig (3% o'r cyfanswm) a 39 (18%) dan fygythiad o fod yn ddiflanedig. O'r 39 yma, ystyrir 13 tacson (6%) fel rhai sydd 'mewn perygl argyfyngus', 15 (7%) i fod 'mewn perygl' a 13 (6%) i fod 'yn fregus'. Mae 20 (9%) tacson arall yn 'agos i fygythiad' tra mae 15 tacson (7%) heb ddigon o ddata i ganiatau gwerthusiad.

Mae dros draean o'r tacsonau ffwng cawodydd cochion angen gwithredu arnynt mewn rhyw ffordd, un ai i wella dealltwriaeth o'u statws, neu i wrthdroi gostyngiadau cyfredol a wyddom amdanynt. Ffigwr tebyg i rhai a gyflwynwyd mewn mannau eraill ar gyfer bryoffytau a chen yw hwn, ond yn uwch na'r 19% o blanhigion fasgwlar sydd angen gweithredu arnynt.

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"...that I may see and tell of things invisible to mortal sight."

Milton Paradise Lost, Book III.

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This report presents the results of a comprehensive analysis of the current conservation status of the 225 taxa of rust fungi so far recorded in Wales using the updated IUCN criteria. The rust fungi, here considered to be species within the single order Pucciniales (=Uredinales), are a well circumscribed group of fungi that exclusively live on plants. It has brought to light species that are more threatened in Wales than in the rest of Britain, as well as species threatened in Britain but which are doing better in Wales. Wales has a responsibility to protect and conserve all these threatened species and it is hoped the findings of this study will be used to inform priorities for conservation action and decisions over land-use changes.

It will also help inform future revisions of the British Red Data Book of Fungi and the list of fungi that appears in Section 42 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (NERC) 2006 (*Habitats and species of principal importance in Wales*). It is also hoped it will encourage the European Union to include the Kingdom of the Fungi in future revisions of the Habitats and Species Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC), since at present this important group of organisms has been almost completely ignored. Detailed below are also presence and absence data for rust fungi by hosts within each of the Welsh Watsonian vice-counties. We hope that this report will stimulate interest in and further our ability to conserve not just rust fungi but all fungi.

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Foreword

Wales has been particularly fortunate in having a dedicated band of mycologists recording rust fungi. This report would not have been possible without the work of Nigel Stringer who has made innumerable records, checked specimens, enthused us all and has collated the records of those working in Wales. A small but dedicated group of largely amateur mycologists has covered large parts of the country. Debbie Evans has amassed many records from North Wales, especially in the vice-counties of Caernarvonshire and Anglesey and is now able to provide an excellent picture of rust fungi distribution in what was a relatively poorly surveyed area. Some of her records appear with those of others such as Richard Shattock and Charles Aron in the latter's *Fungi of Northwest Wales* (2005), this being an invaluable compilation of records. Andrew Graham, Wendy McCarthy, John Bratton and Paul Reade have contributed some interesting records of late. Bruce Ing has collected regularly in NE Wales.

Tom Preece, Ray Woods and Graham Motley have worked in central and east Wales whilst Arthur Chater has made numerous collections from Cardiganshire and parts of the neighbouring vice-counties. Carmarthenshire has been covered in detail by Nigel Stringer (creating over 18,000 personal records), Richard Davies, Ian Morgan and others to produce a database of over 41,000 records from this one vice-county. Paul Smith has collected in both Monmouthshire and Glamorgan. Pembrokeshire has been surveyed by visiting mycologists and now has an active fungus recording group. Since the publication of Wilson and Henderson in 1966 this band of recorders has found as new to Britain and Ireland almost 250 previously unreported combinations of rust and host taxa and four species of rust new to Britain.

This work also draws on specimens held at Kew Gardens and in the National Museum and Galleries of Wales, Cardiff and on the records in the British Mycological Society's Fungus Records Database of Britain and Ireland (FRDBI) and the Association of British Fungus Groups (ABFG) CATE2 database.

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1 Introduction

The Kingdom of the Fungi is a diverse one. Hawksworth (2001) calculates that there are at least 1.5 million species worldwide. For the most part little action has been taken to directly conserve them. Yet we derive immense benefits directly and indirectly from fungi and occasionally come to grief due to their activities. Fungi could well be Wales' most beneficial and under-used natural resource. Any attempt to develop Wales sustainably that ignores the fungi is doomed to failure. It is anticipated, for example, that inadequate biosecurity will shortly create a massive clean-up bill from the certain death of ash trees due to the failure to exclude or control ash die-back disease. Fungi provide us with some of the most widely employed pharmaceuticals. The search for new antibiotics might usefully be directed first towards the fungi from which so many of our most beneficial antibiotics have been obtained in the past.

Animals and Fungi diverged from a common ancestor and the Fungi are a sister kingdom to that of the Animals. We share many physiological functions with them making the treatment of the few fungal pathogenic diseases we suffer from often problematic. On the positive side some antibiotics that fungi have evolved to protect themselves work well in humans. With the development of techniques to identify fungi living within plants (endophytic fungi) has come the realisation that all plants interact with fungi and many more benefit than suffer from them. Endophytic fungi have developed complex interactions with bacteria. These relationships have yet to be exploited but offer huge potential for increasing crop yields and improvements in resistance to pests, diseases and changes in climate and may even allow crops to be taken from soils currently considered unsuitable for cultivation.

The rust fungi form a numerous and well-defined group called the Pucciniales (or Uredinales) within the Basidiomycota - the group that contains the mushrooms and toadstools. Of the 22,000 species described worldwide from the Basidiomycota (35% of all known fungi) a third (7,400 species) are rust fungi. Since all rust fungi are plant parasites, with a few occasionally causing devastating consequences to our food production, we ignore them at our peril. Some probably play a significant role in influencing the composition of vegetation. Zadoks (2005) for example demonstrated the important role that rust and other pathogenic fungi play in modifying the species-composition of salt marsh vegetation in the Netherlands. Plants introduced to new continents without their rust fungi such as bramble *Rubus fruticosus* agg. in parts of Australia and mouse-ear hawkweed *Pilosella officinalis* in New Zealand have rapidly grown to pest proportions not seen in their native, rust-rich home territories. In Britain field trials have commenced to evaluate the efficacy of the non-native rust *Puccinia komarovii* var. *glanduliferae* as a possible control agent for the introduced Himalayan balsam *Impatiens glanduliferae*.

Several rust species threaten the success of our food and fibre production. Our recent aggressive expansion of agriculture and forestry, often employing monocultures of genetically identical organisms, has left us woefully exposed to the depredations of some fungi. Such production methods fly in the face of the basic principles of epidemiology. Black stem rust *Puccinia graminis*, for example, regularly devastated crops of wheat (Ingram and Robertson 1999). Yet for almost the last 50 years this rust has ceased to be a problem due to resistance genes introduced into wheat from rye. In 1999 the rust overcame this resistance in Uganda and, having spread out of Africa and known as Ug99, now threatens wheat crops around the world.



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Black stem-rust telia on cock's-foot grass

Having erroneously considered the battle won, wheat breeding programmes had been wound down. The search is now on for new resistance genes in wild and cultivated plants. During the course of the collection of data for this RDL we have seen an increase in abundance of black stem-rust on ryegrass *Lolium perenne* leys and barberry *Berberis vulgaris* in Wales, probably attributable to particularly warm summers. This grass is at the centre of livestock-production in Wales. Unless additional resistance can be bred, in a warming climate we could see this rust causing economic losses. Resistance genes to many rust fungi may already be present in the wild plant populations but they are unlikely to persist in plants if those with the resistance are not regularly selected for by the challenge of infection. Lose the rust fungi and we may lose the genes for resistance.

The large scale shipping of plants and plant-derived commodities around the world further increases the chances of importing undesirable fungi. Following concerns over the importation of ash disease the Government has set up an independent task force on tree health and plant biosecurity. One of their recommendations, that a risk register be established, has been implemented (see http://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/phiw/riskRegister). This risk register includes several rust fungi.

The development of woody species for biomass production has stimulated much new work on the impact of rust species on willow clones and the search for resistance to these fungi. It can cost up to £200 million pounds and take more than ten years to bring a new crop protection product to market (http://www.rothamsted.ac.uk/intopractice/FungicideResistanceReport.pdf). It is easy to see why resistance genes bred into a crop plant can be a very cost-effective alternative option. Biocontrol of rust fungi in crop plants by employing hyperparasitic fungi, bacteria or mycoviruses offers considerable promise (Moricca et al.

2006). By conserving rare wild rust fungi we may inadvertently be conserving hyperparasitic organisms that are potentially effective biocontrol agents of those rust fungi that damage crop plants. There is a distinct probability that the rarer the rust taxon the more likely it is to support debilitating hyperparasites. Their presence may be keeping the wild rust in check. Ingram (1999) in his presidential address to the British Society for Plant Pathology in 1998 noted that plant pathogens are a significant component of natural ecosystems and are essential to the evolutionary selection of new disease resistance factors in the wild relatives of crops. He also notes that the conservation of the plant diversity of natural ecosystems and traditional agro-ecosystems is the greatest challenge of our age.

As we place ever more pressure on land, the area of species-rich semi-natural habitats declines in Wales. For example it is believed that 98% of dry lowland flower-rich grassland has been lost in the last 50 years (Stevens *et al.* 2010) mostly to agricultural intensification. With a decline in available host plants there will have been an associated decline in the rust fungi. In many parts of Wales the few remaining examples are now subject to nutrient enrichment from emissions of ammonia from ever-more intensive livestock and poultry rearing systems.

Even such apparently unspoiled habitats as sub-montane cliffs have not been immune, receiving acidifying atmospheric pollutants and are now being subject to a rapidly changing climate. Research at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh is investigating possible changes to rust species infecting arctic-alpine willow species. The greater fragmentation of habitats may also reduce the ability of those rusts that require two completely contrasting host species in order to compete their life cycle to survive. Some rust fungi may select particular genotypes of their host species so highlighting genetic diversity in the host plants that was previously unsuspected

Helfer (1993) opened a debate on the issue of conserving rust fungi in a paper entitled "Rust Fungi - A Conservationist's Dilemma" by noting that 52 out of 102 vascular plant species considered rare or endangered in the British Isles supported rust species and asked whether the rust fungi should enjoy a similar level of protection to their hosts. A lack of information precluded a definitive answer. Helfer *et al.* (2011) were participants in a European Uredinales Initiative (EURED) that called for a renewed pan-European effort to better understand the taxonomy, biogeography and ecology of rusts for many of the reasons given above. It is hoped this Red List will go a little way towards answering some of these questions.

Whilst Sites of Special Scientific Interest and National Nature Reserves provide refugia for potential host plants, fungi have rarely featured in their selection nor have they been taken into account in framing management strategies. This RDL is intended to help with the selection and management of sites with a view to ensuring the conservation of a fuller spectrum of the living world. It is also hoped that the Welsh Government, in its aspiration to develop Wales sustainably, will now be able to take into account this group of fungi.

2 Implementation of the Red Data List

The aim of this report is to assess the level of threat facing rust fungi in Wales so that priorities can be identified for conservation action. Any taxon that is threatened (Critically Endangered, Endangered, Vulnerable or Near Threatened) in Britain (Evans *et al.* 2006) should also be regarded as a priority for conservation in Wales, regardless of its threat status in Wales.

If a taxon is less threatened in Wales than it is in Britain (if it has a lower category of threat than in Britain or is even classified as Least Concern in Wales), the Welsh population must still be regarded as a critically important component of the British population and deserves full protection in Wales with appropriate conservation measures. Should the British population outside Wales continue to decline, the Welsh population will become increasingly important, again regardless of its status within Wales. Should the Welsh population begin to decline, the species will be regarded as even more threatened in Britain as a whole.

3 Taxonomic Coverage

All rust fungi species, subspecies and varieties occurring on native, archaeophyte and neophyte Welsh flowering plant and fern species have been considered. Some rusts are able to infect a wide range of hosts. The mallow rust *Puccinia malvacearum*, for example, infects all native British species in the mallow (Malvaceae) family, whilst the rust Coleosporium tussilaginis is recorded from over a dozen plant species in Wales in four different families. Whether such rust species have distinct races or pathotypes only able to infect some of these plant species is not fully known. P. malvacearum, a rust described in 1852 from Chile, first appeared in Europe in 1869 and in Britain in 1873 (Wilson and Henderson 1966). It quickly became a common rust of hollyhock *Alcea rosea* and common mallow Malva sylvestris. It was not until the 1990's that it was first recorded on musk mallow M. moschata, with records quickly appearing from all over Britain. Had a new genotype of the rust appeared or was a new genotype of the host spreading across Britain? If such races definitely do exist then efforts should be made to identify and conserve them. An indication of the likelihood of such races or pathotypes being present in Wales is given in the text below. It is highly desirable that this infraspecific variation of both host and rust fungus is rapidly recognised if at all possible by DNA sequencing.

Rust fungi confined to cultivated non-native plants that have not become naturalised in Wales have been omitted from consideration as to conservation status but are listed in the Census Catalogue. Where rusts have been reported from more than one cultivar, the additional cultivars are reported in Appendix 1. It should be noted that the recording of cultivars has been patchy across Wales and this list is far from complete.

Species names for the rust fungi mostly follow those used in the Kew *Checklist of the British and Irish Basidiomycota* (Legon and Henrici 2005) including the latest online updates at www.BasidioChecklist.info. Occasionally where a very recent revision has been adopted Index Fungorum has been followed. The taxonomy of the host plants follows Stace (2010).

4 Geographic Coverage

This Red Data List covers the country of Wales, made up of the 13 Watsonian Vice-counties of Monmouthshire, Glamorgan, Breconshire, Radnorshire, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire, Cardiganshire, Montgomeryshire, Merionethshire, Caernarvonshire, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Anglesey (Watson 1883). Recording effort varies considerably between vice-counties with Breconshire, Radnorshire, Carmarthenshire, Cardiganshire, Caernarvonshire and Anglesey being possibly the best covered whilst Monmouthshire, Glamorgan, Pembrokeshire, Denbighshire and Flintshire are the least well covered.

5 Date Classification of Records

A "recent" record is one made in 1964 or later, i.e. in the last 50 years.

6 Application of IUCN Criteria

The standard IUCN Red Data List Categories (IUCN 2001) are used with minor modifications to take account of the regional nature of this analysis:

Taxa extinct within Wales but extant in other parts of the world are classified as Regionally Extinct (RE). A taxon is RE when there is no reasonable doubt that the last individual in the region has died or a species has not been seen since 1964. In this report, taxa extinct in Britain as a whole are classified as EX, while those extinct in Wales but still present elsewhere in Great Britain are classified as RE. The list of extinctions for Wales therefore includes both EX and RE taxa.

Considerable guidance is given by IUCN (2003) regarding the application of standard IUCN criteria and categories (IUCN, 2001) to a region (defined as any sub-global geographically defined area, such as a continent, country, state, or province). Provided that the regional population being assessed is isolated by, for example, unsuitable habitat or a lack of susceptible host material from conspecific populations of the rust outside the region, the IUCN Red Data List Criteria (IUCN 2001) can be used without modification within any geographically defined area.

However, when the criteria are applied to part of a population defined by a geopolitical border, as in the case of Wales sharing a border with England, the threshold values listed under each criterion may be inappropriate because the unit being assessed is not the same as the whole population or subpopulation. As a result, the estimate of extinction risk may be inaccurate.

In order to take this into account, we need to ask whether the Welsh population experiences any significant immigration of viable propagules from England. If not (or it is unknown), there is no change in the IUCN category assessed from a Welsh perspective. If, however, it is known or appears likely that viable propagules are entering Wales from England, the Welsh IUCN category is downgraded by one level provided that the GB population is stable or increasing. If the British population is decreasing the Welsh IUCN category remains the

same. The level of propagule immigration is, however, almost impossible to assess. The spores of some rust species such as the urediniospores of *Puccinia coronata* are known to travel on average greater distances than the spores of *P. sessilis* (Stringer *et al.* 2011). However, an attempt has been made to determine how likely immigration is by a consideration of the proximity of threatened Welsh taxa to English populations.

The threat category of Welsh taxa where the entire population is close to English populations may therefore be downgraded by one category if the British population is Least Concern. If, however, the British population is threatened the Welsh IUCN category remains unaltered.

Historic records of rust fungi in Wales are sparse and reside in a few old collections in national institutions, whilst a few published accounts e.g. Vize (1882) provide tantalizing hints of a one-time much richer mycota. This lack of any detailed information concerning the long term changes in population sizes permits only a very limited number of IUCN criteria to be employed. For most species only presence/absence data is available and population sizes can at best only be estimated.

Fluctuations from year to year in the number of "mature individuals" also form part of the criteria. Whilst such fluctuations may threaten the existence of, for example, birds or mammals, many fungi, including rusts, appear to vary naturally in abundance from year to year as measured by their visible fruit bodies. Until more is understood of these variations they have not formed a significant element of the evaluation process.

Rusts also pose some unique problems in assessing threats to populations. Issues include the selection of a threat status for populations of native rust species that appear clearly threatened on wild hosts, but that have, of late, appeared on cultivated plants in the horticultural trade. Such problems are highlighted in the species notes below.

Any direct measure of decline based on records over different time periods is problematic due to a substantial increase in recording effort in recent years. Instead, indirect methods have had to be adopted using known loss of habitat and changes in abundance of host species. All rusts are obligate parasites and some require more than one host to complete their life cycle. Their success is therefore intimately linked to the success and conservation status of their host plant or plants. For a rust species confined to a red data listed host the threat to the rust has been taken to be no lower than that of its host. Vascular plant red listings follow Cheffings *et al.* (2005) and Dines (2008).

Following in part Evans et al. (2006) the criteria listed below have been employed.

Extinct:

A taxon is listed as Extinct (EX) when there have been no records from Britain for 50 years (i.e. since 1964) or Regionally Extinct (RE) if there have been no records from Wales since 1964.

Critically Endangered:

D1: Found in 1 hectad and there is evidence of decline or a clear threat to host or habitat is identified.

D2: Where the total population in Wales numbers fewer than 50 individuals*.

Endangered:

B2: Found in 2-5 hectads and there is evidence of decline or a clear threat to host or habitat is identified.

D: Where the population in Wales numbers fewer than 250 individuals*.

Vulnerable:

B: Found in 6-10 hectads in Wales and there is evidence of decline or a clear threat to its host or habitat is identified

D: Where the population in Wales is small and estimated to number fewer than 1000 individuals*.

D1: Found in 1-5 hectads in Wales with no evidence of decline of host or habitat.

D2: Found in 5 or fewer locations within Wales (where a location is a "Wells" site i.e. a moveable 1km square) and as a result is rendered liable to extinction through human activities or stochastic events.

Near Threatened: Found in 6-10 hectads within Wales with no evidence of decline of host or habitat or 11-20 hectads with a threat to host or habitat identified.

Data Deficient: Where there is insufficient information to place a probably threatened species in one of the categories above.

* IUCN uses the number of "mature individuals" as a measure of population size. This may be straightforward for elephants, but for rusts it is often unclear how many individuals might be present. A "mature individual" has here been taken to be a single infected plant. For some plants such as extensive stands of rhizomatous species *e.g.* saw sedge (*Cladium mariscus*) it is not clear where one individual host plant ends and another begins. A single discrete stand has been taken to be an individual. Worryingly this may still be a poor measure of the likelihood of the survival of some rust populations. In Australia Burdon *et al.* (1995) showed that the severity of rust infection of meadowsweet *Filipendula ulmaria* was positively correlated with the host population size and that a minimum number of host plants (termed a "deme") had to be present before infection occurred.

7 Explanation of the Wales Red Data List and Census Catalogue

Lists of Rust and Host Species (Columns 1 and 2)

Where infraspecific taxa (including varieties and pathotypes) have been listed, that information has been recorded but we advise its use with caution. Where a host plant name is followed by (A) this indicates it is considered to be an archaeophyte (naturalised before AD 1500); by (N) a neophyte (naturalised post AD 1500) and by (H) a non-naturalised cultivated plant (including forestry and agricultural crops as well as ornamental plantings). (Cas) indicates a species of casual occurrence and is usually applied to short lived weed species of temporary habitats. These definitions largely follow Preston *et al.* (2002). Where

more than one category is applied it indicates that the status of this species varies from place to place in Wales.

Wales Red List Threat Status and Criteria (Column 3)

These follow the explanation offered in section 6 above. EX indicates a taxon extinct in Britain; RE extinct in Wales but not Britain; CR indicates Critically Endangered; EN Endangered; VU Vulnerable; NT Near Threatened; DD Data Deficient and NE Not Evaluated. This last criterion is largely reserved for rusts confined to cultivated plants. In addition, LC identifies taxa of Least Concern

Census Catalogue (Column 4)

Under the heading of "Vice-County" are listed the Welsh vice-counties from which each rust fungus has been recorded. Vice-county numbers in square brackets indicate that no record has been traced post 1964. The vice-county numbers equate to the vice-counties as follows (Watson 1883):-

35	Monmouthshire	47	Montgomeryshire
41	Glamorgan	48	Merionethshire
42	Breconshire	49	Caernarvonshire
43	Radnorshire	50	Denbighshire
44	Carmarthenshire	51	Flintshire
45	Pembrokeshire	52	Anglesey
46	Cardiganshire		

8 Analysis of Red Data List and Census catalogue

8.1 Red Data List

Presenting the results of this evaluation requires some initial explanation. A separation has been made in places between species and taxa. Species numbers refer as one would expect just to the species. Taxa numbers include in addition subspecies, varieties and pathotypes. Note also that some rust species appear in more than one threat category when differing threat statuses have been attached to different subspecies, varieties or pathotypes. Legon and Henrici (2005) list 248 species of rust fungi from mainland Britain. Since this list was published five more rust species have been added to the British list giving a total of 253 species. Records of 199 rust species within 225 separate taxa have been traced from Wales (79% of the British total) occurring in 1036 rust/host taxa interactions. This compares with the 68% of the British mainland lichen mycota reported from Wales (Woods 2010) and almost 75% of the British bryophyte flora (Bosanquet & Dines 2011). Yet Wales makes up only 11% of the total British mainland surface area and this further emphasises the exceptional biodiversity of the principality.

Of the 199 rust species recorded from Wales 13 only occur on neophyte vascular plants and the conservation statuses of these species have not been evaluated. Of the 186 rust

species recorded on native or archaeophyte hosts, six species (3%) and seven taxa are considered to be extinct in Wales. Of the 180 remaining rust species on native hosts, the continued existence of 50 species (28%) is considered to be threatened or likely to become threatened in some way, with a further 15 taxa (8%) lacking in sufficient data to currently ascribe them to a threat category. This compares with 26% of lichens and 19% of bryophytes and vascular plants considered under threat and 2% of lichens and 3% of bryophytes and vascular plants considered extinct in Wales (Woods (2010), Bosanquet and Dines (2011) and Dines (2008) respectively).

The numbers in each category are recorded in the table below.

Threat Category	No of Taxa	% of Total
Extinct in GB and/or Wales	7	3
Critically Endangered	12	6
Endangered	15	7
Vulnerable	13	6
Near Threatened	20	9
Data Deficient	15	7
Least Concern	132	62

Discounting the 3% that are probably extinct and those in the near threatened category, 19% of the extant Welsh rust taxa are considered to be under immediate threat. This compares with 16% of the lichens (Woods 2010), 18% of the bryophytes (Bosanquet 2011) and 17% of the vascular plants (Dines 2008). Given the dependence of rust fungi on vascular plants, a figure somewhat higher than the 17% threat percentage of the vascular plants might have been expected.

An examination of the habitats occupied by threatened rust taxa shows the largest number to occur in fens and marshy grasslands, closely followed by those of woodlands and woodland edges. Heathlands and sand dune systems support the only other significant number of taxa.

8.1a Extinct Taxa

Seven taxa are considered to have become regionally extinct in Wales including one rust of uncertain taxonomic status that may have become extinct in Britain and two species that may have also become extinct in Britain. Most have not been seen for over 60 years in Wales and their loss may pre-date the great agricultural improvements of the second half of the 20th century. All losses have occurred in the northern half of Wales and involve both common and rare hosts and a range of habitats. For more details on individual species see the notes section below.

Rust Taxon	Host	Wales Red List	Date Last Seen	VC Last Seen	Habitat
Melampsora lini var. radiolae	Radiola linoides	EX	1936	52	Damp bare ground near coast
Puccinia apii	Apium graveolens	RE	1913	51	Damp open habitats near coast
Puccinia heraclei	Heracleum sphondylium	RE	1909	48	Wayside?
Puccinia major	Crepis paludosa	RE	1887	48	Wet woodland
Puccinia uliginosa	Carex nigra	RE	1948	52	Fen?
Puccinia veronicae- longifoliae	Veronica spicata	RE or EX?	1950	50	Basic dry grassland
Uromyces inaequalis	Silene nutans	RE or EX?	1921	51	Calcareous grassland

8.1b Critically Endangered Taxa

Twelve rust taxa are considered to be Critically Endangered in Wales. Only one rust species occurs on a host to which Dines (2008) ascribes a threat category (*Scorzonera humilis* VU). Three taxa occur on hosts with very patchy British distributions and the Welsh populations are distant from those in England. Seven taxa are inexplicably rare given the general distribution and abundance of their hosts. Only one or possibly two species of Critically Endangered rusts may regularly alternate between two vascular plant hosts.

Rust Taxon	Host	Wales Red List	Vice- County(ies)	Habitat
Chrysomyxa pirolata	Pyrola rotundifolia ssp. maritima	CR D1	52	Sand dune slacks
Endophyllum euphorbiae- silvaticae	Euphorbia amygdaloides	CR D1	35, [47]	Woodland edge
Milesina carpatorum	Dryopteris filix-mas	CR D2	44	Woodland

Rust Taxon	Host	Wales Red List	Vice- County(ies)	Habitat
Puccinia bistortae	Conopodium majus	CR D1	41, [46]	Woodland edge
Puccinia bistortae	Persicaria bistorta	CR D1	41	Woodland edge
Puccinia coronata var. gibberosa	Festuca altissima	CR D2	43, 46	Woodland
Puccinia oxyriae	Oxyria digyna	CR D1, D2	49	Montane stream- bank
Puccinia pimpinellae	Pimpinella saxifraga	CR D2	[41], 42, 43, [46], 49	Grassland
Puccinia pygmaea	Calamagrostis epigejos	CR D1	46, 52	Sea cliff
Puccinia schroeteriana	Carex hostiana & Serratula tinctoria	CR D2	52	Fen/wetland
Puccinia scorzonerae	Scorzonera humilis	CR D1	41	Marshy grassland
Puccinia virgae- aureae	Solidago virgaurea	CR D2	44, 49	Heath-both montane and lowland
Uredo morvernensis	Thymus polytrichus	CR D2	44	Sub-montane cliff and limestone outcrops

8.1c Endangered Taxa

Fifteen Endangered rust taxa have been identified. Only one, *Melampsora arctica* occurs on a host given a threat status in Wales by Dines (2008), whilst four species are confined to hosts which have a rather limited range or disjunct distribution in Wales. Ten occur on relatively widespread and even common hosts. No single host habitat predominates, though four of the rust taxa occur in fens.

Rust Taxon	Host	Wales Red List	Vice- County(ies)	Habitat
Melampsora arctica	Salix herbacea	EN D	49	Montane heath
Melampsora amygdalinae			44, 46	Fen
Puccinia angelicae	Angelica sylvestris	EN D	[35], 41, 44, 46, [49], 52	Fen and coastal ditchside
Puccinia cladii	Cladium mariscus	EN D	41	Fen
Puccinia dioicae	Carex dioica	EN D	42, 49	Wetland
Puccinia dioicae	Cirsium palustre	EN D	48, 49	Wetland

Rust Taxon	Host	Wales Red List	Vice- County(ies)	Habitat
Puccinia eriophorae	Solidago virgaurea & Trichophorum cespitosum agg.	EN D	49	Montane & sub- heath
Puccinia fergussonii	Viola palustris	EN D	41, 42, 44, 46, 48, 49, 52	Wetland
Puccinia galii- cruciatae	Cruciata laevipes	EN B2, D	41, 42, 44	Neutral Grassland
Puccinia hydrocotyles	Hydrocotyle vulgaris		44, 46, 52	Poor fen and dune slack
Puccinia maculosa	Mycelis muralis	EN D	42-44, [48], [49], 51	Rock outcrops/walls
Puccinia saxifragae	Saxifraga granulata	EN D	43	Woodland
Puccinia saxifragae	Saxifraga stellaris	EN D	[46], 48, 49	Sub-montane flush
Puccinia thymi	Thymus polytrichus	EN D	42, 45	Calcareous grassland
Puccinia urticata var. biporula	Carex pallescens	EN D	41, 42, 46	Garden/wet pasture
Uromyces scrophulariae	Scrophularia auriculata	EN D	44, [47]	Wayside
Uromyces sommerfeltii	Solidago virgaurea	EN D	46, 49	Montane heath

8.1d Vulnerable Taxa

Thirteen rust taxa have been placed in the category of Vulnerable. None of their hosts are considered to be under threat. Four rust taxa probably alternate between two or more host taxa regularly in Wales and six occur associated with woodlands or woodland edges. Seven species occur on hosts associated with open ground such as arable fields, waysides and sand dunes.

Rust Taxon	Host	Wales Red List	Vice- County(ies)	Habitat
Gymnosporangium clavariiforme	Juniperus communis & Crataegus monogyna	VU D	49	Sub-montane heath
Melampsora allii- fragilis	Allium ursinum	VU D2	42, 46, 49, 52	Wet woodland
Melampsora allii- fragilis	Salix × fragilis	VU D2	43, 44	River bank

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Rust Taxon	Host	Red List	County(ies)	Habitat	
Melampsora allii- fragilis	Salix pentandra	VU D2	44	Hedges and stream banks	
Milesina vogesiaca	Polystichum setiferum	VU D1, D2	44	Calcareous woodland	
Puccinia dioicae var. schoeleriana	Carex arenaria	VU D	44, 52	Sand dunes	
Puccinia dioicae var. schoeleriana	Senecio jacobaea	VU D	44, 48, 52	Waste ground	
Puccinia dioicae var. schoeleriana	Senecio sp.	VU D	35	Sand dunes	
Puccinia elymi	Ammophila arenaria	VU D	41, 45, 46, 49	Sand dunes	
Puccinia elymi	Leymus arenarius	VU D	44, 46, 49, 51, 52	Sand dunes	
Puccinia hysterium	nia hysterium Tragopogon VU pratensis		41, 45	Wayside	
Puccinia luzulae	Luzula sp.	VU D	47	?	
Puccinia luzulae	Luzula pilosa	VU D	44, [46], 48, [49]	Woodland	
Puccinia nemoralis	Melampyrum pratense & Molinia caerulea	VU D2	48, 49	Sessile oak woodland	
Puccinia nitida	Aethusa cynapium ssp. agrestis	VU D2	35, 46, [49]	Arable	
Puccinia nitida	Aethusa cynapium ssp. cynapium	VU D2	43, 47	Arable	
Puccinia polygoni- amphibii var. convolvuli	Fallopia convolvulus	VU D	[41], 42, 44, 49	Arable	
Puccinia urticata var. urticae-ripariae	Carex riparia	VU D1, D2	44, 46	Fen	
Triphragmium filipendulae	Filipendula vulgaris	VU B, D1	49	Calcareous grassland	
Uromyces viciae- fabae var. orobi	Lathyrus linifolius var. montanus	VU D	43, 47, 48	Woodland edge	

8.1e Near Threatened Taxa

None of the 20 Near Threatened rust taxa occur on hosts that are considered to be threatened in Wales. The largest proportion (8 taxa) occurs in grasslands and on waysides, followed by those occurring in lakes, by rivers and in wetlands (5 taxa) and then woodland (4 taxa). Three other taxa occur on moorland and/or cliffs.

Chrysomyxa empetri on Empetrum nigrum.

Cronartium quercuum on Quercus cerris, Q. ilex, Q. petraea and Q. robur.

Hyalopsora polypodii on Cystopteris fragilis.

Melampsora salicis-albae on Salix alba.

Melampsorella caryophyllacearum on Cerastium fontanum sspp. holosteoides and vulgare, C. glomeratum, Stellaria alsine, S. graminea, S. holostea and S. media.

Ochropsora ariae on Anemone nemorosa.

Puccinia calthae on Caltha palustris.

Puccinia caricina var. magnusii on Carex riparia.

Puccinia caricina var. ribis-nigri-paniculatae on Carex paniculata.

Puccinia conii on Conium maculatum.

Puccinia difformis on Galium aparine.

Puccinia crepidicola on Crepis biennis, C. capillaris and C. vesicaria.

Puccinia glomerata on Senecio aquaticus and S. jacobaea.

Puccinia opizii on Carex muricata ssp. pairae, C. paniculata and C. spicata.

Puccinia primulae on P. veris and P. vulgaris.

Puccinia urticata var. urticae-inflatae on Carex rostrata.

Pucciniastrum agrimoniae on Agrimonia sp. and A. eupatoria.

Trachyspora intrusa on Alchemilla spp., A. glabra, A. vulgaris and A. xanthochlora.

Uromyces ervi on Vicia hirsuta and V. tetrasperma.

Uromyces sparsus on Spergularia marina and S. media.

8.1f Data Deficient Taxa

Fifteen taxa lack sufficient information to be assigned to a threat category. Work on these species is a high priority since many of them may be critically endangered.

Coleosporium tussilaginis on Euphrasia spp., Parentucellia viscosa and Senecio sylvaticus.

Gymnosporangium confusum on Crataegus monogyna and Mespilus germanica.

Gymnosporangium cornutum on Sorbus aucuparia and Juniperus communis.

Melampsora allii-populina on Populus nigra, P. trichocarpa and Arum maculatum.

Melampsora epitea on Dactylorhiza spp., Epipactis spp., Platanthera chlorantha and Salix repens.

Melampsora laricis-pentandrae on Salix pentandra.

Melampsora ribesii-viminalis on Salix viminalis.

Phragmidium potentillae on Potentilla anglica and P. x suberecta.

Puccinia campanulae on Campanula rotundifolia and Jasione montana.

Puccinia cancellata on Juncus acutus and J. maritimus.

Puccinia caricina var. pringsheimiana on Ribes uva-crispa and Carex acuta.

Puccinia chaerophylli on Anthriscus sylvestris and Chaerophyllum temulentum.

Puccinia graminis on a wide range of grasses.

Puccinia scirpi on either Nymphoides peltata or Schoenoplectus lacustris or both.

Puccinia urticata var. urticae-acutae on Carex nigra.

8.2 Census Catalogue

Recording effort has varied greatly between the vice-counties with Monmouthshire, Pembrokeshire, Montgomeryshire, Merionethshire, Denbighshire and Flintshire receiving the least attention and Carmarthenshire, Cardiganshire, Caernarvonshire and Anglesey the most. Despite considerable effort within Radnorshire, its small size and lack of coast or significant areas of calcareous rock have produced only a rather limited range of both rust fungi and vascular plants. The table below displays the total number of rust species and the total number of rust taxa (including subspecies, varieties etc.) recorded for each Welsh vice-county and compares this number with the total number of vascular plants (Ellis 1983).

These numbers can be compared with other vice-counties outside Wales. Preece (1995) notes 104 rust species (127 taxa) from Shropshire. This accords with the rather similar numbers recorded from the Welsh vice-counties along the middle March. Clark (1980) reports 94 rust species from Warwickshire. Chris Yeates maintains a database of rust records from the five vice-counties that make up the old county of Yorkshire. He has records (pers. comm.) of 183 rust taxa (166 species) from this area. Given that Yorkshire at 6081 square miles is 80% the size of Wales, the two areas have very similar ratios of species to area, with Yorkshire having one rust species to 37 square miles and Wales one species to 38 square miles. Dorset has records of 143 species (Bryan Edwards pers. comm.) whilst the FRDBI indicates that three vice-counties have more than 150 rust taxa i.e. Surrey with 166, East Norfolk with 161 and North East Yorkshire with 157.

The high totals of 164 rust species (186 taxa) from Carmarthenshire and 161 species (178 taxa) from Caernarvonshire reflect both the intensive recording effort but also vice-counties rich in habitats, including sub-montane cliffs, limestone grassland, extensive areas of wetland and a diverse coastline supporting many potential hosts.

The census catalogue records demonstrate the wide distribution of mycological highlights in Wales. The Isle of Anglesey and its sand dune systems support, or have in the past supported, *Chrysomyxa pirolata* on round-leaved wintergreen, *Puccinia hydrocotyles* on marsh pennywort and *Melampsora lini* var. *radiolae* on allseed, the only ever British record on this host. Its fens support nationally important populations of *Puccinia schroeteriana* on

tawny sedge and saw-wort and of *P. commutata* on common valerian. The mountains of Snowdonia within Caernarvonshire have records of montane species at the southern edge of their British range in *Melampsora arctica* on dwarf willow, *Puccinia oxyriae* on mountain sorrel and the only British record of the rust *Pucciniastrum epilobii* on chickweed willowherb *Epilobium alsinifolium*. Other notable taxa include *Uromyces sommerfeltii*, *Puccinia virgae-aureae* and *P. eriophorae*, all on golden rod, with the latter species also occurring on deergrass. Merionethshire supported the last known population in Wales of *P. major* on marsh hawk's-beard.

Cardiganshire has notable populations in its wetlands of *Puccinia hydrocotyles* on marsh pennywort, *P. commutata* on common valerian and *P. fergussonii* on marsh violet, and a very disjunct locality on the coast for *Puccinia pygmaea* on wood small-reed. Radnorshire supports the only known population of *P. saxifragae* on meadow saxifrage in Wales and Breconshire has *P. hieracii* on a number of its endemic hawkweeds.

Of the South Wales vice-counties Carmarthenshire stands out for the diversity of rust taxa, particularly those on rush, poplar, willow and sedge species as well as rusts of salt marsh plants. Historically, south-east Carmarthenshire was heavily industrialised but over the last two decades a decline in heavy industry has led initially to large areas of brownfield sites and reclamation plantings. These plantings included many varieties of poplar and willow including hybrids which are now infected with rusts. Reclaimed opencast sites predominantly planted up with *Alnus* are notable for large populations of the rust *Melampsoridium hiratsukanum* - a recent arrival to the UK from south-east Asia.

Glamorgan has one of only two known extant populations in Britain of *Puccinia cladii* on saw sedge.

VC	;	Total Rust Species	Total Rust Taxa	Total Vasc. Plant Taxa	vc	Total Rust Species	Total Rust Taxa	Total Vasc. Plant Taxa
Mon	35	114	122	818	Mont 47	106	111	748
Glam	41	137	146	924	Mer 48	116	122	769
Brec	42	131	140	755	Caern 49	161	178	909
Rad	43	112	125	669	Denb 50	94	98	859
Carm	44	164	186	845	Flint 51	69	69	820
Pemb	45	107	112	823	Angl 52	143	160	808
Card	46	155	173	759				

9 Notes on Individual Taxa

Notes are provided on all species with a conservation status to explain the reasoning behind such a decision. A few additional taxa have been provided with notes where, for example, records on the FRDBI and CATE2 might indicate a threat status to be warranted but recent recording in Wales indicates otherwise. Notes are also provided where problems of identification or uncertain taxonomy preclude a decision, or a rust is confined to cultivated hosts in Wales.

Chrysomyxa empetri (Pers.) J. Schröt.

This rust is of scattered occurrence in Wales on crowberry *Empetrum nigrum*, a widespread dwarf shrub. The orange uredinia occur on the upper leaf surface, though since the leaves are rolled into a tube most uredinia occur on what appears to be the lower surface. It can nevertheless be quite conspicuous, but the possibility exists that it may have been overlooked. Twenty populations have been recently located in Wales. The greatest concentration occurs in the mountains of Snowdonia with 12 monad records from Caernarvonshire, where it is found at up to 1000m, often on exposed ridges, and from five sites in Cardiganshire. There are single recent records from Monmouthshire, Glamorganshire, Breconshire and Denbighshire and an old record from Merionethshire (near Bala 1865). Whilst all records from Mid Wales are likely to be from E. nigrum ssp. nigrum, further work is required to establish the proportions of records on this ssp. as opposed to ssp. hermaphroditum from North Wales since Paul Reade reports this rust on at least one population of ssp. hermaphroditum on the summit of Tryfan at 915m. There are nearly 40 records from Scotland on crowberry in the last 50 years (FRDBI and Paul Smith pers. comm.), mostly from the islands off the north and west coasts. There are no English or Irish records. Evans et al. (2006) have placed this rust in the Near Threatened category in the Provisional British RDL of Fungi, a category it is proposed to adopt in Wales.



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Chrysomyxa pirolata (Schwein.) G. Winter

Known in Wales only from round-leaved wintergreen *Pyrola rotundifolia* var. *maritima* on sand dunes at Newborough Warren, Anglesey, the size of the population is unknown and recent attempts to re-find it have failed. Elsewhere it occurs on dunes near Southport, South Lancashire and in Westmorland. There is also a recent record from an unspecified *Pyrola* sp. from S. Wilts on the FRDBI and old records from *P. rotundifolia* from Shropshire and Gloucestershire. All Scottish records are from the 1800's. It does not appear to alternate with *Picea* spp. in Britain as it does elsewhere.

In view of it being known from a single locality in Wales it is accorded a **Critically Endangered D1** conservation evaluation. Evans *et al.* (2006) have placed this rust in the same category in the Provisional British RDL of Fungi. It has a British Biodiversity Action Plan and is listed on Section 42 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006) as being a species of principal importance in Wales.



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Coleosporium tussilaginis (Pers.) Lév.

This rust develops spermogonia and aecia on *Pinus sylvestris* and *P. nigra* neither of which are considered to have native populations in Wales. There are few records but searches have been few. Uredinia and telia develop on a wide range of hosts including harebell Campanula rotundifolia and garden Campanula spp., eyebright Euphrasia officinalis agg., common cow-wheat Melampyrum pratense, red bartsia Odontites vernus, yellow bartsia Parentucellia viscosa, butterbur Petasites hybridus, yellow-rattle Rhinanthus minor, ragwort and groundsel species Senecio spp., sow-thistle species Sonchus spp. and colt's-foot Tussilago farfara. It is frequent in Wales on some of these hosts but rarer on others. Once considered a multiplicity of species based on the host plant, it is clear that such distinctions could not be maintained as cross-infection from one host to another is possible in at least some cases. Further work is required to establish the existence of distinct races worthy of conservation status. For the time being every effort should be made to conserve diverse populations of eyebright species, particularly the rarer ones, bearing this rust and any infected populations of yellow bartsia. Records on wood groundsel Senecio sylvaticus are sparse and notable populations should be protected. Braithwaite et al. (2006) note declines in abundance of harebell, hay-rattle and cow-wheat.

A conservation evaluation of **Data Deficient** is proposed for populations on *Euphrasia* arctica ssp. arctica and ssp. borealis, *E. confusa*, *E. nemorosa*, *E. officinalis* ssp. pratensis (= *E. rostkoviana*) and ssp. anglica (= *E. anglica*), *E. tetraquetra*, Parentucellia viscosa and Senecio sylvaticus.

Cronartium quercuum (Berk.) Miyabe ex Shirai

The golden uredinia on acorn cups and the underside of oak leaves are quite distinctive, though at times hard to locate despite the frequency of the host. In Wales there are recent records on sessile oak *Quercus petraea* from two sites in each of Breconshire, Pembrokeshire and Cardiganshire, a single site in Merionethshire and 15 sites in Caernarvonshire. It has been found on pedunculate oak *Q. robur* in one site in Carmarthenshire and on the non-natives, evergreen oak *Q. ilex* in Glamorgan and Turkey oak *Q. cerris* in two sites in Bangor, Caernarvonshire. Records are more frequent on young trees and those trimmed in hedgerows. Very rarely is a whole tree infected and some trees infected in one year seem uninfected in subsequent years. There are no recent records on native oak *Quercus* species from mainland England or Scotland on the FRDBI. In view of the small and scattered population (even including the populations on non-native oak species) occupying 10 hectads in Wales it is considered to be **Near Threatened**.



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Endophyllum euphorbiae-silvaticae (DC.) G. Winter

The distinctive yellow-etiolated orange cup-covered infected shoots of wood spurge Euphorbia amygdaloides cannot easily be missed. The Welsh populations of wood spurge are very much on the western edge of its British range so it is perhaps not surprising that it is a rare rust in Wales. Vize reported it from near Welshpool and Forden in Montgomeryshire in the 1800's. Whilst its host persists in a number of mostly estate woodlands in the area the rust has not been reported again. The sole recent Welsh record is from Monmouthshire, the size of which population is not known. In England with the exception of a single Derbyshire record, all recent records are from the SW of England with records from Herefordshire, Gloucestershire, Dorset and Devon (FRDBI). The sole Welsh record, taken with a history of decline, warrants a critically endangered conservation evaluation but since the inoculum may come from the adjacent English populations IUCN guidance recommends downgrading by a category unless the adjacent population is showing a decline. From the limited information available on the FRDBI and on CATE2 of the ABFG there appear to be no recent records from Kent, Oxfordshire or the North of England and in consequence a decline is indicated. Therefore a Critically Endangered D1 evaluation in Wales is warranted though other criteria may apply once the population size can be determined.



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Gymnosporangium species

There are four species of *Gymnosporangium* recorded from Britain. All alternate between juniper Juniperus species and woody members of the Rosaceae. Three species have been recorded recently from Wales but only G. clavariiforme has been found in a natural or nonman-made habitat.

Gymnosporangium clavariiforme (Wulfen) DC.

Alternating between common juniper *Juniperus communis* and hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*, this rust is of widespread occurrence in Scotland and England. In Caernarvonshire of note is its recent discovery on native juniper (as var. *nana*) in Cwm



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Aecia on hawthorn

Telia on juniper

Carregog at over 600m below Snowdon by Iwan Edgar (confirmed Debbie Evans). It also occurs on both hawthorn and native juniper on a limestone escarpment at Nant y Gamar and on hawthorn at Bryn Pydew just east of the previous site, whilst Aron (2005) notes records on juniper (species not given) in Merion Lane, Bangor (presumably a garden) and on hawthorn in Nantporth and there are additional more recent records from a scatter of hawthorn bushes across the vice-county. There is one record on hawthorn and juniper in a Cardiganshire garden, whilst at Menai Bridge in Anglesey a common juniper in a garden is infected together with several hawthorns in the general area. There are in addition, on hawthorn, two records from Monmouthshire and two from Radnorshire, the latter two in trackside hedges. In at least one of the Radnorshire sites common juniper is present nearby in a garden, though no infections were detected on it. There are also two records on juniper from Montgomeryshire but since common juniper is not known in the wild from Montgomeryshire (Trueman et al. 1995) these records must be of garden origin. Evaluating its status on the basis of its occurrences on native species remote from gardens i.e. on juniper and hawthorn in Snowdonia it is considered to be Vulnerable D since it probably occurs on fewer than a 1000 host bushes.

Gymnosporangium confusum Plowr.

Alternating between the cultivated juniper *Juniperus sabina* and hawthorn *Crataegus* spp. and medlar (*Mespilus germanica*), there are numerous records of this rust from hawthorn and less frequently *J. sabina* in central England. In Wales there are three records from hawthorn in gardens and hedges in and around Bangor, Caernarvonshire and five records from medlar in gardens in this VC. There are single records from hawthorn in Monmouthshire and Radnorshire and one record from medlar in Anglesey.

It is doubtful whether this species would survive in the wild without garden populations of *J. sabina* and it may well be an introduced species. Pending resolution of this issue and until more gardens can be surveyed it is considered to be **Data Deficient**.

Gymnosporangium cornutum Arthur ex F. Kern

The FRDBI notes a record in the literature of this rust (originally incorrectly considered to be *G. juniperi*) from Swallow Falls, Caernarvonshire in 1924. No host is given and the source of the record is said to be from the JNCC literature records database. Alternating between juniper *Juniperus communis* and rowan *Sorbus aucuparia*, both hosts are present in the area, though the nearest recent records of this mostly northern species on the FRDBI to Wales are North Yorkshire and Buckinghamshire and on CATE2 on an unspecified host from Cheshire. In 1988 this rust was collected from North Wales on rowan but unfortunately no further locality details were given. The conservation status of this fungus is considered to be **Data Deficient**.

Gymnosporangium sabinae (Dicks.) G. Winter

In Wales known only from a wide range of pear *Pyrus communis* cultivars in both Caernarvonshire and Anglesey. If searched for it will probably be found elsewhere. Since it has not been found in the wild its conservation status has not been evaluated.

Hyalopsora polypodii (Pers.) Magnus

The orange uredinia are a distinctive feature of this rust on the delicate fronds of brittle bladder-fern Cystopteris fragilis. Noted recently from seven vicecounties in Wales, only in Breconshire and Carmarthenshire is it at all frequent on this uncommon fern of basic rock crevices and rarely lime mortar. Preston et al. (2002) note a decline in records from Wales of this fern, probably reflecting the loss of habitat on old walls and buildings.



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As there appear to be fewer than 20 hectad records from Wales with some evidence of decline of its host, this rust is placed in the **Near Threatened** category.

Melampsora

This rust genus, when infecting willows and poplars and their hybrids, with or without alternating generations on various conifers, dicotyledonous and monocotyledonous plants, presents a challenge in both the accurate determination of the host, particularly where hybrids are concerned and in the complex and somewhat confused state of the taxonomy of

the rusts. A single broad species concept can be adopted with a number of races distinguished based on the different alternate hosts, or as here a more restricted species concept employed. Anyone seriously considering the significance of willow and poplar rusts should consult Pei and McCracken (2005). The loss of flood plain woodland in Wales has undoubtedly reduced the populations of black-poplar *Populus nigra* and willow species such as almond willow *Salix triandra* and purple willow *S. purpurea* and their associated rusts. The environmental assessment of the impact of re-introducing beavers must take account of their likely impact on these rust species. Other threats are noted below.

Melampsora allii-fragilis Kleb.

With aecia on ramsons *Allium ursinum* and uredinia and telia on crack-willow *Salix* × *fragilis* and bay willow *S. pentandra* and their hybrid, there are single recent records on ramsons on a riverbank at Pont Tanycastell, Rhydyfelin, Cardiganshire and from Llangoed in Breconshire; four records from Caernarvonshire and one from Anglesey. There are single records on crack-willow from Radnorshire and Carmarthenshire and from the latter VC on bay willow. Wilson and Henderson (1966) consider the aecia on ramsons to be indistinguishable from those caused by the next species. In central Southern England and now in Breconshire crack-willows are declining in vigour due to new non-rust fungal and bacterial infections and the continued existence of this rust on this host is clearly threatened. Given this threat and the small number of known sites this rust is considered to be **Vulnerable D2**.



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Aecia on ramsons

Melampsora allii-populina Kleb.

There is a single British record on lords-and-ladies *Arum maculatum* from Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire and a single Welsh record on black-poplar *Populus nigra* from Monmouthshire, its alternative native host. There is also a single record from the introduced western balsam-poplar *P. trichocarpa* from Carmarthenshire. Legon and Henrici (2005) consider that records on lords-and-ladies need confirmation. Until this is forthcoming this species is noted as **Data Deficient**.

Melampsora arctica Rostr.

Recently discovered on dwarf willow *Salix herbacea* in a number of high altitude sites in Snowdonia, Caernarvonshire, including four areas on Elidir Fach, on Foel Grach summit and the Mynydd Perfedd plateau. This rust has been considered to be part of the *M. epitea* complex by some authors though all recent studies examining DNA sequences (such as the work of the Scottish Montane Willow Research Group in Edinburgh and Smith *et al.* (2004) in North America) suggest the rust on dwarf sub-arctic willows is distinctly different. It is also morphologically distinct, producing urediniospores on the upper surface of the leaves unlike *M. epitea* where they are almost exclusively on the lower surface. Outside Britain it alternates with saxifrage species *Saxifraga* spp. and should be sought on these hosts in Wales. Dwarf willow was considered by Dines (2008) to be Near Threatened in Wales. This rust species should be considered to be **Endangered D**.



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Melampsora arctica on dwarf willow

Melampsora amygdalinae Kleb.

This rust species, reported from two sites in Carmarthenshire and one in Cardiganshire, is dependent on almond willow *Salix triandra* which is a rare tree in Wales. There are fewer than a dozen records of this rust from England and none from Scotland. Since the population of suitable host trees in all its known localities in Wales is likely to be less than 50 individuals and one known host tree was recently felled, this rust is considered to be **Endangered B2, D**.

Melampsora epitea Thüm.

The race on Orchidaceae alternating with creeping willow Salix repens and possibly eared willow S. aurita is sometimes distinguished by the name M. repentis Plowr.. It is of scarce occurrence in Wales. There are records from early marsh-orchid Dactylorrhiza incarnata, heath and common spotted-orchid D. maculata and D. fuchsii, northern marsh-orchid D. purpurella, southern marsh-orchid D. praetermissa and marsh and dune helleborine *Epipactis*



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Melampsora epitea on northern marsh-orchid

palustris and *E. dunensis*. Particularly notable sites are the sand dune systems of Aberffraw and Newborough Warren on Anglesey. These fen-loving orchids have shown a decline at least in mid Wales (Woods 1993, Trueman *et al.* 1995 and Braithwaite *et al.* 2006). This race, if it proves to be distinct, should be considered to be Vulnerable D but for the time being is considered as **Data Deficient**.

Melampsora laricis-pentandri Kleb.

Confined to bay willow *Salix pentandra*, populations of this rust of unknown extent occur on the Ministry of Defence Ranges on Mynydd Epynt, Breconshire, in two sites in both Monmouthshire and Carmarthenshire and one in Cardiganshire. Never common on this host, it may, however, prove to be widespread on this willow and has yet to be sought on the bay willow hybrids further north in Wales, nor has it been found on its alternate hosts of larch *Larix* spp.. For the time being it is assessed as **Data Deficient**.

Melampsora lini var. radiolae Grove ined

Collected on allseed *Radiola linoides* from Aberffraw, Anglesey in 1936 by P.G.M. Rhodes, the name of this rust may never have been validly published. The specimen held in Kew is the only record of this rust on this host from Britain. Given that there are no other recent records it must be considered to be **Extinct** in Britain.

Melampsora ribesii-viminalis Kleb.

There are only two records from Wales on osier *Salix viminalis* and 16 from the rest of Britain (FRDBI). Recorded from Glamorgan and Carmarthenshire the sizes of the populations are unknown. Until the size can be established on this frequently occurring willow a **Data Deficient** category is proposed. This rust elsewhere alternates with currant *Ribes* species.

Melampsora salicis-albae Kleb.

Reported from Britain only on white willow *Salix alba* and its hybrids. There are only six records from England on the FRDBI despite the widespread occurrence of its host. Its aecia on ramsons *Allium ursinum* have not been found in the British Isles. In Wales it is reported from six sites in Carmarthenshire, two in Cardiganshire and one site in Pembrokeshire. In view of the small population, infrequency of its host and that the nearest recorded English populations are in Shropshire and Warwickshire this rust is considered to be **Near Threatened** in Wales.

Melampsorella caryophyllacearum (DC.) J. Schröt.

This rust has been found to be not infrequent in North Wales on lesser stitchwort *Stellaria graminea* with 15 monad records from Caernarvonshire and 21 monads from Anglesey. In this latter vice-county it was found once on both common chickweed *S. media* and greater stitchwort *S. holostea*. In the rest of Wales, despite the widespread occurrence of the host species this rust has recently only been reported once on common mouse-ear *Cerastium fontanum* ssp. *holosteoides* (from Pembrokeshire) and once on lesser stitchwort *Stellaria graminea* (in Cardiganshire) in the last 50 years. There is an old record of Vize (1882) who notes its presence in Montgomeryshire (host unspecified). In all of the rest of Britain there



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Melampsorella caryophyllacearum on lesser stitchwort

are scarcely over 20 records on native plants in this same period (FRDBI). In view of the limited extent of the population with records from only 14 hectads and the likely loss of dry grassland sites supporting its major host, lesser stitchwort (Stevens *et al.* 2010) it is considered to be **Near Threatened**.

Milesina carpatorum Hyl., Jørst, & Nannf.

Found on the fronds of male-fern *Dryopteris filix-mas*, it is unfortunately impossible to separate in the field from the common *M. kriegeriana*. Evans *et al.* (2006) considered this species to be Vulnerable within Britain. There have, however, been over thirty recent records from southern England since this evaluation was made and this species might now be better considered to be of Least Concern at a British scale. In Wales, only two records have ever been made despite investigating hundreds of collections. It was found at Derwydd, Carmarthenshire in 2000 (FRDBI) and at Gamlyn Bridge, Aber-ffrwd, Cardiganshire in 2013. The discoveries in England should stimulate further searches in Wales. Given the intensive searches with little success this rust is for the time being considered to be **Critically Endangered D2** in Wales.

Milesina vogesiaca Syd. & P. Syd.

Rarely reported in Britain on hard shield-fern *Polystichum aculeatum* and even more rarely on soft shield-fern *P. setiferum* and their hybrid. Evans *et al.* (2006) considered its status to be Vulnerable D2 but subsequent to this evaluation a number of new records have appeared on the FRDBI from N. Somerset, Dorset, S. Wiltshire and SW Yorkshire and this evaluation requires revision. Nick Legon, in particular, has made a number of these records and helpfully notes that the uredinia are rather distinctive in being a very bright reddish brown in colour and are hence easily visible and separate it from the much commoner white uredinia of *M. whitei*. In Wales it is reported from three sites in Carmarthenshire on hard shield-fern and it should be sought elsewhere amongst large populations of this fern. Given the small population size this rust is considered to be **Vulnerable D1 & D2** in Wales.

Ochropsora ariae (Fuckel) Ramsb.



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The taller leaves with narrower leaflets with scattered white aecia on the underside quickly separate infected wood anemone *Anemone nemorosa* leaves from normal leaves. There are 17 records from Wales of this scarce rust. Despite large populations of wood anemone in some sites infected leaves are few in number. It has never been reported on its alternative host rowan *Sorbus aucuparia*. In the absence of any detailed population data a status of **Near Threatened** is considered appropriate.

Phragmidium potentillae (Pers.) P. Karst.

There are seven Welsh records of this rust on trailing tormentil *Potentilla anglica*, a single record from Breconshire and three each from Carmarthenshire and Cardiganshire; and a single record on the hybrid *P.* × *suberecta* from Breconshire. The FRDBI lists only seven British records made in the last 50 years so the rust is clearly nationally scarce. An understanding of its true distribution is hampered by the regular occurrence of hybrids of the host species and the difficulty of separating this rust species from *Frommeëlla potentillae*. Given these problems for the present it is considered to be **Data Deficient**.

Puccinia angelicae (Schumach.) Fuckel

Reported recently on wild angelica *Angelica sylvestris* from six high quality nature conservation sites in Wales viz. in mixed woodland at Llethrid, Glamorgan; on sand dunes at Tywyn Burrows, Carmarthenshire; the edge of a raised mire, Cors Caron, Tregaron, Cardiganshire; and on sand dunes at Newborough Warren (in 4 monads) and in fens on Cors Erddreiniog and at Cors Bodeilio, all in Anglesey. There are records from the early 1900's on this host near Monmouth and Swallow Falls, Betws y Coed and recently from less than a dozen sites in Scotland and a single site in England. It is also reported from six sites on milk-parsley *Thyselium palustre* (= *Peucedanum palustre*) in eastern England and from a single site in Worcestershire on pepper-saxifrage *Silaum silaus* (FRDBI). This latter species was once more widespread in eastern Wales but wet pastures have largely been drained and its habitat lost. In view of this decline and the small number of sites this rust is placed in the **Endangered D** category.



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Puccinia apii Desm.

A nationally rare rust confined to wild celery *Apium graveolens*. This host is almost exclusively coastal in Wales. The FRDBI notes a record from Prestatyn in Flintshire in 1913. There are no more recent records from Wales and only two recent records from eastern England. It is considered to be **Regionally Extinct**.

Puccinia bistortae (F. Strauss) DC.

A nationally scarce rust with aecia on either pignut *Conopodium majus* or cow parsley *Anthriscus sylvestris* and uredinia and telia on bistort *Persicaria bistorta*. Mostly northern in distribution in Britain, there is a specimen on pignut collected in 1960 in Penglais Woods, Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire stored in the fungarium at Kew and a more recent record by Paul Smith in 2011 on pignut and bistort from the Memorial Park Meadows, Pontllanfraith, Monmouthshire. Due to the small size of its population with no nearby records from England it is considered to be **Critically Endangered**.



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Aecia on pignut (bottom left). Uredinia (mid left) and telia (top left) on bistort (right).

Puccinia calthae Link

Found on marsh-marigold *Caltha palustris*, there are recent records of this rust from 14 hectads in Wales, mostly from high conservation quality wetlands. It appears to be less frequent than *P. calthicola*, a feature shared with England, where the FRDBI lists only a handful of sites in the last 50 years. In contrast there are 26 records from Scotland (20 in

FRDBI and 6 additions of Paul Smith pers. comm.) where this rust is more frequent, particularly in the west. Lost from at least one site in Wales recently due to the spread of woody species and given the widespread drainage of wet woodlands and pastures in the last 50 years, its host has suffered a decline (Braithwaite *et al.* 2006). There are, however, a few additional records of rusts on this host that could not be certainly separated from the next species. For the time being it is placed in the **Near Threatened** category.



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Puccinia calthae

Puccinia calthicola J. Schröt.

Found on marsh-marigold *Caltha palustris* in mostly high conservation quality wetlands like the last species. The FRDBI lists seven records from England and one from Scotland in the last 50 years, though Paul Smith has recently made 16 records from the Outer Hebrides (pers. comm.). Within Wales it is recorded from seven sites in Carmarthenshire, one in Pembrokeshire (pre 1964) and Montgomeryshire and eight sites in both Caernarvonshire and Anglesey and two each in Breconshire, Radnorshire and Cardiganshire. As with *P. calthae*, due to the widespread drainage of wet woodlands and pastures in the last 50 years, its host species has suffered a decline (Braithwaite *et al.* 2006). Notwithstanding this threat, since it occurs in more than 20 hectads in Wales, it is considered to be of **Least Concern**.

Puccinia campanulae Carmich.

Legon and Henrici (2005) note the lack of confirmed records from Britain since a specimen was collected in England in 1922. Aron (2005) however notes records from harebell *Campanula rotundifolia* at Coedydd Aber, Caernarvonshire in 1979 and on the same host on limestone at Parciau on Anglesey in 1999. There had been an earlier record on this host from Betws y Coed in Caernarvonshire in 1866 and on sheep's-bit *Jasione montana* from near Lampeter, Cardiganshire in the 1840's (FRDBI). Confirmation of these recent Welsh records is desirable. If confirmed this rust should be categorized as Critically Endangered D2. Until these N. Wales records are confirmed a **Data Deficient** status is proposed.

Puccinia cancellata (Durieu & Mont.) Sacc. & Roum.

Until recently this rust was only known from the uncommon sharp rush *Juncus acutus*, a distinctive rush of sand dunes. Welsh populations of this rust may be nationally significant. Over half the British population of this rush occurs in Wales (Dines 2008). The FRDBI only lists a single record from England (Braunton Burrows in Devon in 1959) and a number of records from the Channel Isles. Recent searches in Wales have located significant populations in both Glamorgan and Carmarthenshire with an isolated population in Merionethshire. What appears to be this rust has been found on sea rush *Juncus maritimus* from a number of sites in both Glamorgan and Carmarthenshire and also a large population on the Dyfi Estuary in Cardiganshire where it was first found by Arthur Chater in 2002. Large patches of sea rush become infected in contrast to the infection pattern on sharp rush where it occurs as isolated individuals. No records of this rust on sea rush have been found in the literature and confirmation by either DNA analysis or cross-infection experiments is required before these records can be confidently accepted. For the moment the status of this rust in Wales is considered to be **Data Deficient**.



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Puccinia cancellata on sea rush

Puccinia caricina var. magnusii (Kleb.) D.M. Hend.

Uredinia and telia are produced on greater pond-sedge *Carex riparia*, a sedge that is very much a lowland, coastal species in Wales. This rust is known from one site in Monmouthshire, five sites in Carmarthenshire, one site in Pembrokeshire, three sites in Cardiganshire and one site in Anglesey. In England it is only known from nine sites on this sedge. There is, in addition, a single record from Derbyshire of the aecia on mountain currant *Ribes alpinum*. On the continent this rust is recorded from a range of *Ribes* species.

Whether some of the records on *Ribes* ascribed to the next variety belong here is not known. For the time being it is considered to be **Near Threatened** in Wales.

Puccinia caricina var. pringsheimiana (Kleb.) D.M. Hend.

Identified with certainty only when it occurs on slender tufted-sedge *Carex acuta*, itself a rather scarce sedge of the major rivers in Wales. It is recorded from single sites in Breconshire, Radnorshire and on Anglesey. Aecia are found on *Ribes* species. On gooseberry *R. uva-crispa* there are records from Carmarthenshire, Caernarvonshire and Anglesey which are claimed as this variety. Whether the records on this host from Breconshire and Merioneth ascribed to *P. caricina s.l.* are of this variety is uncertain since the var. *magnusii* is said to alternate with *Ribes* on the continent (Wilson and Henderson 1966). This rust also lives on common sedge *Carex nigra* but cannot be distinguished by conventional means on this host. The population size of this rust therefore remains uncertain and it is placed in the **Data Deficient** category. Should it prove to be confined to tufted-sedge it would be considered to be at least Near Threatened.

Puccinia caricina var. ribis-nigri-paniculatae (Kleb.) D.M. Hend.

Known in Wales only from the greater tussock-sedge *Carex paniculata*. Despite Wilson and Henderson's (1966) assertion that it is probably present wherever its host occurs in quantity, there are only 24 records, from fewer than 20 hectads in Wales and 25 on the FRDBI from the British Isles. The authors have noted the drainage of numerous wet flushes and wet woodlands in the last 40 years in Wales with the consequent loss of this sedge and both Braithwaite *et al.* (2006) and Preston *et al.* (2002) also note a decline. It is considered **Near Threatened** in Wales.

Puccinia chaerophylli Purton

Providing a conservation evaluation for this species presents something of a dilemma. It is frequent on the introduced and now widely naturalised pot herb sweet cicely *Myrrhis odorata* with over a dozen records. On native Apiaceae it is a different story with just three recent records from Wales on cow parsley *Anthriscus sylvestris*, (on a hedgebank at Glynhir and at Llanddowror in Carmarthenshire and a single record from Cardiganshire, all in 2014).



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Puccinia chaerophylli on sweet cicely

There are old records from Newborough Warren, Anglesey in 1950 and 1956. It has been found on rough chervil *Chaerophyllum temulentum* at Bwlch in Breconshire in 1988; and at Penallt Farm in 2006 and at Llanwrda in 2002 and 2005, both sites being in Carmarthenshire. In England it is equally scarce on species other than sweet cicely, though Tom Preece notes it on cow parsley close to the Montgomeryshire border in Shropshire. Within Mid Wales a recent expansion of the rust on sweet cicely has been noted. This has not been reflected in records on cow parsley, a species that appears to have become increasingly abundant on road verges. Different races may be involved on these two hosts. Until this is resolved a conservation evaluation of **Data Deficient** is proposed.

Puccinia cladii Ellis & Tracy

The FRDBI has no records post 1958 and Evans *et al.* (2006) have in consequence considered this species to be extinct in Britain. It does, however, survive on great fen-sedge *Cladium mariscus* in the fen of Crymlyn Bog near Jersey Marine, Swansea, Glamorgan. Threatened with destruction in the past this site is now a National Nature Reserve. Elsewhere this rust has been recorded in the past from the fens of eastern England and a recent record from Norfolk is reported (M. Yeo pers. comm.). A search of the few populations of this sedge in Central Wales and the fens of Anglesey has failed to find any additional sites for this rust. Due to the small size and isolation of its population and rarity in England it is considered **Critically Endangered** D.

Puccinia commutata Syd. & P. Syd.

The distinctive orange aecia on stems and leaves of common valerian *Valeriana officinalis* attract attention and where present are unlikely to be missed. Yet for many years this rust was only known from two sites in west and central Scotland (Wilson & Henderson 1966). In the 1980's records were made in Cheshire, Lancashire and Cornwall but still the FRDBI notes fewer than a dozen records from England and Scotland. More recently this rust has been recorded from eight sites in Cardiganshire, and in single localities in Glamorgan, Pembrokeshire and Radnorshire and from a single site in Caernarvonshire and four sites on Anglesey. Most sites are of high nature conservation value and the possibility must exist that this rust is spreading. It should also be noted that it has recently been found infecting red valerian *Centranthus ruber* in sites along the southern English coast. Some of its Welsh sites have of late ceased to be grazed and colonisation by willow and birch may threaten its



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host. Placing this rust in the **Near Threatened** category will hopefully highlight the need for appropriate management.

Puccinia conii (F. Strauss) Fuckel

A parasite of hemlock *Conium maculatum*, a plant mostly confined to the coastal plains of north and south Wales, it has only been seen recently in Caernarvonshire and Anglesey where it is known from about 6 sites and from three sites in the Usk Valley between Abergavenny and Usk in Monmouthshire. The FRDBI lists only three records from Wales out of over 200 from the rest of Britain viz. collected by the Rev. Vize of Forden in Montgomeryshire in the 1800s; from Aber Castle in Pembrokeshire in 1935 and from the sand dunes of Merthyr Mawr in Glamorgan in 1955. This rust is commoner in the West Midlands and southern England where its host is more frequent. Occupancy of fewer than ten hectads in Wales, with clear evidence of decline, places this rust in the Vulnerable B category. Its population is, however, closely linked to that in England so its threat status is demoted to **Near Threatened**.



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Puccinia coronata Corda

This complex of taxa, following DNA sequencing, is currently undergoing revision. Liu and Hambleton (2013) support previous workers who considered the rust on wood fescue *Festuca altissima* to be a distinct taxon called *P. coronata* var. *gibberosa* (Lagerh.) Jørst. The sole British records are from a tiny population of this host in the Bach Howy ravine,

Radnorshire and in the gorge at Devil's Bridge, Cardiganshire. Due to the small population size, this taxon is considered to be **Critically Endangered D2**.

Puccinia crepidicola Syd. & P. Syd.

The small brown uredinia and tiny black telia are probably easily overlooked on rough hawk's-beard *Crepis biennis*, smooth hawk's-beard *C. capillaris* (see image below) and beaked hawk's-beard *C. vesicaria*. There are, however, fewer than 60 recent records from the British Isles. In Wales it has recently been seen once on *C. biennis* (in Bangor, Caernarvonshire), eight times on *Crepis capillaris* in a scatter of Mid and N. Wales VCs and once in an urban habitat in SE Wales and five times on *C. vesicaria* in Carmarthenshire where it occurred on mostly open ground close to the coast and on Anglesey. Given the level of destruction of lowland flower-rich grassland and only 14 records from Wales this species is considered to be **Near Threatened**.



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Puccinia crepidicola on smooth hawk's-beard.

Puccinia difformis J. Kunze

Given the enormous populations of its host, cleavers *Galium aparine*, the scarcity of this rust is somewhat unexpected. The aecia occur as yellow spots all over the leaf whilst the telia are said to resemble little spots of tar. In Wales it has been recorded recently from single sites in Glamorgan, Carmarthenshire, Merionethshire and Denbighshire, six sites in



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Cardiganshire, three sites in
Caernarvonshire, and four sites on
Anglesey. There is a specimen "on/with
Galium verum" from Barrie Sands,
Glamorgan collected by W. Gardiner in the
1840's. Of the fifteen recent records on the
FRDBI only one is from Scotland. The rest
are mostly from SW England (including
Herefordshire) with a number reported from
river banks and fens. As it occurs in fewer
than 20 hectads it is considered to be **Near Threatened** in Wales.

Puccinia dioicae Magnus

Reported only twice in Wales on dioecious sedge *Carex dioica* from wet flushes in Breconshire and Caernarvonshire. It alternates with marsh thistle *Cirsium*



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palustre and meadow thistle C. dissectum. Marsh thistle was recently found infected near dioecious sedge in Caernarvonshire (see inside rear cover for image). Three more sites have been found in this VC with infected marsh thistle and one further site in Merionethshire. The FRDBI provides a confused picture and clearly includes records of other varieties of the rust. It lists two records on dioecious sedge: one from Ben Lawers in 1959 and one from the Isle of Skye at an unknown date in the 20th century. It also lists single records on meadow thistle from the North of England and on marsh thistle on Orkney. Paul Smith (pers. comm.) in his surveying in the north of Scotland has added substantially to these records recently with two records from marsh thistle, one record from dioecious sedge and three from common yellow-sedge Carex demissa. Detecting rust fungi on the small setaceous leaves of dioecious sedge is not easy. Searching marsh thistles close to wet flushes with dioecious sedge has proved more successful. Whilst accepting this problem of possible underrecording, the paucity of records on thistle hosts and the general scarcity of large populations of this sedge in Wales together with a paucity of records from elsewhere in Britain does point to the probability of this rust being rare and a categorisation of **Endangered D** is proposed based on the tiny known population size.

Puccinia dioicae var. schoeleriana (Plowr. & Magnus) D.M. Hend.

Orange cup-like aecia occur on common ragwort *Senecio jacobaea* and telia on sand sedge *Carex arenaria*. The FRDBI has 10 recent records from Britain; eight on common ragwort and two on sand sedge. In Wales it occurs on common ragwort in five sites in Carmarthenshire, two in Merionethshire (one dating back to 1951), and three in Anglesey. There is an additional record from *Senecio* sp. in Monmouthshire. On sand sedge it is recorded from North Dock, Carmarthenshire and from Rhosneigr, Aberffraw and Newborough on Anglesey. With so few sites this rust is considered to be **Vulnerable D**.

Puccinia elymi Westend.

Uredinia and telia form on the leaves of lyme-grass *Leymus arenarius* and marram *Ammophila arenaria*. Marram is frequent on sand dunes around the Welsh coast but infections are only visible once the leaves have been unrolled. This makes searches somewhat slow and tedious and the rust might have been much overlooked. Yet the FRDBI only has three records on marram, all from over 50 years ago (including one from Pwllheli, Caernarvonshire). The persistent searches of Arthur Chater, Ian Morgan, Dic Davies and the authors in Wales have recently revealed populations on this host in Glamorgan, Pembrokeshire, Cardiganshire and Caernarvonshire. It is also known from two sites in Carmarthenshire and one in each of Caernarvonshire, Flintshire and Anglesey on lymegrass. Elsewhere in Britain the FRDBI notes two records in recent years from northern Scotland. Given the paucity of records from Britain as a whole the Welsh populations must take on added significance and are considered to be **Vulnerable D2**.

Puccinia eriophorae Thüm.

Aecia are formed on the leaves of golden rod *Solidago virgaurea* (main image below), uredinia and telia on deergrass *Trichophorum cespitosum* agg. (see insert below). Until 2010 it was known from only a handful of sites in Scotland. Then in that year Debbie Evans found populations on both golden rod and deergrass on Moel yr Ogof, Beddgelert and in the



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Ogwen Valley, Caernarvonshire. Evans *et al.* (2006) consider this species to be Vulnerable D in Britain. The host species occur together rather uncommonly in Wales, deergrass being favoured by heavy grazing and burning and goldenrod favoured by only light grazing. Braithwaite *et al.* (2006) note a decline in the extent of goldenrod. Even if this rust is overlooked it is unlikely to be anything but rare and is isolated from the nearest Scottish populations. It is considered to be **Endangered D** in Wales since it is known from two populations. If on further survey the total population numbers fewer than 50 individuals it might be considered to be Critically Endangered.

Puccinia fergussonii Berk. & Broome

A rarely-encountered rust on marsh violet *Viola palustris*, with ten recent records from Scotland (mostly in the north) and five records in northern England on the FRDBI. There are fewer than 20 recent records from 12 hectads in a wide scatter of localities in Wales. Braithwaite *et al.* (2006) note a marked decline in the distribution of marsh violet and the demise of fritillary butterflies dependant on marsh violet has highlighted the rather narrow set of conditions required by this plant. The spread of conifer forests and intensive sheep grazing must also have reduced the size of its population. Given the relatively small population of the rust on fewer than 250 marsh violet colonies in Wales and threats to its host, this rust is considered to be **Endangered D**.



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Puccina galii-cruciatae Duby

P. galii-cruciatae is the least common of the three rusts that occur on crosswort *Cruciata laevipes* with but single records from Glamorgan, Breconshire and Carmarthenshire. Elsewhere in Britain the FRDBI notes 10 recent records. Whilst mostly from southern Britain there is a collection of records from Shropshire close to the Welsh border. Older records were mainly from the north of England. In view of the small population size and continued threat to its host from agricultural intensification and particularly eutrophication of roadside verges (Preston *et al.* 2002,) this rust is placed in the **Endangered B2, D** category.



Puccina galii-cruciatae on Cruciata laevipes (see p38)



Puccinia glomerata on common ragwort (see p40)

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Puccinia glomerata Grev.

Occurring on both common ragwort *Senecio jacobaea* (see image overleaf) and marsh ragwort *S. aquatica*, there are surprisingly few records from Wales from such widespread species. On marsh ragwort there is a single record from Montgomeryshire and on common ragwort six records from Carmarthenshire, three in close proximity to one another from Ynyslas in Cardiganshire, three from Caernarvonshire, three from Anglesey and one each from Montgomeryshire, Denbighshire and Flintshire. There are ten recent records from common ragwort in England and nine from Scotland on the FRDBI. On marsh ragwort there are four from England and eight from Scotland. Given the small number of known sites, the loss of wetland due to agricultural drainage and the consequent loss of habitat for marsh ragwort and the general persecution of common ragwort due to its toxicity to grazing stock, this rust is placed in the **Near Threatened** category.

Puccinia graminis Pers.

Earlier work splitting this rust into two subspecies has not been confirmed by DNA analysis. There is, however, some evidence of host specificity such as on sweet vernal-grass (Wilson and Henderson 1966). In view of its very wide host range and potential impact on commercial forage grasses further work should be stimulated and it is placed in the **Data Deficient** category.

Puccinia heraclii Grev.

Infecting hogweed *Heracleum sphondylium*, there are no recent records from Wales. The FRDBI lists records from Lampeter in Cardiganshire in 1841, Llandudno in Caernarvonshire in 1865, Corwen in Merionethshire in 1865 and 1872 and from Bala in 1866, Harlech in 1900 and Nannau in 1909 in the same vice-county. It should be sought in Wales since there were records in both 2003 and 2012 from Richard's Castle in Herefordshire not far from the Welsh border. For the moment it is considered **Regionally Extinct**.

Puccinia hydrocotyles (Mont.) Cooke

Considered by Evans et al. (2006) to be Critically Endangered B in Britain, this rust of marsh pennywort Hydrocotyle vulgaris has subsequently been found in at least five new localities and Vulnerable may now be a more up to date category. In Wales it is very uncommon with one record from Carmarthenshire, three from Cardiganshire and four from Newborough Forest in Anglesey. It occurs in dune slacks and fen meadows in generally high nature conservation value sites. Infections are relatively easy to spot and the paucity of records probably genuinely reflects its rarity. The widespread drainage of wetlands in the last 60 years has much diminished its



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potential number of hosts (Braithwaite *et al.* 2006). Given the relatively small population which must number fewer than 250 infected marsh pennywort plants it is considered to be **Endangered D**.

Puccinia hysterium (F. Strauss) Röhl.

The orange aecia can be present on goat's-beard *Tragopogon pratensis* leaves and stems in great abundance, causing distortion and rendering infection very obvious. This rust is widespread in central and southern England with over 45 recent (post 1964) records in the FRDBI. It is rare in Wales with but single recent records from Glamorgan and Pembrokeshire. Vize records it from the Parish of Forden, Montgomeryshire pre 1882 (Vize 1882). The host plant is never very frequent in Wales except in the lowlands and the Welsh population probably represents an outlier of a population centred on England. As such its threat status has been downgraded by a criterion in line with IUCN advice and it is considered **Vulnerable D1**.

Puccinia luzulae Lib.

This rust of hairy wood-rush *Luzula pilosa* in Wales is reported from only a handful of sites. The FRDBI lists recent records from the Hengwrt Estate near Dolgellau, Plas Tan-y-bwlch near Maentwrog and Morfa Harlech near Harlech, all in Merionethshire. There are old records from Cardiganshire (site unspecified), Forden, Montgomeryshire and Swallow Falls, Caernarvonshire. Aron (2005) in the latter vice-county lists a record from Halfway Woods in 1973 and in 2013 Nigel Stringer recorded this rust from near Llandyfaelog, Carmarthenshire. Searches of many populations of hairy wood-rush have failed to locate this rust elsewhere. It is placed in the **Vulnerable D** category.

Puccinia maculosa Schwein.

The many small, neat brown spots of the uredinia and telia are easy to locate on the leaves of wall lettuce *Mycelis muralis*. There have, however, been few records from Wales and this species is distinctly uncommon with probably fewer than 250 individual host plants colonised. Three modern records have been made from Breconshire, two from Radnorshire, three from Carmarthenshire, one from Merioneth and two from Denbighshire, one of which was made pre 1964. There are also two pre 1964 records from Caernarvonshire. Since there are no recent records from anywhere on the Welsh Marches in the FRDBI the Welsh population is considered to be isolated and a conservation evaluation of **Endangered D** to be appropriate.

Puccinia major Dietel

The last Welsh record was on marsh hawk's-beard *Crepis paludosa* at Torrent Walk in Merioneth in 1887. It had previously been recorded from Aberdyfi in the same vice-county in 1874. The nearest recent British records are from West Yorkshire. The host persists in a number of sites in ravines and wet woodlands in Wales. For the time being this rust must be considered to be **Regionally Extinct**.

Puccinia nemoralis Juel

Alternating between common cow-wheat *Melampyrum pratense* and purple moor-grass *Molinia caerulea,* this rust is only known for certain in Britain from Wales. It is reported on

both hosts from Coed Cymerau National Nature Reserve and Traeth Glaslyn, Merioneth (Aron 2005), near Bethesda (Debbie Evans pers. comm.) and near Garth-Marthin, Caernarvonshire (FRDBI). There is also a record on cow-wheat from near Dolgellau in 1886. Evans et al. (2006) have placed it in the Vulnerable D2 category on account of its limited population size. Braithwaite et al. (2006) note a reduction in distribution of common cow-wheat attributed to a general increase in shade and/or eutrophication of woodlands. A cessation of grazing in many North Wales



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oakwoods has resulted in the spread of holly and ivy leading to increased shade. Following Evans *et al.* (2006) it is categorised as **Vulnerable D2** in Wales.

Puccinia nitida (F. Strauss) Röhl.

Occurring on fool's parsley *Aethusa cynapium* this rust has been found recently in single localities in Monmouthshire, Radnorshire, Carmarthenshire, Cardiganshire, Montgomeryshire and in 1945 from Caernarvonshire. Weeds in general have declined in the last 50 years due to a reduction in the area of arable crops and more recently by the use of very effective weed killers (Braithwaite *et al.* 2006). Its status in Wales might therefore be considered to be Endangered D1. There is, however a widespread population in England. As such its threat status has been downgraded by a threat category in line with IUCN advice and it is considered to be **Vulnerable D2**.

Puccinia opizii Bubák

The spermogonia and aecia on garden lettuce *Lactuca sativa* and great lettuce *L. virosa* have not been reported in Wales. Uredinia and/or telia have, however, been reported from one site in each of Breconshire and Radnorshire and three sites in Cardiganshire on prickly-sedge *Carex muricata* ssp. *pairae* (= ssp. *lamprocarpa*); one site in Glamorgan on spiked sedge *C. spicata* and four sites in Carmarthenshire and one site in Cardiganshire on greater tussock-sedge *C. paniculata*. All other British records in FRDBI are from eastern England and distant from the Welsh populations. In view of the recent drainage of many bogs and the loss of dry lowland grassland (Stevens *et al.* 2010) reducing the abundance of its hosts, this rust is considered to be **Near Threatened**.

Puccinia oxyriae Fuckel

Found only on mountain sorrel Oxyria digyna, Evans et al. (2006) considered this rust extinct in Britain. In 2007 it was, however, found on Ben Lawers in Scotland indicating that it should now be considered to be Critically Endangered. In Wales it was found in the Devil's Kitchen, Cwm Idwal, Caernarvonshire by E.A. Ellis in 1941 and by Debbie Evans in Cwm Glas Bach, Snowdon in 2007. Only a single infected leaf was detected in this latter site. Given that it is known recently only from a single plant in a single locality on a host threatened by grazing and climatic warming, this rust is considered to be Critically Endangered D1 & 2 in Wales.

Puccinia pimpinellae (F. Strauss) Link

Noted in Wales only on burnet-saxifrage *Pimpinella saxifraga* and then very rarely. There are four recent records *viz.* one each



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from Breconshire and Caernarvonshire and two from Radnorshire. In Breconshire it occurred in short turf of the old castle mound, Builth Wells; the Caernarvonshire site was in very exposed coastal turf on the Little Orme, whilst one of the Radnorshire localities was from a roadside verge and the other a disused railway cutting. There are in addition two old records, one from Lampeter, Cardiganshire in the 1800s and the other from Sketty Park, Glamorgan in 1915. There are over 30 recent records from England, most being from greater burnet-saxifrage *P. major* in Yorkshire with very few records from a scatter of localities on burnet-saxifrage (FRDBI). In view of the limited number of sites in Wales, the probability that fewer than 50 plants are infected in total and the threat to the short turf/dry grassland of its host (Stevens *et al.* 2010) this rust is considered to be **Critically Endangered D2**.

Puccinia polygoni-amphibii var. convolvuli Arthur

The only localised records from Wales are on black-bindweed *Fallopia convolvulus*. It is recorded from Bridgend, Glamorgan in 1957 and more recently from near Llysdinam, Breconshire, Bigyn allotments in Carmarthenshire and Henfaes University Farm, Aber, Caernarvonshire. The FRDBI lists only 22 recent records on black-bindweed and cut-leaved crane's-bill *Geranium dissectum* from all of England. The recent widespread use of preemergence weed-killers on, for example root crops, has greatly diminished the weed flora of farmlands (Braithwaite *et al.* 2006). This species is considered to be **Vulnerable D**.



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Puccinia polygoni-amphibii var. convolvuli on black-bindweed

Puccinia primulae (DC.) Duby

This conspicuous rust of primrose *Primula vulgaris* that presents no difficulty in identification is unaccountably rare in Wales. The FRDBI, whilst having nearly 350 records from Britain and Ireland has only two pre 1990 records from Wales viz. a 1913 record from Arthog Bog, Merioneth and a 1987 record from West Williamston in Pembrokeshire and the database of the ABFG one record. To these can be added two recent records from Pembrokeshire, six from Carmarthenshire, two from Cardiganshire, one from Caernarvonshire and six sites on



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Puccinia primulae on cowslip

Anglesey. This latter vice-county has a concentration of records from around Holyhead including a record on a coloured primrose in an abandoned garden and a very rare record on cowslip *P. veris* in Penrhos Park (see images above). Notably in at least its North Wales sites it appears regularly year after year in the same places. Given the threats to its host plants from agricultural intensification, the eutrophication of hedgerows, heavy grazing pressure and plantation forestry this rust has to be considered to be **Near Threatened**.

Puccinia pygmaea var. pygmaea Erikss.

This variety is confined to wood small-reed *Calamagrostis epigejos*, a host species almost exclusively coastal in Wales. The FRDBI contains 18 records from Britain, almost all from the North of England and East Anglia. The single known recent Welsh population at Mwnt in Cardiganshire is very isolated. There is a 1928 record presumably on this host from Red Wharf Bay, Anglesey. It is considered to be **Critically Endangered D1** in Wales.

Puccinia saxifragae Schltdl.

Recorded in Wales from both starry saxifrage *Saxifraga stellaris* and meadow saxifrage *S. granulata*, but with very few records. On the former species it has been recorded less than a dozen times viz. recently from a single site in Merioneth and from 5 sites in Snowdonia, Caernarvonshire. Historically it has been recorded twice from Cadair Idris, Merioneth (in 1923 and 1948) and from Llyn Idwal and Y Gribin, Caernarvonshire in 1941. J.H. Salter found it above Llyn Llygad Rheidol, Cardiganshire in 1922. There are no recent



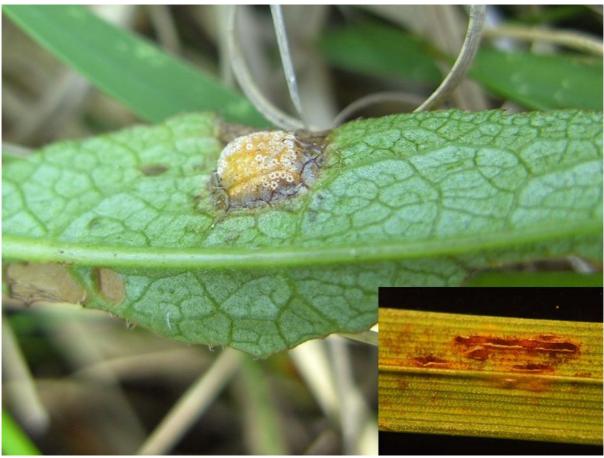
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Puccinia saxifragae on starry saxifrage

records on the FRDBI from England. There are even fewer records from meadow saxifrage with just four ever from Britain viz. Warwickshire in the 1900's, East Gloucestershire in 1918, Dovedale in Derbyshire in 1924 and East Norfolk in 1987. To these four can be added a single Welsh record from a woodland edge in the Edw Valley, Radnorshire where it occurred over a few square metres. This site has no formal protection. Starry saxifrage is at the southern-most edge of its British range in Wales and is a species at threat from a warming climate. Braithwaite *et al.* (2006) note a significant decrease in meadow saxifrage between 1987 and 2004. In view of the small size of the known extant population in Wales it is considered to be **Endangered D**.

Puccinia schroeteriana Kleb.

This rust was discovered new to Britain by Debbie Evans in 2008. Uredinia and telia occurred on tawny sedge *Carex hostiana* and aecia on saw-wort *Serratula tinctoria* at Cors Bodeilio, Anglesey. It has subsequently been found on both hosts at Cors Goch in the same vice-county. The nearest known sites are in continental Europe. It is placed in the **Critically Endangered D2** category.



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Puccinia schroeteriana on saw-wort (main image) and tawny sedge (insert)

Puccinia scirpi DC.

This rust fungus alternates between fringed water-lily *Nymphoides peltata* and common clubrush *Schoenoplectus lacustris*. Wilson and Henderson (1966) note a record from Llangorse Lake in Breconshire, though give no date or details of the recorder. The FRDBI lists no records from Wales, the nearest being on common club-rush in Moccas Park, Bredwardine, Herefordshire in 1951. There is but a single recent record from Britain (Northamptonshire in 2010) and Evans *et al.* (2006) consider this species to be Critically Endangered. Legon *et al.* (2006) cast doubt on the Breconshire record but given that both hosts grow in Llangorse Lake and there is the record from nearby Herefordshire, it is entirely plausible that this rust may still occur in Wales. Pending a survey it is placed in the **Data Deficient** category.

Puccinia scorzonerae (Schumach.) Jacky

This is a national Biodiversity Action Plan species and is listed as Critically Endangered D by Evans *et al.* (2006). It appears to be frequent on the relatively large populations of viper's-grass *Scorzonera humilis* on a single site in Glamorgan though has not been found recently at the two other known sites for the host in Dorset. Cheffings *et al.* (2005) list the host plant as a British national RDB Vulnerable species as it is in Wales (Dines 2008). This rust is

entirely dependent on this single host species and the Welsh population is at the very edge of the European range of the rust. One Dorset host population is believed to be at risk from sea level rise and management of the other site may well have been suboptimal in the recent past. The Glamorgan population is protected to some extent by a SSSI designation. Given that the future of this rust is dependent on the management of a single site it is considered to be **Critically Endangered D1** in Wales as well as in Britain.

Puccinia thymi (Fuckel) P.Karst.

There have only ever been a handful of records on native species of thyme *Thymus* spp. in Britain. Evans *et al.* (2006) consider it to be Vulnerable D2. In Wales it has been found twice, on both occasions on wild thyme *T. polytrichus*, with one record from Pembrokeshire and one from ORS outcrops in Cwm Sere in the Brecon Beacons, Breconshire. In view of the small population, this rust is considered to be **Endangered D**.



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Habitat of *Puccinia thymi* on wild thyme in the Brecon Beacons with Cwm Sere in the distance.

Puccinia uliginosa Juel

Aron (2005) has but a single record from common sedge *Carex nigra* from Lligwy on Anglesey in 1948 with no indication as to the recorder. This rust alternates with grass-of-parnassus *Parnassia palustris* (see image on facing page). There are eight records on the FRDBI with only two on common sedge from Orkney in the 19th century and the Isle of Ulva, Scotland in 1968. The few records of this rust on grass-of-parnassus are confined to the north of England and Scotland. Anglesey supports the main population of this flower in Wales so the possibility of this rust occurring there cannot be discounted. Given the long time interval since the last record, this rust is considered to be **Regionally Extinct**.

Opposite: (top) *Puccinia uliginosa* on grass-of-parnassus (bottom) *Puccinia urticata* var. *biporula* on pale sedge (see p50).



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Puccinia urticata complex

This species alternates between common nettle *Urtica dioica* and sedge *Carex* species. It is not possible to separate the varieties from their aecia on nettles so their abundance can only be measured by their records from sedges.

Puccinia urticata var. biporula Zwetko

Found very rarely on pale sedge *Carex pallescens* with only five known records from Britain. In Wales it was found in a single site in Glamorganshire (see image on previous page), in a garden border in north Breconshire where a variegated form of the sedge collected from a nearby field was being grown and from near Tre'r-ddol, Cardiganshire. There is on the FRDBI a record from Wester Ross, Scotland and one from Buckinghamshire. In view of the small known population it is considered **Endangered D**.

Puccinia urticata var. urticae-acutae (Kleb.) Zwetko

Known in Wales from a handful of records on common sedge *Carex nigra*, with a single record from Breconshire, three records from Carmarthenshire and one record from Anglesey. Said by Wilson and Henderson (1966) to be common on this host, it is possible the collection of material may have been avoided by some recorders due to the difficulty of separation of rust species on this host. For the present it is considered **Data Deficient**.

Puccinia urticata var. urticae-inflatae (Hasler) Zwetko

Found on the upper surface of the leaves of bottle sedge *Carex rostrata* and contrary to the assertion of Wilson and Henderson (1966) that it is frequent on this host in Scotland and England, the FRDBI only lists a single recent record from Scotland (East Perth) and lists no records from England. Paul Smith (pers. comm.), however, reports three recent records from the Outer Hebrides. In Wales it is reported from one site in Radnorshire, four in Carmarthenshire, two in Pembrokeshire, three in Cardiganshire and one in both Montgomeryshire and Anglesey. Whilst natural succession might alter the abundance of bottle sedge, most of its sites are considered to be fairly secure. However the apparent lack of populations in England leaves the Welsh population somewhat isolated and in consequence it is placed in the **Near Threatened** category.

Puccinia urticata var. urticae-ripariae (Hasler) Zwetko

This rust occurs on greater pond-sedge *Carex riparia*, there being just over a dozen modern records from England on the FRDBI. In Wales it is known only from three sites in Carmarthenshire and two in Cardiganshire. Its host is by no means abundant and is mostly coastal, where a number of its colonies are threatened by rising sea levels. It also probably occurs on Anglesey but this record requires confirmation. This rust is considered to be **Vulnerable D1 & D2**.

Puccinia veronicae-longifoliae Savile

Found on spiked speedwell *Veronica spicata* ssp. *hybrida*, only a single record is known from Wales. Wilson and Henderson (1966) note a collection made by N. Robertson in 1950 from Denbighshire. The record in Aron (2005) from Vaynol Park, Caernarvonshire in 1972 has proved not to be on this host and must be discounted. With no recent records, this rust

is considered to be **Regionally Extinct** in Wales. There are no localised records of this rust from anywhere in Britain on the FRDBI and it is quite possible that this rust is extinct in the wild in Britain.

Puccinia virgae-aureae (DC.) Lib.

A rarely recorded rust of golden rod *Solidago virgaurea*. The FRDBI only lists three recent localities from the north and west of Scotland, a single English record from West Sussex and a single Welsh record from by the Nant Lledr, Dolwyddelan, Caernarvonshire in 1969. In 2008 and 2011 it was found on rocks just under the summit of Snowdon on Clogwyn Du'r Arddu, Caernarvonshire and on a trackside near Carmel in Carmarthenshire in 2013. A search of this latter site in 2014 failed to locate any host plants. Given the small size of the known populations and threats and its remoteness from all other British records, this rust is considered to be **Critically Endangered D2**.



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Puccinia virgae-aureae on golden rod in Snowdonia

Pucciniastrum agrimoniae (Dietel) Tranzschel

Despite being a distinctive and readily observed rust on agrimony *Agrimonia eupatoria* it has rarely been reported from Wales. There are old records from the Forden area of Montgomeryshire in the 1870's and from Dyserth in Flintshire in 1882. More recently the FRDBI notes records made in 2011 from Springdale Farm, Monmouthshire and Morfa Harlech and Shell Island in Merionethshire. In 2001 it was found on the limestone of Llanymynech Hill, Montgomeryshire. There are also recent records from three sites in Caernarvonshire

and one in each of
Glamorganshire and
Denbighshire. This rust is
widespread in England and
the Welsh populations are
western outposts of a
species that in England is
probably of "Least Concern".
In Wales it qualifies for
"Vulnerable" status but its
threat status has been
downgraded by a category
in line with IUCN advice and
it is considered to be **Near Threatened**.



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Pucciniastrum agrimoniae on agrimony

Trachyspora intrusa (Grev.) Arthur

The orange aecia often developing over the whole lower leaf surface and the yellowing elongated leaves rising above the uninfected foliage render this a conspicuous species. It is



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Trachyspora intrusa on Alchemilla xanthochlora

widespread on lady's-mantle Alchemilla species in Scotland and the North of England but is of sparse occurrence in Wales. There are a number of old records from North Wales with the FRDBI noting specimens collected from Cadair Idris, Merioneth in 1841, 1886 and 1944, Cwm Idwal, Caernarvonshire in 1941 and 1950, Bala, Merioneth in 1866 and 1942 and from the Swallow Falls, Betws y Coed, Caernarvonshire in 1885. More recently this rust has been found in five sites on A. glabra and once on an undetermined lady's-mantle species high in the mountains of Snowdonia and once at Caeau Tan y Bwlch on the Lleyn, Caernarvonshire on A. xanthochlora in a species-rich pasture. There is also a single record from by Lake Vyrnwy, Montgomeryshire in 1991. In mid and south Wales it is known from two sites in Monmouthshire, two species-rich grassland sites in Radnorshire, three upland sites in the Brecon Beacons in Breconshire, at Parc, Cwm Darran in Glamorganshire and three speciesrich grassland sites in Carmarthenshire. Where a host species is recorded the records are equally shared between A. glabra and A. xanthochlora. Given the loss of many lowland grassland sites (Stevens et al. 2010) and the knowledge that both Radnorshire localities are threatened by development and the apparent decline in North Wales, this rust fungus is placed in the **Near Threatened** category.

Triphragmium filipendulae (Lasch) Pass.

Evans *et al.* (2006) consider this rust to be Vulnerable D2 within Britain, with 19 recent records on the FRDBI from a wide range of sites in England and rarely in Scotland. In Wales it has recently been discovered for the first time on dropwort *Filipendula vulgaris* in



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Triphragmium filipendulae on dropwort

two sites in North Wales. It occurs in three monads on the limestone of the Great Orme and to the east of Llandudno on the North Wales Wildlife Trust reserve of Bryn Pydew, both in Caernarvonshire. In Wales it is considered to be **Vulnerable B & D1**.

Uredo morvernensis Dennis

Described new to science in 1983 from a collection made on wild thyme *Thymus polytrichus* in Morvern, Westerness, Scotland, only three other records of this species have been traced. It was identified in a collection made in NE Galway, Ireland in 1947 and has recently been found in limestone grassland and on an upland Old Red Sandstone cliff in Carmarthenshire. Both of these sites are subject to statutory protection but since the known population in Wales is fewer than 50 individuals it is considered to be **Critically Endangered D2**.

Uromyces ervi (Wallr.) Westend.

Reported only rarely on the hairy tare *Vicia hirsuta*, a common plant of waysides and waste ground. There are recent records from a wide scatter of sites in England on the FRDBI. In Wales it has been found in single sites in Monmouthshire, Breconshire, Radnorshire, Carmarthenshire, Montgomeryshire and Merioneth and in four sites in Cardiganshire, seven sites in Caernarvonshire and four in Anglesey. There is also a single record on smooth tare *V. tetrasperma* from Cardiganshire. In view of the small and scattered populations from fewer than 20 hectads this rust is considered to be **Near Threatened**.



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Uromyces ervi on hairy tare

Uromyces inaequialtus Lasch

Occurring on Nottingham catchfly *Silene nutans*, the only modern records on the FRDBI are from the Channel Isles, though Legon & Henrici (2005) note an unsubstantiated record from Kent. There is but a single record from Wales. It was reported from Prestatyn in Flintshire 1921. The host still occurs in this area but the rust must be considered to be **Regionally Extinct**.

Uromyces scrophulariae Fuckel

Recorded on water figwort *Scrophularia auriculata* from three sites in Carmarthenshire in 1997 and two sites in 2014; there was only one previous record from Wales (Forden, Montgomeryshire in the 1800's). The Carmarthenshire populations have in part been strimmed and none of the 1997 populations could be re-found in subsequent years. It has, however, persisted close to the Welsh border in Herefordshire where this rust, first reported in 1951 was re-found in 2009 (FRDBI). There are only 7 recent records from England in the FRDBI. For the time being it is placed in the **Endangered D** category.

Uromyces sommerfeltii Hyl., Jørst. & Nannf.

Discovered new to Britain on goldenrod *Solidago virgaure*a amongst upland rock outcrops in Cardiganshire in 2003. Its single-celled teliospores differentiate it from *Puccinia virgae-aureae* with two-celled teliospores. Only a single plant was seen to be infected and a more recent search in its general area has failed to find any additional populations. In 2008 it was



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found on this host on Creigiau Gleision at over 550m near Capel Curig and in 2010 on Moel yr Ogof near Beddgelert, both in Caernarvonshire. In view of the tiny known population it is considered to be **Endangered D**.

Uromyces sparsus (J. Kunz & J. C. Schmidt) Lév.

Wales supports a notable population of this rust fungus. It is recorded on lesser sea-spurrey *Spergularia marina* from seven sites on the coast of Carmarthenshire, a single site in Glamorgan, four sites on the Menai Straits in Caernarfonshire and two sites on Anglesey. There are recent records from greater sea-spurrey *S. media* near the mouth of the Afon Leri in Cardiganshire and from the Menai Straits and the Inland Sea near Valley, Anglesey. The FRDBI only notes a single recent record from England in N. Essex, though there are old records from Suffolk, Norfolk, Northumberland and Somerset. Many of the Welsh populations appear to be under threat from coastal erosion and are in consequence considered to be **Near Threatened**.



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Uromyces sparsus on lesser sea-spurrey

Uromyces viciae-fabae var. orobi (Schumach.) Jørst.

Occurring on bitter-vetch *Lathyrus linifolius* var. *montanus*, the FRDBI lists ten recent records from Scotland and five from England. In Wales it is reported from two nearby roadside verges in Radnorshire, two sites in Montgomeryshire and one site each in Merioneth and Caernarvonshire. The host has almost certainly declined with the loss of upland hay meadows (Stevens *et al.* 2010) and this rust is considered to be **Vulnerable D.**

10 Rust Red Data List and Census Catalogue

See Section 7 for an explanation of the columns.

Rust Fungus Taxon	Host Taxon	Cons.	Vice-county
		Eval.	
Chrysomyxa abietis	Picea abies (H/N)	NE	44, 46
Chrysomyxa empetri	Empetrum nigrum	NT	49, 50
Chrysomyxa empetri	Empetrum nigrum ssp. hermaphroditicum	NT	49
Chrysomyxa empetri	Empetrum nigrum ssp. nigrum	NT	35, 41, 42, 44, 46, [48], 49
Chrysomyxa pirolata	Pyrola rotundifolia ssp. maritima	CR D	52
Chrysomyxa rhododendri	Rhododendron sp. (H/N)	NE	44
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Campanula rotundifolia	LC	35, 42-44, 46, 48-51, 52
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Campanula persicifolia (H)	NE	42, 43, 52
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Euphrasia arctica ssp. borealis	DD	44, 49
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Euphrasia confusa	DD	44, 52
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Euphrasia confusa × nemorosa	DD	46
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Euphrasia confusa × tetraquetra	DD	46
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Euphrasia nemorosa	DD	41,42, 44, 46, 51
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Euphrasia officinalis	LC	35, 41, 42, 44
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Euphrasia officinalis ssp. anglica	DD	46
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Euphrasia officinalis ssp. pratensis	DD	43, [49]
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Euphrasia sp.	LC	41, 42, 44, 46, 49, 52
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Euphrasia tetraquetra	DD	42, 46
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Melampyrum pratense	LC	42, 43, 47-49
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Melampyrum pratense ssp. pratense var. hyans	LC	44
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Melampyrum pratense ssp. pratense var. pratense	LC	44
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Odontites vernus	LC	44, 46, 47, 49, 52
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Odontites vernus ssp. serotinus	LC	41, 42, 44, 46, 50, 52
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Parentucellia viscosa	DD	44, 49
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Petasites fragrans (H/N)	LC	44
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Petasites hybridus	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 47, 49, 51, 52
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Petasites japonicus (H/N)	LC	35, 42
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Pinus contorta (H/N)	LC	44
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Pinus nigra ssp. laricio (H/N)	LC	35, 44
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Pinus sylvestris (H)	LC	44
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Rhinanthus minor	LC	42, 44, 47, 49, 52
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Rhinanthus minor ssp. minor	LC	41, 42, 43, 44, 47
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Rhinanthus minor ssp. stenophyllus	LC	44
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Senecio inaequidens (N)	LC	44, 46, 49, 50
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Senecio squalidus (N)	LC	35, 41, 44, 49
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Senecio sylvaticus	DD	42, 44, 47, 49
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Senecio vulgaris	LC	35, 42, 44-47, 52
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Senecio vulgaris var. vulgaris	LC	35
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Sonchus arvensis	LC	42, 43, 47, 49, 52
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Sonchus asper	LC	41, 43, 47, 49
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Sonchus oleraceus	LC	35, 44, 46
Coleosporium tussilaginis	Tussilago farfara	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 47, 49-52
Cronartium quercuum	Quercus cerris (H/N)	NT	49

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Cronartium quercuum	Quercus ilex (H/N)	NT	41
Cronartium quercuum	Quercus petraea	NT	42, 45, 46, 48, 49
Cronartium quercuum	Quercus robur	NT	44, 45
Cronartium ribicola	Ribes nigrum (H/N)	LC	35, 42, 43, 44, 46, 49
Cronartium ribicola	Ribes rubrum cultivar (H)	LC	43
Cumminsiella mirabilissima	Mahonia aquifolium (H/N)	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 47, 49-52
Cumminsiella mirabilissima	Mahonia sp. (H)	LC	49, 52
Cumminsiella mirabilissima	Mahonia × wageri (H)	LC	46
Endophyllum euphorbiae- silvaticae	Euphorbia amygdaloides	CR D	35, [47]
Endophyllum sempervivi	Sempervivum tectorum (H)	NE	42, [47]
Frommeëlla tormentillae	Potentilla anglica	LC	41, 44, 46
Frommeëlla tormentillae	Potentilla erecta	LC	41, 42, 44, 46
Frommeëlla tormentillae	Potentilla erecta ssp. erecta	LC	42-44, 46
Frommeëlla tormentillae	Potentilla reptans	LC	43, 44, 46, 49
Frommeëlla tormentillae	Potentilla × mixta	LC	41, 44, 49, 52
Frommeëlla tormentillae	Potentilla × suberecta	LC	49
Gymnosporangium clavariiforme	Crataegus monogyna	VU D	35, 43, 46, 49, 52
Gymnosporangium clavariiforme	Juniperus communis (H and Wild)	VU D	46, 47, 49, 52
Gymnosporangium clavariiforme	Juniperus sp. (H)	NE	47
Gymnosporangium confusum	Crataegus monogyna	DD	35, 43, 49
Gymnosporangium confusum	Mespilus germanica	DD	49, 52
Gymnosporangium cornutum	Sorbus aucuparia	DD	49
Gymnosporangium sabinae	Pyrus communis (H)	NE	49, 52
Gymnosporangium sp.	Crataegus monogyna	DD	42
Hyalopsora polypodii	Cystopteris fragilis	NT	41-44, 47, 48, 50, [51]
Kuehneola uredinis	Rubus fruticosus agg.	LC	35, 41-49, 52
Kuehneola uredinis	Rubus silurum	LC	48
Kuehneola uredinis	Rubus sp.	LC	35, 41, 45-52
Melampsora allii-fragilis	Allium ursinum	VU D2	42, 46, 49, 52
Melampsora allii-fragilis	Salix × fragilis	VU D2	43, 44
Melampsora allii-fragilis	Salix pentandra	VU D2	44
Melampsora allii-populina	Arum maculatum	DD	44
Melampsora allii-populina	Populus nigra	DD	35
Melampsora allii-populina	Populus trichocarpa (H)	DD	44
Melampsora arctica	Salix herbacea	EN D	49
Melampsora amygdalinae	Salix triandra	EN B2	44, 46
Melampsora caprearum	Salix aurita	LC	41, 44-46, 49, 52
Melampsora caprearum	Salix caprea	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 47, 49-52
Melampsora caprearum	Salix caprea ssp. caprea	LC	43, 44, 46, 52
Melampsora caprearum	Salix × capreola	LC	44
Melampsora caprearum	Salix cinerea	LC	42, 44, 47, 52
Melampsora caprearum	Salix cinerea ssp. oleifolia	LC	35, 41, 49
Melampsora caprearum	Salix × holosericea	LC	44, 46
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Melampsora caprearum	Salix moupinensis (H)	LC	44
Melampsora caprearum	Salix × multinervis	LC	44
Melampsora caprearum	Salix × reichardtii	LC	41, 44, 50
Melampsora caprearum	Salix sp.	LC	47, 49, 52
Melampsora caprearum	Salix × sericans	LC	41, 46
Melampsora epitea	Dactylorhiza fuchsii	DD	52
Melampsora epitea	Dactylorhiza incarnata	DD	52
Melampsora epitea	Dactylorhiza incarnata ssp. coccinea	DD	44, 52
Melampsora epitea	Dactlyorhiza maculata	DD	52
Melampsora epitea	Dactylorhiza praetermissa	DD	35, 41
Melampsora epitea	Dactylorhiza purpurella	DD	52
Melampsora epitea	Dactylorhiza sp.	DD	44, 48, 52
Melampsora epitea	Epipactis dunensis	DD	52
Melampsora epitea	Epipactis palustris	DD	48, 52
Melampsora epitea	Euonymus europaeus	LC	42-44, 46, 49, 52
Melampsora epitea	Salix aurita	LC	49
Melampsora epitea	Salix caprea	LC	35, 42, 49, 52
Melampsora epitea	Salix cinerea	LC	42, 44,46, 49, 52
Melampsora epitea	Salix cinerea ssp. cinerea	LC	41, 42, 44, 49, 52
Melampsora epitea	Salix cinerea ssp. oleifolia	LC	35, 41-46, 48, 49, 52
Melampsora epitea	Salix daphnoides (N)	LC	44
Melampsora epitea	Salix × fragilis (A)	LC	35, 41, 44, 47, 49, 52
Melampsora epitea	Salix × mollissima 'Inger' (H)	LC	46
Melampsora epitea	Salix × mullinervis	LC	44
Melampsora epitea	Salix phylicifolia (H)	LC	44
Melampsora epitea	Salix purpurea	LC	44, 46, 52
Melampsora epitea	Salix repens	DD	44, 48, 52
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Melampsora epitea	Salix repens var. argentea Salix × reichardtii	LC	51, 52
Melampsora epitea			44, 48
Melampsora epitea	Salix schwerinii × viminalis (H)	LC	46
Melampsora epitea	Salix × sericans	LC	44
Melampsora epitea	Salix sp.	LC	41, 49
Melampsora epitea	Salix triandra	LC	44
Melampsora epitea	Salix viminalis	LC	41-44, 45, 49, 52
Melampsora epitea	Salix × smithiana	LC	44
Melampsora epitea	Undetermined	LC	50, 51
Melampsora epitea / Puccinia sessilis	Platanthera chlorantha	DD	49
Melampsora euphorbiae	Euphorbia amygdaloides	LC	44
Melampsora euphorbiae	Euphorbia cyparissias cv. (H)	LC	44
Melampsora euphorbiae	Euphorbia exigua (A)	LC	41, 44
Melampsora euphorbiae	Euphorbia helioscopia (A)	LC	35, 41-49, 52
Melampsora euphorbiae	Euphorbia lathyris (A)	LC	44, 46, 47, 52
Melampsora euphorbiae	Euphorbia paralias	LC	44, 46, 48, 52
Melampsora euphorbiae	Euphorbia peplus (A)	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 48-52
Melampsora euphorbiae	Euphorbia portlandica	LC	44
Melampsora euphorbiae	Euphorbia sp.	LC	45, 46, 49
Melampsora euphorbiae	Undetermined	LC	47
Melampsora hypericorum	Hypericum androsaemum	LC	35, 41-52

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Melampsora hypericorum	Hypericum calycinum (H)	LC	35, 41-50
Melampsora hypericorum	Hypericum cv. (H)	LC	47
Melampsora hypericorum	Hypericum × desetangsii	LC	44
Melampsora hypericorum	Hypericum hircinum (N)	LC	41, 44, 46
Melampsora hypericorum	Hypericum humifusum	LC	44
Melampsora hypericorum	Hypericum × inodorum (N)	LC	35, 41, 44,48
Melampsora hypericorum	Hypericum pulchrum	LC	43, 46, 49, 52
Melampsora hypericorum	Hypericum sp.	LC	44, 47, 49
Melampsora laricis- pentandrae	Salix pentandra	DD	35, 42, 44, 46
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus balsamifera (H)	LC	52
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus × canadensis (H)	LC	35, 41, 42, 44, 46-50, 52
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus × canescens (H)	LC	41, 43, 44, 49
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus cv. (H)	LC	41-43, 47, 49, 52
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus × jackii (H)	LC	41, 44,49
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus nigra	LC	49
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus nigra cv. (H)	LC	35, 44
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus nigra 'Italica' (H)	LC	35, 44
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus nigra ssp. betulifolia	LC	41, 44, 46
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus sp.	LC	44, 47
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus trichocarpa × balsamifera 'Balsam Spire' (H)	LC	44
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus trichocarpa × clone (H)	LC	49
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus trichocarpa (H)	LC	35, 44, 49
Melampsora lini	Linum catharticum	LC	35, 41-44, 46-49, 52
Melampsora lini var. liniperda	Linum usitatissimum (N)	NE	[45]
Melampsora lini var. radiolae <i>ined</i>	Radiola linoides	EX	[52]
Melampsora populnea	Mercurialis perennis	LC	35, 41-44, 46-52
Melampsora populnea	Populus alba (N)	LC	41, 43-46, 49, 52
Melampsora populnea	Populus × canescens (N)	LC	46
Melampsora populnea	Populus sp.	LC	47, 52
Melampsora populnea	Populus tremula	LC	41-44, 46, 47, 49, 52
Melampsora populnea	Undetermined	LC	50
Melampsora ribesii- viminalis	Salix viminalis	DD	41, 44
Melampsora salicis-albae	Salix alba (A)	NT	44-46
Melampsora 'Stem- infecting form'	Salix × holosericea	NE	44
Melampsora 'Stem- infecting form'	Salix viminalis	NE	44
Melampsorella caryophyllacearum	Cerastium fontanum ssp. holosteoides	NT	45
Melampsorella caryophyllacearum	Cerastium fontanum ssp. vulgare	NT	42
Melampsorella caryophyllacearum	Cerastium sp.	NT	48
Melampsorella caryophyllacearum	Stellaria graminea	NT	42, [45], 46, 49, 52

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		Eval.	
Melampsorella caryophyllacearum	Stellaria holostea	NT	52
Melampsorella	Stellaria media	NT	[46], 52
caryophyllacearum	Stellaria illedia	INI	[46], 52
Melampsorella	Unknown	NT	[47]
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Melampsorella symphyti	Symphytum officinale	LC	35, 42, 45
Melampsorella symphyti	Symphytum sp. (N)	LC	50
Melampsorella symphyti	Symphytum × uplandicum (N)	LC	42, 45, 49-52
Melampsoridium betulinum	Alnus cordata (H)	LC	44, 46
Melampsoridium betulinum	` '	LC	35, 41, 42, 44, 46, 49, 52
Melampsoridium betulinum		LC	46
Melampsoridium betulinum	Alnus incana (H)	LC	42, 44, 46, 49
Melampsoridium betulinum	Alnus rubra (H)	LC	44
Melampsoridium betulinum	` '	LC	41, 44
Melampsoridium betulinum	·	LC	41
Melampsoridium betulinum	` '	LC	41, 43, 44, 48, 49, 51, 52
Melampsoridium betulinum	•	LC	41-44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Melampsoridium betulinum	1	LC	35, 41, 42, 44, 46, 49
Melampsoridium betulinum		LC	42
Melampsoridium betulinum	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	LC	35, 41-43, 48-51
Melampsoridium betulinum	Betula utilis ssp. jacquemontii (H)	LC	46, 49
Melampsoridium	Alnus cordata (H)	LC	44
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Melampsoridium hiratsukanum	Alnus glutinosa	LC	41, 42, 44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Melampsoridium hiratsukanum	Alnus incana (H)	LC	41, 42, 44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Melampsoridium hiratsukanum	Alnus rubra (H)	LC	42, 44
Melampsoridium hiratsukanum	Betula pubescens	LC	44
Milesina blechni	Blechnum spicant	LC	35, 41-50, 52
Milesina carpatorum	Dryopteris fllix-mas	CR D2	44, 46
Milesina dieteliana	Polypodium cambricum	LC	41, 42, 44
Milesina dieteliana	Polypodium interjectum	LC	41, 42-44, 46, 49, 52
Milesina dieteliana	Polypodium sp.	LC	48, 49
Milesina dieteliana	Polypodium vulgare	LC	35, 41-46, 48, 49, 52
Milesina dieteliana	Polypodium × mantoniae	LC	46
Milesina kriegeriana	Athyrium filix-femina	LC	48, 49
Milesina kriegeriana	Dryopteris aemula	LC	44
Milesina kriegeriana	Dryopteris affinis agg.	LC	44, 49, 50, 52
Milesina kriegeriana	Dryopteris affinis ssp. affinis	LC	44
Milesina kriegeriana	Dryopteris borreri	LC	44
Milesina kriegeriana	Dryopteris carthusiana	LC	49
Milesina kriegeriana	Dryopteris dilatata	LC	35, 41-49, 50, 52
Milesina kriegeriana	Dryopteris filix-mas	LC	35, 41-49, 52
Milesina murariae	Asplenium ruta-muraria	LC	35,41-50, 52
Milesina scolopendrii	Asplenium scolopendrium	LC	35, 41-50, 52

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Milesina scolopendrii	Asplenium scolopendrium var. cristata	LC	44
Milesina vogesiaca	Polystichum setiferum	VU D1, 2	44
Milesina whitei	Polystichum aculeatum	LC	42-44, 47
Milesina whitei	Polystichum setiferum	LC	35, 41-47, 49, 50, 52
Miyagia pseudosphaeria	Sonchus arvensis	LC	41, 44-46, 48, 49, 51, 52
Miyagia pseudosphaeria	Sonchus asper	LC	35, 41-52
Miyagia pseudosphaeria	Sonchus oleraceus	LC	35, 41, 43, 44, 46-52
Miyagia pseudosphaeria	Sonchus sp.	LC	44, 49, 52
Naohidemyces vacciniorum	Vaccinium × intermedium	LC	46
Naohidemyces vacciniorum	Vaccinium myrtillus	LC	35, 41-51
Naohidemyces vacciniorum	Vaccinium oxycoccos	LC	42, 44
Naohidemyces vacciniorum	Vaccinium sp.	LC	49
Naohidemyces vacciniorum	Vaccinium vitis-idaea	LC	35, 42-44, 46-49
Ochropsora ariae	Anemone nemorosa	NT	41, 42, 44, 46-47, [48], 49, 50, 52
Phragmidium bulbosum	Rubus caesius	LC	41, 44-46, 48, 49, 52
Phragmidium bulbosum	Rubus flexuosus	LC	47
Phragmidium bulbosum	Rubus fruticosus agg.	LC	35, 41-52
Phragmidium bulbosum	Rubus nemorosus	LC	46
Phragmidium bulbosum	Rubus polyanthemus	LC	46
Phragmidium bulbosum	Rubus pyramidalis	LC	46, 47
Phragmidium bulbosum	Rubus silurum	LC	44, 46
Phragmidium bulbosum	Rubus sp.	LC	35, 41, 44, 49-51
Phragmidium bulbosum	Rubus tuberculatus	LC	46
Phragmidium fragariae	Potentilla sterilis	LC	35, 41-52
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa arvensis	LC	35-42, 44, 46, 49
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa × alba (H)	LC	46
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa × andegavensis	LC	46
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa × bigeneris	LC	46
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa canina	LC	35, 41-50, 52
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa canina (Dumales group)	LC	44
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa cv. (H)	LC	43-46
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa × dumetorum	LC	46
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa laxa (H)	LC	49
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa micrantha	LC	46
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa rugosa (H/N)	LC	35, 46, 49, 52
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa × scabriuscula	LC	46
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa sherardii	LC	43, 44, 46, 49, 52
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa sp.	LC	35, 41, 42, 44, 46-50, 52
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa stylosa	LC	46
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa tomentosa	LC	44, 46
Phragmidium mucronatum	Rosa × verticillacantha	LC	46
Phragmidium potentillae	Potentilla anglica	DD	42, 44, 46
Phragmidium potentillae	Potentilla × suberecta	DD	42, 44, 46
Phragmidium rosae-		LC	
pimpinellifoliae	Rosa spinosissima		41, 44-52
Phragmidium rosae- pimpinellifoliae	Rosa sp.	LC	47
Phragmidium rubi-idaei	Rubus idaeus	LC	41-50, 52

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Phragmidium sanguisorbae	Poterium sanguisorba ssp. balearicum (N)	LC	46
Phragmidium sanguisorbae	Poterium sanguisorba ssp. sanguisorba	LC	41, 42-46, 49-52
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa arvensis	LC	46
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa canina	LC	44
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa canina × tomentosa	LC	46
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa caesia ssp. vogesiaca × canina	LC	46
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa cultivars	LC	42, 44, 50
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa gallica "Complicata" (H)	LC	49
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa × dumalis	LC	46
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa rugosa × ? "Hollandica" (H)	LC	44
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa micrantha	LC	46, 47
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa rugosa (H/N)	LC	41-43, 45-47, 49, 51, 52
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa sherardii	LC	42, 44, 46
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa sherardii × tomentosa	LC	46
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa sp.	LC	41-49, 51, 52
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa stylosa	LC	46
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa tomentosa	LC	46
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa × vericillacantha	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus albionis	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus altiarcuatus	LC	44, 46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus amplificatus	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus anglofuscus	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus bartonii	LC	46, 47
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus boudiccae	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus cardiophyllus	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus dasyphyllus	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus davisii	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus dentatifolius	LC	46, 47
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus dumnoniensis	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus effrenatus	LC	46, 47
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus flexuosus	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus fruticosus agg.	LC	35, 41-52
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus hastiformis	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus hylocharis	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus incurvatus	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus largificus	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus leyanus	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus lindleianus	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus longus	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus micans	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus nemoralis	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus pampinosus	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus perdigitatus	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus polyanthemus	LC	47
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus pyramidalis	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus rubritinctus	LC	44, 46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus silurum	LC	46

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Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus sp.	LC	35, 41, 42, 45, 46, 48-52
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus tuberculatus	LC	46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus ulmifolius	LC	44, 46
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus ulmifolius hybrid	LC	46, 47
Phragmidium violaceum	Rubus vestitus	LC	44, 46, 47
Puccinia acetosae	Rumex acetosa	LC	41-46, 49, 50-52
Puccinia acetosae	Rumex acetosa ssp. acetosa	LC	35, 41-46, 48, 49
Puccinia acetosae	Rumex acetosa ssp. biformis	LC	46
Puccinia acetosae	Rumex acetosella	LC	41, 44, 46
Puccinia acetosae	Rumex sp.	LC	49
Puccinia adoxae	Adoxa moschatellina	LC	35, 41-50, 52
Puccinia aegopodii	Aegopodium podagraria (A)	LC	35, 41-44, 46-52
Puccinia albescens	Adoxa moschatellina	LC	35, 42-50, 52
Puccinia allii	Allium ampeloprasum	LC	41
Puccinia allii	Allium sativum (H)	NE	42, 43, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia allii	Allium schoenoprasum cv. (H)	LC	42-44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia allii	Allium schoenoprasum	LC	44
Puccinia allii	Allium vineale	LC	35, 41, 43-47, 49, 50, 52
Puccinia allii	Allium vineale var. compactum	LC	46, 49
Puccinia angelicae	Angelica sylvestris	EN D	[35], 41, 44, 46, [49], 52
Puccinia angelicae	Undetermined	EN D	49
Puccinia annularis	Teucrium scorodonia	LC	41-50, 52
Puccinia antirrhini	Antirrhinum majus (H)	LC	35, 41-46, 48-50, 52
Puccinia antirrhini	Antirrhinum molle (H)	LC	44
Puccinia antirrhini	Antirrhinum sp. (H)	LC	44
Puccinia apii	Apium graveolens	RE	[51]
Puccinia arenariae	Dianthus barbatus (H)	LC	42, 44
Puccinia arenariae	Moehringia trinerva	LC	42-45, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia arenariae	Sagina apetala	LC	43, 44. 49
Puccinia arenariae	Sagina procumbens	LC	44, 46, 49, [52]
Puccinia arenariae	Silene dioica	LC	35, 41-52
Puccinia arenariae	Silene latifolia	LC	44, 46
Puccinia arenariae	Stellaria graminea	LC	43, 44, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia arenariae	Stellaria holostea	LC	44, 46, 48, 49
Puccinia arenariae	Stellaria media	LC	42, 44, 45, 48, 49
Puccinia arenariae	Stellaria uliginosa	LC	42, 49, 52
Puccinia arenariae	Undetermined	LC	35, 41, 47
Puccinia behenis	Silene dioica	LC	41, 43-52
Puccinia behenis	Silene latifolia	LC	51
Puccinia behenis	Silene latifolia ssp. alba	LC	44, 46
Puccinia behenis	Silene robotii "Polly's Favourite"(H)	LC	49
Puccinia behenis	Silene uniflora	LC	46, 52
Puccinia behenis	Silene vulgaris	LC	44, 52
Puccinia betonicae	Stachys officinalis	LC	42-46, [47], 50, 51
Puccinia bistortae	Conopodium majus	CR	35, [46]
Puccinia bistortae	Persicaria bistorta	CR	35
Puccinia brachypodii	Brachypodium sylvaticum	LC	35, 41-52
Puccinia brachypodii var.	Arrhenatherum elatius	LC	35, 42-44, 46, 47, 49, 50,
arrhenatheri			52

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Puccinia brachypodii var.	Arrhenatherum elatius var.	LC	44
Puccinia brachypodii var.	Deschampsia cespitosa	LC	35, 42-44, 46, 47
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Anthoxanthum odoratum	LC	35, 41-46, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Glyceria fluitans	LC	44
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Milium effusum	LC	44, 45
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Phleum arenarium	LC	44
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Phleum pratense	LC	44
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Poa annua	LC	41, 44, 45, 48, 49
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Poa compressa	LC	44
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Poa glauca	LC	49
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Poa humilis	LC	49
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Poa nemoralis	LC	43, 44, 47
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Poa pratensis	LC	44, 46
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Poa sp.	LC	44, 50
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Poa trivialis	LC	44
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Puccinellia distans	LC	44
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Puccinellia maritima	LC	41, 44
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Puccinellia rupestris	LC	35, 41
Puccinia brachypodii var. poae-nemoralis	Undetermined	LC	52
Puccinia buxi	Buxus balearica (H)	LC	49
Puccinia buxi	Buxus microphylla (H)	LC	35
Puccinia buxi	Buxus sempervirens (H)	LC	35, 41-52
Puccinia calcitrapae	Carduus crispus	LC	42, 43
Puccinia calcitrapae	Carduus nutans	LC	41, 42, 44, 46
Puccinia calcitrapae	Carduus tenuiflorus	LC	41, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia calcitrapae	Carlina vulgaris	LC	35, 41-44, 46-49, 51, 52
Puccinia calcitrapae	Centaurea nigra	LC	35, 41, 42, 44, 46, 48-50, 52
Puccinia calcitrapae	Centaurea scabiosa	LC	44
Puccinia calcitrapae	Cirsium acaule	LC	42
Puccinia calcitrapae	Cirsium dissectum	LC	42
Puccinia calcitrapae	Cirsium palustre	LC	35, 42-46, 48-50, 52
Puccinia calcitrapae	Undetermined	LC	47, 49
Puccinia calthae	Caltha palustris	NT	43-46, 48, 49, 52

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Puccinia calthicola	Caltha palustris	LC	42-44, [45], 46-47, 49, 52
Puccinia campanulae	Campanula rotundifolia	DD	49, 52
Puccinia campanulae	Jasione montana	DD	[46]
Puccinia cancellata	Juncus acutus	DD	41, 44, 48
Puccinia cancellata	Juncus maritimus	DD	41, 44, 46
Puccinia caricina (s.l.)	Carex aquatilis	LC	44, 46
Puccinia caricina (s.l.)	Carex binervis	LC	35, 42-44, 46-49, 52
Puccinia caricina (s.l.)	Carex caryophyllea	LC	41, 49
Puccinia caricina (s.l.)	Carex × fulva	LC	42, 46
Puccinia caricina (s.l.)	Carex echinata	LC	43
Puccinia caricina (s.l.)	Carex hostiana	LC	41, 42, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia caricina (s.l.)	Carex laevigata	LC	41, 42, 44, 46, 47, 52
Puccinia caricina (s.l.)	Carex nigra	LC	42, 43, 46
Puccinia caricina (s.l.)	Ribes nigrum (N)	LC	44
Puccinia caricina (s.l.)	Ribes rubrum	LC	52
Puccinia caricina (s.l.)	Ribes uva-crispa (H/A)	LC	42, 44, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia caricina (s.i.)		NT	35, 44-46, 52
magnusii	Carex riparia		
Puccinia caricina var. pringsheimiana	Ribes uva-crispa (H/A)	DD	44, [48], [49], [52]
Puccinia caricina var. pringsheimiana	Carex acuta	DD	42, 43, 52
Puccinia caricina var. ribesii-pendulae	Carex pendula	LC	35, 41-47, 49-52
Puccinia caricina var. ribis- nigri-paniculatae	Carex paniculata	NT	41, 43, 44, 49, 50, 52
Puccinia chaerophylli	Anthriscus sylvestris	DD	44, 46, [52]
Puccinia chaerophylli	Chaerophyllum temulum	DD	42, 44
Puccinia chaerophylli	Myrrhis odorata (H/N)	LC	35, 42-44, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52
Puccinia chrysosplenii	Chrysosplenium alternifolium	LC	42
Puccinia chrysosplenii	Chrysosplenium oppositifolium	LC	35, 42-45, 48, 49, 50, 52
Puccinia chrysosplenii	Chrysosplenium sp.	LC	47, 49
Puccinia circaeae	Circaea lutetiana	LC	35, 41-52
Puccinia circaeae	Circaea sp.	LC	41, 49, 50
Puccinia circaeae	Circaea × intermedia	LC	44, 46, 49
Puccinia cladii	Cladium mariscus	EN D	41
Puccinia cnici	Cirsium eriophorum	LC	44
Puccinia cnici	Cirsium palustre	LC	46
Puccinia cnici	Cirsium vulgare	LC	35, 41-46, 48-52
Puccinia cnici-oleracei	Achillea millefolium	LC	42-44, 46, 48-50, 52
Puccinia cnici-oleracei	Achillea ptarmica	LC	44
Puccinia cnici-oleracei	Aster tripolium	LC	41, 44
Puccinia cnici-oleracei	Cirsium dissectum	LC	35
Puccinia cnici-oleracei	Cirsium palustre	LC	35-44, 46, 48-50, 52
Puccinia cnici-oleracei	Matricaria sp.	LC	52
Puccinia commutata	Valeriana officinalis	LC	41, 43, 45, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia conii	Conium maculatum (A)	NT	
	` '		35, [41], [45], [47], 49, 52
Puccinia coronata	Agrostic capillarie	LC	42, 43
Puccinia coronata	Agrostic ciantos (A)	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia coronata	Agrostis gigantea (A)	LC	42

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		Eval.	
Puccinia coronata	Agrostis stolonifera	LC	35, 41-46, 48, 49, 50
Puccinia coronata	Alopecurus geniculatus	LC	44
Puccinia coronata	Alopecurus myosuroides (A)	LC	44
Puccinia coronata	Alopecurus pratensis	LC	44
Puccinia coronata	Arrhenatherum elatius	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 47, 49-52
Puccinia coronata	Arrhenatherum elatius var. bulbosum	LC	41-47, 49, 50, 52
Puccinia coronata	Avena fatua (A)	LC	44, 46
Puccinia coronata	Avena sativa (H/ Cas)	LC	42, 44, 46, 49
Puccinia coronata	Avena sterilis subsp. ludoviciana (H)	LC	46
Puccinia coronata	Avena sp. (H?)	LC	41, 45, 52
Puccinia coronata	Bromopsis ramosa	LC	44
Puccinia coronata	Calamagrostis epigejos	LC	41
Puccinia coronata	Calamagrostis × acutiflora 'Karl Foerster' (H)	LC	44
Puccinia coronata	Deschampsia cespitosa	LC	41, 42, 44, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia coronata	Elytrigia repens ssp. repens	LC	44
Puccinia coronata	Frangula alnus	LC	42, 44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia coronata	Glyceria maxima	LC	44
Puccinia coronata	Holcus lanatus	LC	35, 41-49, 50, 52
Puccinia coronata	Holcus mollis	LC	35, 41-46, 48-50, 52
Puccinia coronata	Holcus sp.	LC	35, 41, 44
Puccinia coronata	Lolium multiflorum	LC	44
Puccinia coronata	Lolium perenne	LC	41-46, 49, 52
Puccinia coronata	Phalaris arundinacea	LC	41
Puccinia coronata	Phleum pratense	LC	44
Puccinia coronata	Poa annua	LC	44
Puccinia coronata	Poa compressa	LC	41, 44
Puccinia coronata	Poa nemoralis	LC	44
Puccinia coronata	Poa pratensis ssp. irrigata	LC	46, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia coronata	Poa trivialis	LC	44
Puccinia coronata	Rhamnus cathartica	LC	44, 52
Puccinia coronata	Schedonorus arundinaceus	LC	41, 44, 46
Puccinia coronata	Schedonorus giganteus	LC	35, 41-44, 46-49, 50, 52
Puccinia coronata	Schedonorus pratensis	LC	44
Puccinia coronata var. gibberosa	Festuca altissima	CR D	43, 46
Puccinia crepidicola	Crepis biennis (N)	NT	49
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Puccinia crepidicola Puccinia crepidicola	Crepis capillaris	NT NT	35, 42-44, 46, [48], 49, 52 44, 52
<u>.</u>	Crepis vesicaria (N)		,
Puccinia difformis	Galium aparine	NT	41, 44, [45], 46, 48-50, 52
Puccinia dioicae (s.l.)	Carex demises	LC	41-44, 46, 49
Puccinia dioicae (s.l.)	Carex demissa	LC	43, 44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia dioicae (s.l.)	Carex lepidocarpa	LC	52
Puccinia dioicae (s.l.)	Carex dioica	EN D	42, 49
Puccinia dioicae	Cirsium palustre	EN D	48, 49
Puccinia dioicae var. extensicola	Aster tripolium	LC	41, 44, 45, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia dioicae var. extensicola	Carex extensa	LC	44-46, 49, 52

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		Eval.	,
Puccinia dioicae var.	Carex arenaria	VU D	44, 52
schoeleriana			,
Puccinia dioicae var. schoeleriana	Senecio jacobaea	VU D	44, 48, 52
Puccinia dioicae var. schoeleriana	Senecio sp.	VU D	35
Puccinia elymi	Ammophila arenaria	VU D2	41, 45, 46, 49
Puccinia elymi	Leymus arenarius	VU D2	44, 49, 51, 52
Puccinia epilobii	Epilobium ciliatum (N)	LC	41, 46
Puccinia epilobii	Epilobium hirsutum	LC	44, 46
Puccinia epilobii	Epilobium lanceolatum	LC	44
Puccinia epilobii	Epilobium montanum	LC	41, 44, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia epilobii	Epilobium obscurum	LC	35, 41, 44, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia epilobii	Epilobium palustre	LC	35, 42, 43, [49]
Puccinia epilobii	Epilobium sp.	LC	41, 42, 44, 46, [47], 49, 52
Puccinia eriophorae	Solidago virgaurea	EN D	49
Puccinia eriophorae	Trichophorum cespitosum agg.	EN D	49
Puccinia fergussonii	Viola palustris	EN D	41, 42, 44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia fergussonii	Viola palustris ssp. palustris	EN D	46, 49
Puccinia festucae	Festuca "glauca" (H)	LC	42, 44
Puccinia festucae	Festuca ovina	LC	42, 44, 46, 50
Puccinia festucae	Festuca rubra	LC	41, 44-46, 49, 51, 52
Puccinia festucae	Festuca rubra ssp. juncea	LC	45, 46
Puccinia festucae	Festuca rubra ssp. litoralis	LC	46
Puccinia festucae	Festuca rubra ssp. rubra	LC	35, 41, 42, 44-46, 48, 49
Puccinia festucae	Festuca vivipara	LC	42
Puccinia festucae	Lonicera cultivar (H)	LC	49, 52
Puccinia festucae	Lonicera periclymenum	LC	41, 43, 47, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia galii-cruciatae	Cruciata laevipes	EN B2,D	41, 42, 44
Puccinia galii-verni	Cruciata laevipes	LC	35, 42-44, 50
Puccinia galii-verni	Galium saxatile	LC	35, 41, 43, 45, 46, 49, 50
Puccinia galii-verni	Galium sp.	LC	52
Puccinia galii-verni	Galium uliginosum	LC	42, 46
Puccinia galii-verni	Galium verum	LC	48
Puccinia galii-verni	Undetermined	LC	47
Puccinia glechomatis	Glechoma hederacea	LC	35, 41-52
Puccinia glomerata	Senecio jacobea	NT	44, 46, 47, 49-52
Puccinia glomerata	Senecio aquaticus	NT	47
Puccinia graminis	Undetermined	DD	[48], 50
Puccinia graminis	Agrostis capillaris	DD	41, 44, 46, [48]
Puccinia graminis	Agrostis gigantea (A)	DD	42
Puccinia graminis	Agrostis stolonifera	DD	41, 44
Puccinia graminis	Anthoxanthum odoratum	DD	35, 41, 43, 44
Puccinia graminis	Arrhenatherum elatius	DD	42
Puccinia graminis	Arrhenatherum elatius var. bulbosum	DD	41, 42, 44, 46
Puccinia graminis	Avena sp. (H)	DD	[49]
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Puccinia graminis	Berberis thunbergii f. atropurpurea (H)		
Puccinia graminis	Berberis vulgaris (H)	DD	42-44, 46, 47
Puccinia graminis	Briza media	DD	44

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		Eval.	
Puccinia graminis	Dactylis glomerata	DD	41, 42, 44, 45
Puccinia graminis	Deschampsia cespitosa	DD	41, 44
Puccinia graminis	Elytrigia repens	DD	[35], [49]
Puccinia graminis	Hordeum marinum	DD	41
Puccinia graminis	Lolium perenne	DD	35-44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia graminis	Mahonia aquifolium	DD	41
Puccinia graminis	Milium effusum	DD	42
Puccinia graminis	Phleum pratense	DD	44, 46
Puccinia graminis	Poa annua	DD	35
Puccinia graminis	Schedonorus arundinaceus	DD	44, 45
Puccinia graminis	Schedonorus giganteus	DD	43, 44
Puccinia graminis	Triticum sp. (H)	DD	46
Puccinia heraclii	Heracleum sphondylium	RE	[46], [48], [49]
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera cultivars (H)	NE	44, 49, 52
Puccinia hieracii	Centaurea nigra	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 47-49, 52
Puccinia hieracii	Centaurea scabiosa	LC	41, 44
Puccinia hieracii	Cichorium intybus	LC	46
Puccinia hieracii	Hieracium pulchrius	LC	42
Puccinia hieracii	Hieracium repandulare	LC	42
Puccinia hieracii	Hieracium sabaudum	LC	42, 44, 46, 49
Puccinia hieracii	Hieracium sp.	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 47, 49-52
Puccinia hieracii	Hieracium umbellatum	LC	43, 47, 49
Puccinia hieracii	Hieracium vagum	LC	44, 46, 49
Puccinia hieracii	Leontodon hispidus	LC	35, 41-47, 50, 52
Puccinia hieracii	Leontodon sp.	LC	43, 49
Puccinia hieracii	Leontodon saxatilis	LC	44
Puccinia hieracii	Picris hieracioides	LC	41
Puccinia hieracii	Scorzoneroides autumnalis	LC	35, 42, 43, 46, 49
Puccinia hieracii	Serratula tinctoria	LC	35, 42, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia hieracii	Taraxacum alatum	LC	49
Puccinia hieracii	Taraxacum eckmanii	LC	49
Puccinia hieracii	Taraxacum officinale agg.	LC	35, 41-52
Puccinia hieracii	Taraxacum pannulatum	LC	49
Puccinia hieracii	Taraxacum sellandii	LC	49
Puccinia hieracii	Taraxacum sp.	LC	35, 46, 48
Puccinia hieracii	Undetermined	LC	47, 49
Puccinia hieracii var. hypochaeridis	Hypochaeris radicata	LC	41-49, 52
Puccinia hieracii var. hypochaeridis	Hypochaeris sp.	LC	52
Puccinia hieracii var. piloselloidarum	Pilosella aurantiaca (N)	LC	44, 49
Puccinia hieracii var. piloselloidarum	Pilosella officinarum	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia hordei	Holcus lanatus	LC	41, 44, 46-48, 52
Puccinia hordei	Holcus mollis	LC	41, 42, 44, 46-49
Puccinia hordei	Holcus sp.	LC	35, 42, 49-51
Puccinia hordei	Hordeum distichon (H)	LC	46
Puccinia hordei	Hordeum murinum (A)	LC	41, 44, 49
Puccinia hordei	Hordeum murinum ssp. murinum (A)		41, 44

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Puccinia hordei	Hordeum secalinum	LC	42, 44, 52
Puccinia hordei	Hordeum vulgare	LC	52
Puccinia hordei	Lolium multiflorum	LC	35, 46
Puccinia hordei	Lolium perenne	LC	41, 44
Puccinia hordei	Trisetum flavescens	LC	35, 41, 44
Puccinia hordei	Vulpia bromoides	LC	35, 42, 43, 44, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia hordei	Vulpia myuros (A)	LC	44, 46
Puccinia horiana	Chrysanthemum cultivar (H)	NE	42, 44
Puccinia hydrocotyles	Hydrocotyle vulgaris	EN D	44, 46, 52
Puccinia hysterium	Tragopogon pratensis	VU D1	41, 45, [47]
Puccinia iridis	Iris cv. (H)	LC	44, 47, 49, 52
Puccinia iridis	Iris foetidissima (Part N)	LC	41-44, 46, 49, 50, 52
Puccinia iridis	Iris foetidissima cv. (H)	LC	35, 44
Puccinia lagenophorae	Bellis perennis cv. (H)	LC	44, 46, 47-50, 52
Puccinia lagenophorae	Bellis perennis	LC	35, 41-52
Puccinia lagenophorae	Senecio jacobaea	LC	44
Puccinia lagenophorae	Senecio squalidus (N)	LC	35, 41, 44, 49-52
Puccinia lagenophorae	Senecio vulgaris	LC	35, 41-52
Puccinia lapsanae	Lapsana communis ssp. communis	LC	35, 41-52
Puccinia longicornis	Sasa palmata (H)	NE	41, 44, 46
Puccinia luzulae	Luzula sp.	VU D	47
Puccinia luzulae	Luzula pilosa	VU D	44, [46], 48, 49
Puccinia maculosa	Mycelis muralis	EN D	42-44, [48], [49], 51
Puccinia magnusiana	Phragmites australis	LC	35, 41, 44, 46-48, 49, 52
Puccinia magnusiana	Ranunculus flammula	LC	48
Puccinia magnusiana	Ranunculus repens	LC	35, 44, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia magnusiana	Ranunculus repens ssp. repens	LC	44
Puccinia major	Crepis paludosa	RE	[48]
Puccinia malvacearum	Alcea rosea (H)	LC	35, 42-44, 46, 47, 49, 52
Puccinia malvacearum	Althaea officinalis	LC	41, 44
Puccinia malvacearum	Malva arborea	LC	41, 44
Puccinia malvacearum	Malva × clementii (N/H)	LC	44
Puccinia malvacearum	Malva moschata	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 49
Puccinia malvacearum	Malva neglecta (A)	LC	49
Puccinia malvacearum	Malva pusilla (N)	LC	41
Puccinia malvacearum	Malva sp.	LC	44, 46, 49
Puccinia malvacearum	Malva sylvestris (A)	LC	35, 41-52
Puccinia malvacearum	Undetermined	LC	50, 52
Puccinia menthae	Clinopodium ascendens	LC	42, 45, 46, 49
Puccinia menthae	Clinopodium sp.	LC	45, 49
Puccinia menthae	Clinopodium vulgare	LC	42, 43, 49
Puccinia menthae	Mentha aquatica	LC	35, 41-50, 52
Puccinia menthae	Mentha arvensis	LC	44, 49
Puccinia menthae	Mentha cv. (H)	LC	41, 42, 44, 47
Puccinia menthae	Mentha × dumetorum var. citrata (H)	LC	44
Puccinia menthae	Mentha × gracilis (H)	LC	44, 46, 49
Puccinia menthae	Mentha longifolia (N)	LC	44
Puccinia menthae	Mentha × piperita (N?)	LC	42, 44, 46, 49
Puccinia menthae	Mentha × piperita var. citrata (H)	LC	49, 52

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Puccinia menthae	Mentha pulegium	LC	44
Puccinia menthae	Mentha sp.	LC	41, 42, 44, 49
Puccinia menthae	Mentha × smithiana (N)	LC	44, 46
Puccinia menthae	Mentha spicata (A)	LC	41, 42, 44, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia menthae	Mentha suaveolens	LC	44, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia menthae	Mentha × verticellata	LC	42, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia menthae	Mentha × villosa (N)	LC	46, 52
Puccinia menthae	Mentha × villosonervata (N)	LC	46, 49
Puccinia menthae	Origanum vulgare	LC	42, 44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia menthae	Undetermined	LC	41, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia nemoralis	Melampyrum pratense	VU D2	48, 49
Puccinia nemoralis	Molinia caerulea	VU D2	48, 49
Puccinia nitida	Aethusa cynapium ssp. agrestis	VU D2	35, 46, [49]
Puccinia nitida	Aethusa cynapium ssp. cynapium	VU D2	43, 44, 47
Puccinia obscura	Bellis perennis	LC	48, 49, 52
Puccinia obscura	Luzula campestris	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 48-50, 52
Puccinia obscura	Luzula forsteri	LC	43
Puccinia obscura	Luzula multiflora	LC	42, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia obscura	Luzula pilosa	LC	43, 48
Puccinia obscura	Luzula sylvatica	LC	35, 41-44, 46-50, 52
Puccinia opizii	Carex spicata	NT	41
Puccinia opizii	Carex muricata ssp. pairae	NT	42, 43, 46
Puccinia opizii	Carex paniculata	NT	44, 46
Puccinia oxalidis	Oxalis adenophylla (H)	LC	35
Puccinia oxalidis	Oxalis articulata (N/H)	LC	35, 44-46
Puccinia oxalidis	Oxalis cv. (H)	LC	42, 44, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia oxalidis	Oxalis debilis (N/H)	LC	35, 44, 50
Puccinia oxalidis	Oxalis debilis var. corymbosa (N/H)	LC	46
Puccinia oxalidis	Oxalis latifolia (N/H)	LC	35
Puccinia oxalidis	Oxalis rosea (N/H)	LC	49
Puccinia oxyriae	Oxyria digyna	CR D1, 2	
Puccinia paludosa	Carex bigelowii	LC	48
Puccinia paludosa	Carex binervis	LC	44
Puccinia paludosa	Carex elata	LC	41, 42, 46, 52
Puccinia paludosa	Carex elata var. aurea	LC	41, 44, 46
Puccinia paludosa	Carex nigra	LC	35, 41-46, 49, 52
Puccinia paludosa	Carex panicea	LC	44, 46, 49
Puccinia pelargonii-zonalis	Pelargonium sp. (H)	NE	41, 44-46, 49, 50, 52
Puccinia phragmitis	Phragmites australis	LC	41, 44, 45, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia phragmitis	Phragmites australis cv.	LC	50
Puccinia phragmitis	Rumex acetosa	LC	49, 52
Puccinia phragmitis	Rumex acetosella	LC	52
Puccinia phragmitis	Rumex conglomeratus	LC	49, 52
Puccinia phragmitis	Rumex crispus	LC	44, 49, 52
Puccinia phragmitis	Rumex crispus ssp. crispus	LC	44
Puccinia phragmitis	Rumex hydrolapathum	LC	46
Puccinia phragmitis	Rumex obtusifolius	LC	44, 48, 49, 51, 52
Puccinia phragmitis	Rumex sanguineus	LC	44, 49, 52
Puccinia phragmitis		LC	45, 52
i uccinia priraginilis	Rumex sp.	LU	40, 02

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Puccinia phragmitis	Undetermined	LC	47, 52
Puccinia pimpinellae	Pimpinella saxifraga	CR D	[41], 42, 43, [46], 49
Puccinia poarum	Poa annua	LC	44, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia poarum	Poa chaixii (N)	LC	43
Puccinia poarum	Poa compressa	LC	44
Puccinia poarum	Poa humilis	LC	35, 41, 44, 46
Puccinia poarum	Poa nemoralis	LC	44
Puccinia poarum	Poa trivialis	LC	44
Puccinia poarum	Tussilago farfara	LC	35, 41-47, 49-52
Puccinia poarum	Undetermined	LC	41, 49, 51
Puccinia polygoni-amphibii	Persicaria amphibia	LC	35, 41, 42, 44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia polygoni-amphibii	I -	LC	35, 44
Puccinia polygoni-amphibii var. convolvuli	Fallopia convolvulus (A)	VU D	[41], 42, 44, 49
Puccinia porri	Allium porrum (H)	NE	35, 42-46, 49, 52
Puccinia primulae	Primula vulgaris	NT	44-46, [48], 49, 52
Puccinia primulae	Primula veris	NT	52
Puccinia pulverulenta	Epilobium adenocaulon	LC	44
Puccinia pulverulenta	Epilobium ciliatum (N)	LC	43, 44, 46
Puccinia pulverulenta	Epilobium hirsutum	LC	35, 41-46, 49, 51-52
Puccinia pulverulenta	Epilobium montanum	LC	35, 42-46, 49, 52
Puccinia pulverulenta	Epilobium obscurum	LC	44
Puccinia pulverulenta	Epilobium parviflorum	LC	44, 52
Puccinia pulverulenta	Epilobium sp.	LC	41, 44, 46, 47, 49, 52
Puccinia pulverulenta	Epilobium tetragonum	LC	48
Puccinia punctata	Cruciata laevipes	LC	41, 42, 43, 44, 47, 51
Puccinia punctata	Galium aparine	LC	35, 44, 46
Puccinia punctata	Galium album	LC	44, 46
Puccinia punctata	Galium odoratum	LC	44, 48
Puccinia punctata	Galium palustre	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia punctata	Galium palustre ssp. elongatum	LC	42, 44, 46
Puccinia punctata	Galium palustre ssp. palustre	LC	41, 44, 47
Puccinia punctata	Galium saxatile	LC	35, 42, 46, 49, 50, 52
Puccinia punctata	Galium sterneri	LC	42
Puccinia punctata	Galium uliginosum	LC	42, 49
Puccinia punctata	Galium verum	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 48, 49, 51, 52
Puccinia punctata	Undetermined	LC	47
Puccinia punctiformis	Cirsium arvense	LC	35, 41-52
Puccinia pygmaea var. pygmaea	Calamagrostis epigejos	CR D	46, [52]
Puccinia pygmaea var. ammophilina	Ammophila arenaria	LC	41, 44-46, 48, 49, 51, 52
Puccinia recondita	Agrostis capillaris	LC	42, 44, 46
Puccinia recondita	Agrostis stolonifera	LC	44
Puccinia recondita	Alopecurus geniculatus	LC	44
Puccinia recondita	Alopecurus myosuroides	LC	44
Puccinia recondita	Alopecurus pratensis	LC	44, 46
Puccinia recondita	Anisantha sterilis (A)	LC	41, 44
Puccinia recondita	Bromopsis erecta	LC	41

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Puccinia recondita	Bromopsis ramosa	LC	42-44, 49, 51
Puccinia recondita	Bromus commutatus	LC	35
Puccinia recondita	Bromus hordeaceus ssp. hordeaceus	LC	35, 41, 44, 47, 49
Puccinia recondita	Elymus caninus	LC	44
Puccinia recondita	Elytrigia atherica	LC	41, 44, 49
Puccinia recondita	Elytrigia atherica var. setigera	LC	41, 44
Puccinia recondita	Elytrigia juncea ssp. boreoatlantica	LC	41, 44-46, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia recondita	Elytrigia repens ssp. repens	LC	35, 41-46, 48-50, 52
Puccinia recondita	Elytrigia repens ssp. repens var. aristata	LC	41
Puccinia recondita	Elytrigia × obtusiuscula	LC	44
Puccinia recondita	Hordeum murinum (A)	LC	44
Puccinia recondita	Secale cereale (Cas)	LC	44, 49
Puccinia recondita	Thalictrum flavum	LC	41, 46
Puccinia saniculae	Sanicula europaea	LC	42, 44-49, 51, 52
Puccinia saxifragae	Saxifraga granulata	EN D	43
Puccinia saxifragae	Saxifraga stellaris	EN D	[46], 48, 49
Puccinia schroeteriana	Carex hostiana	CR D	52
Puccinia schroeteriana	Serratula tinctoria	CR D	52
Puccinia scirpi	Nymphoides peltata/Schoenoplectus lacustris	DD	42
Puccinia scorzonerae	Scorzonera humilis	CR D	41
Puccinia sessilis	Allium ursinum	LC	35, 42-52
Puccinia sessilis	Arum creticum (H)	LC	52
Puccinia sessilis	Arum italicum ssp. neglectum (N/H)	LC	44
Puccinia sessilis	Arum maculatum	LC	35, 41-47, 49-52
Puccinia sessilis	Dactylorhiza fuchsii	LC	42, 52
Puccinia sessilis	Dactylorhiza incarnata	LC	52
Puccinia sessilis	Dactylorhiza maculata	LC	52
Puccinia sessilis	Dactylorhiza praetermissa	LC	42
Puccinia sessilis	Dactylorhiza purpurella	LC	52
Puccinia sessilis	Gymnadenia conopsea	LC	52
Puccinia sessilis	Phalaris arundinacea	LC	35, 41-46, 48-49, 51. 52
Puccinia smyrnii	Smyrnium olusatrum (A)	LC	35. 41, 42, 44-46, 48-52
Puccinia striiformis var. dactylidis	Dactylis glomerata	LC	35, 41, 42, 44-49
Puccinia striiformis	Brachypodium sylvaticum	LC	49, 52
Puccinia striiformis	Elymus caninus	LC	44
Puccinia striiformis	Elymus magellanicus (H)	LC	44
Puccinia striiformis	Elytrigia repens ssp. repens	LC	41
Puccinia striiformis	Holcus lanatus	LC	44
Puccinia striiformis	Hordeum murinum (A)	LC	41, 44
Puccinia striiformis	Hordeum murinum ssp. murinum (A)	LC	44
Puccinia striiformis	Hordeum secalinum	LC	41, 44
Puccinia striiformis	Hordeum sp.	LC	46
Puccinia striiformis	Triticum aestivum 'Red Marvel' (H)	LC	41
Puccinia striiformis	Triticum turgidum 'Rivet Wheat' (H)	LC	41
Puccinia striiformis	Triticum sp. (H)	LC	46
Puccinia tanaceti	Artemesia absinthium (A)	LC	44, 45, 49, 50, 52

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Puccinia tanaceti	Artemisia arborescens 'Powis Castle' (H)	LC	44
Puccinia tanaceti	Artemisia vulgaris (A)	LC	41, 44, 46
Puccinia tanaceti	Seriphidium maritimum	LC	41, 44
Puccinia thymi	Thymus polytrichus	EN D	42, 45
Puccinia tumida	Conopodium majus	LC	35, 41-49
Puccinia uliginosa	Carex nigra	RE	52
Puccinia umbilici	Umbilicus rupestris	LC	35, 41-46, 48-50, 52
Puccinia urticata	Urtica dioica	LC	35, 41-50, 52
Puccinia urticata var. biporula	Carex pallescens	EN D	41, 42, 46
Puccinia urticata var. urticae-acutae	Carex nigra	DD	42, 44, 52
Puccinia urticata var. urticae-acutiformis	Carex acutiformis	LC	35, 42, 43, 46, 48, 49, 51, 52
Puccinia urticata var. urticae-acutiformis	Carex pseudocyperus	LC	44, 49
Puccinia urticata var. urticae-flaccae	Carex flacca	LC	42, 44-46, 49, 50, 52
Puccinia urticata var. urticae-hirtae	Carex hirta	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 49, 52
Puccinia urticata var. urticae-inflatae	Carex rostrata	NT	43-47, 52
Puccinia urticata var. urticae-ripariae	Carex riparia	VU D1, 2	44, 46
Puccinia urticata var. urticae-vesicariae	Carex vesicaria	LC	42-44, 46, 49
Puccinia variabilis	Taraxacum officinale agg.	LC	41-44, 46-52
Puccinia variabilis	Taraxacum sp.	LC	42, 49-51
Puccinia veronicae	Veronica montana	LC	35, 41-52
Puccinia veronicae- longifoliae	Veronica spicata	RE	[50]
Puccinia vincae	Vinca major (N/H)	LC	35, 41, 43-47, 49, 50, 52
Puccinia vincae	Vinca sp. (N/H)	LC	47
Puccinia violae	Viola canina	LC	41, 46, 48, 49, 52
Puccinia violae	Viola canina ssp. canina	LC	44, 46, 48
Puccinia violae	Viola cv. (H)	LC	43, 44
Puccinia violae	Viola hirta	LC	44, 49
Puccinia violae	Viola odorata	LC	43, 52
Puccinia violae	Viola reichenbachiana	LC	35, 44, 52
Puccinia violae	Viola riviniana	LC	35, 41-44, 46-52
Puccinia violae	Viola sp.	LC	35, 41-43, 47-51
Puccinia violae	Viola tricolor	LC	41, 52
Puccinia virgae-aureae	Solidago virgaurea	CR D	44, 49
Pucciniastrum agrimonae	Agrimonia eupatoria	NT	41, [47], 48, 49, [50], 51
Pucciniastrum agrimonae	Agrimonia sp.	NT	35, 47-50
Pucciniastrum circaeae	Circaea × intermedia	LC	35, 41-43, 46
Pucciniastrum circaeae	Circaea lutetiana	LC	35, 41-46, 48-52
Pucciniastrum circaeae	Circaea sp.	LC	41, [47], 49, 50
Pucciniastrum epilobii	Chamerion angustifolium	LC	35, 41-44, 46-52
Pucciniastrum epilobii	Clarkia amoena (H)	LC	41, 44, 49

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Dugoiniaetrum enilehii	Epilobium alsinifolium	LC	49
Pucciniastrum epilobii	Epilobium ciliatum (N)	LC	
Pucciniastrum epilobii	1	LC	35, 42-44, 46-49 47
Pucciniastrum epilobii	Epilobium ciliatum × montanum		
Pucciniastrum epilobii	Epilobium ciliatum/obscurum	LC	46
Pucciniastrum epilobii	Epilobium hirsutum	LC	35, 41, 42, 44, 46, 49, 52
Pucciniastrum epilobii	Epilobium lanceolatum	LC	44
Pucciniastrum epilobii	Epilobium montanum	LC	41, 44, 46-50, 52
Pucciniastrum epilobi	Epilobium obscurum	LC	46, 49, 52
Pucciniastrum epilobii	Epilobium palustre	LC	42, 44-46, 49
Pucciniastrum epilobii	Epilobium parviflorum	LC	42, 44, 52
Pucciniastrum epilobii	Epilobium sp	LC	44, 46, 49
Pucciniastrum epilobii	Fuchsia cv. (H)	LC	44, 47, 49, 52
Pucciniastrum epilobii	Undetermined	LC	42, 44, 46, 49, 51
Pucciniastrum guttatum	Galium odoratum	LC	44
Pucciniastrum guttatum	Galium palustre	LC	44, 46
Pucciniastrum guttatum	Galium saxatile	LC	35, 42, 44, 46, 49, 52
Pucciniastrum guttatum	Galium uliginosum	LC	42
Pucciniastrum guttatum	Galium verum	LC	44, 46,48, 49, 52
Pucciniastrum guttatum	Sherardia arvensis	LC	49, 52
Trachyspora intrusa	Alchemilla glabra	NT	42, 44, 49
Trachyspora intrusa	Alchemilla sp.	NT	41-44, 47, 49
Trachyspora intrusa	Alchemilla vulgaris	NT	48, 49
Trachyspora intrusa	Alchemilla xanthochlora	NT	35, 41, 44, 49
Tranzschelia anemones	Anemone nemorosa	LC	35, 42, 44-47, [48], 49, 50, 52
Tranzschelia anemones	Thalictrum minus	LC	42
Tranzschelia anemones	Undetermined	LC	48
Tranzschelia discolor	Prunus domestica (A/H)	LC	35, 42-44, 46, 47, 49, 50
Tranzschelia discolor	Prunus domestica ssp. domestica (A/H)	LC	42, 46, 49
Tranzschelia discolor	Prunus domestica ssp. insititia (A/H)	LC	46
Tranzschelia discolor	Prunus sp.	LC	46
Tranzschelia pruni- spinosae	Prunus domestica (A/H)	LC	44
Tranzschelia pruni- spinosae	Prunus spinosa	LC	35, 41-46, 49, 52
Tranzschelia pruni- spinosae	Prunus sp.	LC	[47]
Triphragmium filipendulae	Filipendula vulgaris	VU B, D1	49
Triphragmium ulmariae	Filipendula ulmaria	LC	35, 41-52
Uredo morvernensis	Thymus polytrichus	CR D	44
Uromyces acetosae	Rumex acetosa	LC	41-49
Uromyces acetosae	Rumex acetosa ssp. acetosa	LC	42, 43, 46, 49
Uromyces acetosae	Rumex acetosella	LC	49, 52
Uromyces airae-flexuosae	Deschampsia flexuosa	LC	35, 41-44, 46-49, 52
Uromyces ambiguus	Allium scorodoprasum (Cas)	NE	46
Uromyces ambiguus	Allium schoenoprasum (H)	NE	46
Uromyces anthyllidis	Anthyllis vulneraria	LC	41, 44-46, 48-50, 52
Uromyces anthyllidis	Anthyllis vulneraria ssp. vulneraria	LC	41, 44
Uromyces appendiculatus	Phaseolus coccineus (H)	NE	35, 41-46
Uromyces armeriae	Armeria maritima ssp. maritima	LC	41, 44-46, 49, 51, 52

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I lugarovana hahania	Cilono unifloro	Eval.	45 40 40 50
Uromyces behenis	Silene uniflora	LC	45, 46, 49, 52
Uromyces behenis	Silene vulgaris	LC	52
Uromyces beticola	Beta vulgaris ssp. vulgaris (H)	LC	45, 49
Uromyces beticola	Beta vulgaris ssp. cicla (H)	LC	45
Uromyces beticola	Beta vulgaris ssp. maritima	LC	35, 41, 44, 45, 49, 51, 52
Uromyces beticola	Spinacia oleracea (H)	LC	41
Uromyces chenopodii	Suaeda maritima	LC	41, 44-46, 48, 49, 51, 52
Uromyces dactylidis	Dactylis glomerata	LC	35, 42, 44, 45, 49, 52
Uromyces dactylidis	Poa annua	LC	44
Uromyces dactylidis	Poa humilis	LC	44
Uromyces dactylidis	Poa nemoralis	LC	44, 45
Uromyces dactylidis	Poa pratensis	LC	44
Uromyces dactylidis	Poa sp.	LC	35, 42, 48-50, 52
Uromyces dactylidis	Poa trivialis	LC	35, 42-45, 47
Uromyces dactylidis	Ranunculus acris var. acris	LC	44, 45
Uromyces dactylidis	Ficaria verna	LC	35, 41-52
Uromyces dactylidis	Ficaria verna ssp. fertilis	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 49, 51, 52
Uromyces dactylidis	Ficaria verna ssp. verna	LC	43-46
Uromyces dactylidis	Ranunculus repens	LC	35, 41-49, 52
Uromyces dactylidis	Undetermined	LC	35, 50
Uromyces dianthi	Dianthus barbatus (H)	NE	44
Uromyces dianthi	Dianthus caryophyllus (H)	NE	44
Uromyces ervi	Vicia hirsuta	NT	35, 42-44, 46-49, 52
Uromyces ervi	Vicia tetrasperma	NT	46
Uromyces fallens	Trifolium medium	LC	35,
Uromyces fallens	Trifolium sp.	LC	51, 52
Uromyces fallens	Trifolium pratense	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 49, 52
Uromyces ficariae	Ficaria verna	LC	35, 42-50, 52
Uromyces ficariae	Ficaria verna ssp. fertilis	LC	43, 44
Uromyces ficariae	Ficaria verna ssp. verna	LC	35, 41-47, 49, 52
Uromyces geranii	Geranium dissectum	LC	52
Uromyces geranii	Geranium molle	LC	41, 49, 52
Uromyces geranii	Geranium phaeum (N)	LC	44
Uromyces geranii	Geranium pratense	LC	44, 46, 49, 50, 52
Uromyces geranii	Geranium pyrenaicum (N)	LC	35, 42, 44, 47-49, 51, 52
Uromyces geranii	Geranium robertianum	LC	35, 41, 42, 44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Uromyces geranii	Geranium robertianum ssp. celticum	LC	41, 44
Uromyces inaequialtus	Silene nutans	RE	[51]
Uromyces junci	Juncus articulatus	LC	41, 44, 46, 52
Uromyces junci	Juncus bufonius	LC	44
Uromyces junci	Juncus subnodulosus	LC	41, 44
Uromyces junci	Pulicaria dysenterica	LC	44, 45, 52
Uromyces limonii	Limonium vulgare	LC	41, 44, 48, 49, 52
Uromyces lineolatus	Bolboschoenus maritimus	LC	41, 44-46, 49, 52
Uromyces lineolatus	Glaux maritima	LC	44, 45, 52
-		LC	
Uromyces lineolatus	Oenanthe crocata		41, 44, 45, 49, 52
Uromyces lineolatus	Oenanthe lachenalii	LC	44, 49, 52
Uromyces minor	Trifolium campestre	LC	44
Uromyces minor	Trifolium dubium	LC	35, 41-46, 49, 52

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Uromyces muscari	Hyacinthoides hispanica (N/H)	LC	35, 44, 46, 49, 52
Uromyces muscari	Hyacinthoides non-scripta	LC	35, 41-52
Uromyces muscari	Hyacinthoides non-scripta ×	LC	41, 44, 46, 49, 50, 52
,	hispanica (N)		
Uromyces muscari	Scilla verna	LC	35, 41, 45, 46, 49, 52
Uromyces muscari	Undetermined	LC	44, 49
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Cytisus scoparius	LC	44
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Genista anglica	LC	35
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Genista pilosa	LC	42
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Lathyrus latifolius	LC	44
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Lathyrus odoratus cv. (H)	LC	35
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Lathyrus pratensis	LC	41-44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Lathyrus sylvestris	LC	44
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Lotus corniculatus	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 48, 49, 52
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Lotus corniculatus var. sativus (N)	LC	44
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Lotus glaber	LC	44
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Lotus pedunculatus	LC	41, 44
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Medicago arabica	LC	49
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Medicago lupulina	LC	35, 41, 44, 45, 49, 52
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Onobrychis viciifolia (N)	LC	44
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Ulex europaeus	LC	46
Uromyces pisi-sativi	Ulex galli	LC	46
Uromyces polygoni- avicularis	Polygonum arenastrum (A)	LC	41, 44, 46
Uromyces polygoni- avicularis	Polygonum aviculare	LC	35, 41-46, 49, 50, 52
Uromyces polygoni- avicularis	Polygonum polychnemiforme	LC	46
Uromyces polygoni- avicularis	Polygonum rurivagum (A)	LC	44
Uromyces polygoni- avicularis	Undetermined	LC	47
Uromyces rumicis	Rumex acetosa ssp. acetosa	LC	42, 44
Uromyces rumicis	Rumex conglomeratus	LC	44
Uromyces rumicis	Rumex crispus	LC	35, 41, 44-46, 52
Uromyces rumicis	Rumex crispus ssp. crispus	LC	44
Uromyces rumicis	Rumex crispus ssp. littoreus	LC	46
Uromyces rumicis	Rumex hydrolapathum	LC	41, 46
Uromyces rumicis	Rumex obtusifolius	LC	44, 45
Uromyces rumicis	Rumex sanguineus	LC	35
Uromyces rumicis	Rumex sanguineus var. viridis	LC	44
Uromyces rumicis	Rumex sp.	LC	47-49, 52
Uromyces salicorniae	Salicornia dolichostachya	LC	44, 46, 49, 52
Uromyces salicorniae	Salicornia europaea	LC	44, 49, 52
Uromyces salicorniae	Salicornia pusilla	LC	41, 44
Uromyces salicorniae	Salicornia pusilla × ramosissima	LC	41
Uromyces salicorniae	Salicornia ramosissima	LC	41, 44, 46, 49
Uromyces salicorniae	Salicornia sp.	LC	49, 52
Uromyces scrophulariae	Scrophularia auriculata	EN D	44, [47]
Uromyces silphii	Juncus tenuis (N)	LC	41, 44, 46, 49

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		Eval.	
Uromyces sommerfeltii	Solidago virgaurea	EN D	46, 49
Uromyces sparsus	Spergularia marina	NT	41, 44, 49, 52
Uromyces sparsus	Spergularia media	NT	46, 52
Uromyces trifolii	Trifolium fragiferum	LC	44
Uromyces trifolii	Trifolium hybridum (N)	LC	44
Uromyces trifolii	Trifolium pratense	LC	49
Uromyces trifolii	Trifolium repens	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 49, 50
Uromyces trifolii	Trifolium sp.	LC	52
Uromyces trifolii-repentis	Trifolium hybridum (N)	LC	35, 44
Uromyces trifolii-repentis	Trifolium repens	LC	44
Uromyces valerianae	Valeriana officinalis	LC	35, 41-49, 52
Uromyces valerianae	Valeriana officinalis ssp. sambucifolia	LC	46
Uromyces viciae-fabae	Lathyrus pratensis	LC	49, 50, 52
Uromyces viciae-fabae	Vicia cracca	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 49, 50, 52
Uromyces viciae-fabae	Vicia hirsuta	LC	41, 44, 49, 52
Uromyces viciae-fabae	Vicia lathyroides	LC	48
Uromyces viciae-fabae	Vicia sativa	LC	41, 44, 46, 48-50, 52
Uromyces viciae-fabae	Vicia sativa ssp. segetalis (A)	LC	44, 46
Uromyces viciae-fabae	Vicia sepium	LC	35, 41-44, 46, 49, 51, 52
Uromyces viciae-fabae	Pisum sativum (H)	LC	49
Uromyces viciae-fabae	Undetermined	LC	47
Uromyces viciae-fabae	Vicia faba (H)	LC	41-44, 46, 48, 49
Uromyces viciae-fabae var. orobi	Lathyrus linifolius var. montanus	VU D	43, 47, 48
Xenodochus carbonarius	Sanguisorba officinalis	LC	42, 43, 44, 47



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Gymnosporangium cornutum on Sorbus aucuparia

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Appendix 1

Vice-County Distribution of Rusts on Cultivars of Plants.

The following table lists the rust taxa recorded on cultivars of plants. The coverage across Wales is uneven and the list far from complete. Records were sufficiently numerous from Carmarthenshire, Cardiganshire, Caernarvonshire and Anglesey to consider this list worth publishing. It provides a baseline against which changes in distribution of these rusts might be measured.

Rust Fungus Taxon	Host Taxon	Vice-county
Gymnosporangium confusum	Mespilus germanica 'Nottingham'	49
Gymnosporangium sabinae	Pyrus communis 'Beurre Hardy'	49
Gymnosporangium sabinae	Pyrus communis 'Bon Cretien'	49
Gymnosporangium sabinae	Pyrus communis 'Concorde'	49
Gymnosporangium sabinae	Pyrus communis 'Conference'	49
Gymnosporangium sabinae	Pyrus communis 'Doyenne du Comice'	49
Gymnosporangium sabinae	Pyrus communis 'Moonglow'	49
Gymnosporangium sabinae	Pyrus communis 'Williams Red'	49
Melampsora hypericorum	Hypericum androsaemum 'Albury Purple'	49
Melampsora hypericorum	Hypericum × inodorum 'Elstead'	41, 44, 48
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus × canadensis 'Gelrica'	44
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus × canadensis 'Marilandica'	35
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus × canadensis 'Regenerata'	44
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus × canadensis 'Robusta'	35, 41, 44
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus × canadensis 'Serotina'	41, 44, 46
Melampsora laricis-populina	Populus × jackii 'Aurora'	44, 49
Melampsora populnea	Populus tremula 'Erecta'	44
Melampsora caprearum	Salix caprea 'Kilmarnock'	42-44
Phragmidium rubi-idaei	Rubus idaeus 'Ample'	49
Phragmidium rubi-idaei	Rubus idaeus 'Autumn Bliss'	49
Phragmidium rubi-idaei	Rubus idaeus 'Glen Clova'	42, 46
Phragmidium rubi-idaei	Rubus idaeus 'Glen Moy'	49
Phragmidium rubi-idaei	Rubus idaeus 'Lloyd George'	43
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa 'Albertine'	44
Phragmidium tuberculatum	Rosa "William Shakespeare 2000"	50
Puccinia allii	Allium sativum 'Ivory'	52
Puccinia buxi	Buxus sempervirens 'Elegantissima'	46
Puccinia buxi	Buxus sempervirens 'Suffruticosa'	41, 42, 43, 44, 46
Puccinia buxi	Buxus sempervirens 'Suffruticosa' / 'Myrtifolia'	44
Puccinia buxi	Buxus sempervirens 'Variegata'	44
Puccinia coronata	Alopecurus pratensis 'Aureovariegatus'	44
Puccinia coronata	Avena sativa 'Naked Oats'	49
Puccinia coronata	Avena sativa 'Expression'	49
Puccinia festucae	Festuca glauca "Golden Toupee"	44
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera "Crème Brulée"	44, 49
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Georgia Peach'	47, 49
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Alabama Sunrise'	49
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Autumn Leaves'	52
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Bressingham Hybrid'	49
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Cherry Cola'	49

Rust Fungus Taxon	Host Taxon	Vice-county
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Firefly'	49
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Ginger Ale'	49
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Hollywood'	49
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Lime Marmalade'	49
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Marmalade'	52
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Melting Fire'	52
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Midnight Rose'	49
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Obsidian'	49
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Original Yellow'	49
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Paris'	52
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Purple Palace'	49
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Shanghai'	49
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Southern Comfort'	49
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Sparkling Burgundy'	49, 52
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Sugar Frosting'	52
Puccinia heucherae	Heuchera 'Sweet Tea'	49, 52
Puccinia horiana	Chrysanthemum 'Dark Yotri'	44
Puccinia lagenophorae	Bellis perennis 'Strawberry and Cream'	49
Puccinia malvacearum	Alcea rosea 'Chater's Double Maroon'	44
Puccinia malvacearum	Alcea rosea 'Chater's Gold'	44
Puccinia malvacearum	Alcea rosea 'Double Yellow'	44
Puccinia malvacearum	Alcea rosea 'Nigra'	44
Puccinia malvacearum	Malva sylvestris 'Primley Blue'	44
Puccinia menthae	Mentha × gracilis 'Variegata'	44
Puccinia menthae	Origanum vulgare "Aureum"	44
Puccinia paludosa	Carex elata "Aurea"	41, 44, 46
Puccinia porri	Allium porrum 'Musselburgh'	42-44
Puccinia sessilis	Phalaris arundinacea 'Aureovariegata'	44, 49, 52
Puccinia vincae	Vinca major 'Variegata'	41, 44, 46, 49, 52
Tranzschelia discolor	Prunus domestica ssp. domestica 'Victoria'	49
Uromyces appendiculatus	Phaseolus coccineus 'Scarlet Emperor'	42, 43, 44

Appendix 2

Rust Taxa on Native Hosts Recorded from Elsewhere in Britain but not yet Confirmed from Wales.

The following taxa may occur in Wales but have yet to be reported from the principality. They are listed by the habitat they may occur in.

Sub-montane, upland and sea cliff.

Hyalopsora adianti-capilli-veneris On maidenhair fern Adiantum capilli-veneris, a rare fern confined to coastal districts in Wales. This rust has been rarely reported, though has been found in Scotland, Kent and County Galway, Ireland.

Hyalopsora aspidiotus Found on oak fern Gymnocarpium dryopteris, there are no recent British records of the rust fungus but the fern is widespread in Wales.

Phragmidium acuminatum The FRDBI lists a single record from Morayshire, Scotland in 1879 on stone bramble *Rubus saxatilis*. This species does, however, appear on a list of rusts from Forden Parish in Montgomeryshire (Vize 1882) but there are no records of the host from that part of Montgomeryshire and the record appears nowhere else in the literature. The rust is widespread in Europe with records from, amongst other countries, Norway, Denmark and Germany, and might just reach Wales.

Puccinia pazschkei var. juliana An uncommon rust in Scotland on purple saxifrage Saxifraga oppositifolia and yellow saxifrage S. aizoides. The former host is not uncommon on cliffs in Snowdonia and the Brecon Beacons. Other sub-montane rust species found in Wales have a markedly disjunct distribution with the nearest populations occurring in Highland Scotland, so this rust might occur in Wales.

Puccinia septentrionalis Occurs on alpine rue *Thalictrum alpinum* and viviparous bistort *Persicaria vivipara* in several locations in Scotland. The tiny populations of these hosts in Snowdonia should be searched for this rust.

Pucciniastrum pyrolae Reported from serrated wintergreen Orthilia secunda in the north of England and Scotland. The host in the Brecon Beacons should be searched for this rust.

Uredinopsis filicina This rust has been reported from Scotland and north and south-east England on beech fern *Phegopteris connectilis*, a widespread fern in the uplands of Wales.

Woodland

Pucciniastrum areolatum Alternating between Norway spruce Picea abies and bird cherry Prunus padus, there are a number of records of this rust from the north of England and Scotland. Given that both hosts are frequent in mid and north Wales this rust may yet be found in Wales.

Grassland and Wetland

Puccinia clintonii Rarely reported on marsh lousewort *Pedicularis palustris* and lousewort *P. sylvatica*. The FRDBI notes a record from Arklow, County Wicklow, Ireland and from the north of Scotland. It just may occur in Wales.

Puccinia longissima Occurring on crested hair-grass Koeleria macrantha as near to Wales as east Gloucestershire, this rust should be sought in South Wales.

Puccinia moliniae Alternating between purple moor-grass Molinia caerulea and selfheal Prunella vulgaris, there is a recent record on this latter host on the FRDBI from east Gloucestershire and old records from the former host from north Wiltshire and north Somerset. There are numerous records from Scotland and occasional records from the north of England. Given the frequency of the host plants in Wales there is a distinct probability of this rust occurring in Wales.



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Puccinia moliniae on purple moor-grass

Appendix 3

Pursuing an Interest in Rusts

Should this Red Data List and Census Catalogue spark an interest in this fascinating group of fungi the following sources may prove to be helpful.

Introducing the rusts

David Ingram and Noel Robertson provide one of the most readable introductions to this group of fungi, in chapter 9 of HarperCollins New Naturalist Volume 84 *Plant Disease*, published in 1999, entitled "A Treacherous, Mutable Tribe - The Rusts".

In 1981 Iowa State University Press, Ames, Iowa published Larry J. Littlefield's *Biology of the Plant Rusts - An Introduction*. This book is an excellent introduction to plant rusts for those people who are not familiar at all with these fungi. The book deals with the history of plant rusts, life cycles and taxonomy as well as host-pathogen relationships. The later chapters cover spore dispersal mechanisms and the control of rust diseases. The book was aimed at undergraduate level and although dated is not too technical and is suitable for the beginner.

Identification Guides.

There is no up to date, well-illustrated guide to British rust fungi in print.

Martin B. Ellis and J. Pamela Ellis in their magnificent *Microfungi on Land Plants. An Identification Handbook* published as a new enlarged edition by The Richmond Publishing Co. Ltd. in 1997, whilst expensive, is an invaluable guide to all fungi found on land (and many aquatic plants) in Britain. The fungi are described and many illustrated by each host genus. So if you know the host you have immediately eliminated most species from consideration.

The most comprehensive monograph on British rusts was written by Malcolm Wilson and Douglas M. Henderson. Entitled *British Rust Fungi*, its last edition was produced in 1966 and in consequence is somewhat out of date. It has, however, been returned to print by Cambridge University Press and is available in both hard and soft back. Each species is described and many spore forms are illustrated by black and white line drawings. There is a key to genera but it is entirely reliant on teliospores so in practice it is of limited use. Instead, provided the host has been identified, recourse must be had to the index and comparison made between the descriptions of the rust species if more than one rust occurs on a particular host. Despite this it is a book worth acquiring. The easiest work to acquire, and the most practical for the beginner to use for basic naming is Douglas M. Henderson's *The Rust Fungi of the British Isles. A Guide to Identification by their Host Plants.* Published in 2004 by the British Mycological Society, Kew this lists the host plants by their families and the rusts they support. It can be downloaded as a PDF file from the web on www.aber.ac.uk/waxcap/links/. Couple this publication with Malcolm Storey's many fine illustrations on www.bioimages.org.uk and good progress is possible.

The only truly modern book with clear descriptions and colour illustrations is A.J. Termorshuizen and C.A. Swertz's *Roesten van Nederland* (*Dutch Rust Fungi*). Published in 2011 and sadly now out of print, the text is Dutch, followed by an English translation in a slightly smaller font. It covers 260 species, and takes in most if not all of the Welsh rust mycota.

Featured Species

These two species have been selected to illustrate the value of producing a Rust Fungus Red Data List for Wales. The first has highlighted the need in some sites to manage them for a normally little-regarded host species whilst the second identifies better targeted survey approaches to elucidate the true distribution of a little-recorded rust fungus.

Marsh Pennywort Rust (*Puccinia hydrocotyles*) Endangered in Wales.

Distinctive and easily spotted on marsh pennywort leaves by its cinnamon-brown pustulate uredosori scattered over the upper surface of the leaves, many thousands of host colonies have been searched, but only a handful have been found with this rust in Wales. All sites support other notable wetland species and unless alerted to the presence and importance of this rust, such a common species as marsh pennywort could be sacrificed to create new open water or allowed to be colonised by wet woodland.



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A rust fungus (*Puccinia dioicae*) on Small Sedges and Thistles Endangered in Wales

This rust alternates between the diminutive dioecious sedge or slightly larger common yellow sedge and meadow or marsh thistle. Finding the rust on the small leaves of sedges, whilst standing in usually a very wet peaty flush, is difficult. Targeting marsh thistles in close proximity to the sedges has located new records. There is a single record on meadow thistle from the North of England. Mid and South Wales support internationally notable populations of meadow thistle and should clearly be searched for this rust.



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