

# Cors Geirch Recorders' Day

## 5th June 2013

Twelve recorders met-up at Boduan to explore the biological delights of Cors Geirch SSSI, the largest expanse of fen habitat on the Llyn Peninsula. The species groups covered on the day included bryophytes, vascular plants, birds, spiders, aquatic invertebrates, Lepidoptera and a few incidentals.

The weather was kind to us, with almost wall-to-wall sunshine, making for an enjoyable day out in the field.

Les Colley, the NNR warden, guided the group to an area at the north of this extensive wetland site. Here the group dispersed to focus in on their own specialisms, the tranquillity of the site interrupted only by the swish of several sweep-nets, the yaffle of Green Woodpeckers and the periodic revving of a vacuum sampler! Les pointed out specimens of *Dactylorhiza traunsteineri*, with their intense violet flowers - a rare fenland orchid. Other highlights from this area included the fly *Orthonevra geniculata* representing only the second record of this species in North Wales. Three spiders new to the SSSI were also found: *Theridiosoma gemmosum*, *Xysticus ulmi* and *Ozyptila brevipes*; with *X. ulmi* and *O. brevipes* representing the first species records for Caernarvonshire.

Following lunch we travelled to the southern section of the fenland near to Rhyd-y-clafdy. Once again people dispersed across the site in search of their species groups. Les was on hand to show people some of the site's plant specialities, including the carnivorous *Utricularia intermedia* at its most southerly British location. Andrew Graham managed to find larvae of the micromoth *Coleophora genistae* living in tiny leaf-cases constructed out of its food plant *Genista anglica*.

So far 202 records from the day have been received, representing 157 different species. Additional records are expected following the results of microscopic identifications.

