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North-western Isle of Skye, North Ebudes (v.c.104), 9th –11th July

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Seventeen folk took part in some or all of the three-day event, coming from Hove in the south to Tain in the north. The weather was excellent, apart from some rain on Sunday morning, which soon cleared, and we completed the task of covering tetrads in the 10km square NG15 and managed some in NG14 as well. A total of nearly 2,400 records was made, a useful contribution to tetrad recording on Skye.

Highlights included lots of *Botrychium lunaria* (Moonwort) and *Orobanche alba* (Thyme Broomrape), *Anagallis tenella* (Bog Pimpernel), *Carlina vulgaris* (Carline Thistle), a single plant of *Draba incana* (Hoary Whitlowgrass), one good group of five
Hammarbya paludosa (Bog Orchid) plants, Osmunda regalis (Royal Fern), Ribes spicatum (Downy Currant), Saxifraga oppositifolia (Purple Saxifrage), Vicia orobus (Wood Bitter-vetch), and Vulpia bromoides (Squirrel-tail Fescue). The Ribes spicatum records included the first record in NG15 since 1868!

Old records for Dryas octopetala (Mountain Avens) (1958), Lycopodium clavatum (Stag's-horn Clubmoss) (1968) and Saussurea alpina (Alpine Saw-wort) (1958) were amongst those not re-found.

Other interesting finds included Scrophularia auriculata (Water Figwort) and Potentilla reptans (Creeping Cinquefoil), both common plants in other parts of the British Isles, but rare here.

This was a productive meeting apparently enjoyed by all who took part. There is still plenty of Skye to cover in future events........