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FLORA OF HEREFORDSHIRE.

PART I.

BY THE REV. W. H. PURCHAS, L. Th.

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ADVERTISEMENT.

After lengthened delays, the first portion of the "FLORA OF HEREFORDSHIRE" is here presented to the Members of the Woolhope Club.

This portion will be found to consist of—First, an account of the Botanical Districts into which it has been found necessary to subdivide the County; Second, Geological Notes on each of these districts, from the able pen of the Rev. W. S. SYMONDS, F.G.S., Rector of Pendock; Third, a Map of the County, illustrating these divisions; and Fourth, a Tabular Summary of the plants hitherto found in each district.

It has of late years been felt that a very imperfect view of the botany of any county was given by the plan on which the older local Floras were drawn up; that plan being to mention Stations for the rarer plants, or those supposed to be such, whilst it was left to be inferred that the remainder were equally common throughout the whole area to which the Flora related. The real truth being that species, which from their frequency in one part of a county, might be expected to prevail equally throughout its whole extent, are found, when specially sought after, to be comparatively local. Nor on the older plan was any distinction shewn between those parts of the County which had been fully examined, and those which had received little or no attention. The plan of sub-dividing* the county and forming separate catalogues of plants for each district obviates this, and shews, at one view, what has been done, and how much remains to be accomplished.

* This plan was first adopted by my acute and deeply lamented friend, the Rev. W. H. COLEMAN, one of the Authors of the "FLORA HEREFORDIENSIS."

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As this first portion of the "FLORA OF HEREFORDSHIRE" supplies a condensed view of the results hitherto attained, it has been thought better to issue it at once, rather than to delay its appearance until the remaining portion of the work shall have been printed. The latter will consist of a more detailed mention of the different plants, specifying their localities when desirable, and giving any further information that may seem needful. In that portion of the work I hope to mention by name the many kind and able correspondents who have aided me with their observations. At present I must content myself with a brief and general expression of thanks for their invaluable assistance. I hope this first instalment of the work will prove to them that their labours have not been vainly bestowed, and that it will stimulate them to further exertions in the same field. I shall be glad to hear of any additions they may make to the different district lists, and to be informed of any inaccuracies they may detect. It is very desirable to confirm the accuracy of any new locality, by sending a specimen of the plant whenever practicable.

W. H. PURCHAS.

Gloucester, April, 1867.



APPENDIX No. 1.

SUMMARY
OF THE
GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF PLANTS
IN HEREFORDSHIRE.

	NUMBER AND NAME OF DISTRICT.													
	ST. WEONARDS.													
	ROSS.	WOOLHOPE.	LEDBURY.	BROMYARD.	FROME.	HEREFORD.	WEOLBY.	LEOMINSTR.	AYMESTRY.	KINGTON.	FEMBRIDGE.	GOLDEN VALLEY.	LACK MOUNTAIN.	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<i>Clematis Vitalba</i> , Linn.	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10		12?		14
<i>Thalictrum flavum</i> , L.	1	2	3				7	8						
<i>Anemone nemorosa</i> , L.	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10		12		14
(<i>Myosurus minimus</i> , L.)									?					
<i>Ranunculus heterophyllus</i> , Fr.	1	2	3	4			?	8	9	10	11	12		14
<i>Drouettii</i> , Bab.		?						8						
<i>trichophyllus</i> , Fr.								?						
<i>circinatus</i> , Sibth.							7			10				
<i>fluitans</i> , Lam.	1	2					7	8	9			?		
<i>hederaceus</i> , L.	1	2	3	4			7	8	9			12		14
<i>Ficaria</i> , L.	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10		12		14
<i>Flammula</i> , L.	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10		12		14
<i>Lingua</i> , L.													13	
<i>auricomus</i> , L.	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10		12		14
<i>acris</i> , L.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		14
<i>repens</i> , L.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		14
<i>bulbosus</i> , L.	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10		12		14
<i>hirsutus</i> , Curt.	1		3			6	7	8	9	10		12	13	14
<i>sceleratus</i> , L.	2	3	4			6	7	8	9	10			13	14
<i>parviflorus</i> , L.	2	3	4				7	8					13	
<i>arvensis</i> , L.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		12	13	14
<i>Caltha palustris</i> , L.	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10		12		14
* <i>Trollius europæus</i> , L.								8					13	14
<i>Helleborus viridis</i> , L.	2	3			5	6		8	9					14
<i>foetidus</i> , L.	2	3					7							
<i>Aquilegia vulgaris</i> , L.	1	2	3	4				8	9					
<i>Aconitum Napellus</i> , L.	2							9						
* <i>Berberis vulgaris</i> , L.	2	3					7	8	9			12		
<i>Nuphar lutea</i> , Sm.			4				7	8						