

HELP NEEDED WITH ROSS-SHIRE FUNGUS SURVEY

Since 2004 I have been compiling records of fungi (all groups) from Ross-shire, v.c. 105 and 106. Historical records from literature and herbaria, have been augmented by a systematic programme of fieldwork.

With 98 whole or part 10km grid squares covering the area I am aiming at geographical as well as mycological coverage. A 'target' of 100 species per 10km square has been adopted, although the better-worked squares have far more than this. 91 squares have now reached their target!

The remaining 7 are difficult of access. (Note – for hectads only partly in VCs 105 and 106 the target is <100 species - actually the number of 1km squares in the VCs.).

The last few remote under-worked hectads are shown in the table below, so if you are heading to these please do what you can to add to the lists.

Any help with records, whether macrofungi; mushrooms, brackets, puffballs etc., plant pathogens: mildews, rusts, smuts, leaf spots etc, or ascomycetes on soil or wood, will be gratefully received and duly acknowledged in the proposed publication.

Please send records and/or dried specimens to me at the address below. Later stages of the survey will concentrate on unworked squares plus specialised habitats and substrates.

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NH02	85	1	84	Track to Glomach Falls, woodland by Loch na Leitreach.
NH03	70	0	70	No obvious sites, mountainous, many tracks, all distant, no Munros.
NH07	100	0	100	Long tracks from Kinlochewe and Dundonnell, 3 Munros, little woodland E of Beinn a' Chlaidheimh.
NH12	15	0	15	Inaccessible, land S of L. Mullardoch, little woodland.
NH14	95	13	82	Inaccessible other than by tracks from end of Strathconon or from Craig on A 890.
NH16	100	1	99	Mountains W of L. Fannich, 2 Munros, part accessible from A832 in Strathbran, small area of woodland.
NH38	100	0	100	Freevater & Trollmuick Forests, mountains, long tracks from Alladale Lodge and Strathvaich. No woodland.

Many thanks.

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