

The Wild Gladiolus in Britain Past, Present and Future

A one-day conference on its biology and status
Brockenhurst Village Hall, New Forest, Hampshire
Saturday 13th March 2010



The Wild Gladiolus (*Gladiolus illyricus* Koch) is one of the most prized and emblematic wild plants of the New Forest. Yet knowledge of its existence goes back little more than 150 years; its taxonomy and status have often been called into question; and now its fortunes seem to be in decline.

This one-day conference will bring together many of the people who have studied the plant in recent decades, with the hope of consolidating and spreading knowledge, encouraging further study and supporting conservation efforts.

Chair: Clive Chatters (Chairman, New Forest National Park Authority and well-known local botanist)

09:30	ARRIVAL AND REFRESHMENTS	
10:00	Welcome and introduction	Chair: Clive Chatters
	Taxonomy and genetics	Anthony Hamilton (British Gladiolus Society)
	Biology and ecology	Jonathan Stokes (Tree Council, former researcher)
	The early recording history	Geoff Toone (Botanical Society of the British Isles)
	Recording and populations in the last 60 years	Martin Rand (Botanical Society of the British Isles)
12:30	LUNCH	
13:30	Mapping the habitat of <i>Gladiolus</i>	Adrian Newton and Sarah North (University of Bournemouth)
	<i>Gladiolus</i> and historic land management	Richard Reeves (Christopher Tower Library, NF Museum)
	Current initiatives to conserve <i>Gladiolus</i>	Simon Weymouth (Forestry Commission)
15:15	TEA	
15:45	Open discussion: lessons to learn, projects to plan	Chair: Clive Chatters
16:45	END	

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