

U DX214

Papers of Professor Ronald Good

1929-1958

Biographical Background:

Ronald D'Oyley Good was born in Dorchester on 5th March 1896 and retained a passion for Dorset throughout his life publishing numerous articles and books including *A Geographical Handbook of the Dorset Flora* (published in 1948), *The Last Villages of Dorset* (1979) and *Concise Flora of Dorset* (1984).

During the First World War he served with the Dorset Regiment, and later the Lincolnshire Regiment. He was wounded in the trenches and invalided home. He studied at Downing College, Cambridge and in 1922 his interest in botany secured him a position at the Natural History Museum and he remained there for six years.

In 1928 he took a position in the Botany department at Hull staying for over thirty years and rising to become Professor of Botany and Head of Department until his retirement in 1959. Here he developed a his interest in plant geography with the publication in 1948 of *The Geography of the Flowering Plants* which quickly became a standard reference text. He also had a strong interest in the evolutionary process including man's role in both the transfer and destruction of species, publishing two key texts *Features of Evolution in Flowering Plants* (1956) and *The Philosophy of Evolution* (1981).

He died on 11 December 1992.

Custodial history:

Donated by the Department of Applied Biology, University of Hull, through Ann Braithwaite, 28 July 1989

Description:

This collection consists of Professor Ronald Good's notes on Liliiflorae and related documents including correspondence concerning the Distribution Maps Scheme for the Botanical Society. Most of the notes are handwritten and many are in draft form. The collection also includes several essays written by Professor Good as well as black and white photographs of Spurn Point and various species of trees.

Extent: 74 items, 8 files & 1 bundle

Related material:

Papers of Eva Crackes [U DEC] and [L DIEC] both currently uncatalogued
Herbarium compiled by William Whytehead [U DX68]
Records of the East Riding Teachers Scientific Society, 1947-1954 [U DX147]

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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U DX214/1	<p>Notes</p> <p>Contents of an original box file marked: 'Notes relating to the East Riding Flora' compiled by Professor R.D. Good. Contains one small typed volume providing a list of plants with details including Latin name, popular name and, at times, the habitat where they were found in the East Riding. This bundle also includes many handwritten sheets of [draft] notes, a list of plants growing at Hall Ings, Cottingham and a ticket for a concert at University College Unemployed Men's Education Centre held on 23 Mar 1934. An envelope dated 1956 contains a letter and notes sent from a G.A. Nelson detailing the flora of the environs of Pocklington (letter dated 4 Jan 1957). There is also a typed list entitled 'Species needed for East Riding Herbarium 1954'.</p> <p>1 bundle</p>	1930s-1950s
U DX214/2	<p>Checklists comprising:</p> <p>a) Typescript copy. Checklist of Monocotyledones</p> <p>b) Typescript copy. Checklist of Angiospermae</p> <p>The checklists provide notes, sometimes from other sources, of where and when plants seen; whether there is any recent record of sightings and other details.</p> <p>2 items</p>	mid 20th cent.
U DX214/3	<p>Photographs of Spurn Point, including the military railway .Includes five small individual sepia photos of [Spurn] as well as one sheet of small black and white photos of [Spurn] with an envelope containing the original negatives. Also includes one small black and white photo of a man in a field of tall plants and a small map of East Yorkshire, black and white, printed on photographic paper.</p> <p>13 items</p>	mid 20th cent.
U DX214/4	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>From, amongst others: E.J. Butler, F.E. Crackles, Lord Halifax, J. Hope - Simpson, William S. Lacey, T.F. Medd, Franklyn Perring, Donald Pigott, Marjorie E. Thompson. The correspondence is mostly handwritten and predominantly about where and when plant species have been spotted. There are also offers of help towards the Distribution Maps Scheme for the Botanical Society of which Professor Good was in charge of the scheme for the East Riding of Yorkshire. Some letters include notes on plants found at specific locations within the East Riding. 55 items</p>	5 Oct 1929- 7 Nov 1958

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U DX214/5	<p>File of research notes on Liliiflorae analysis (section 1) The file is entitled: Liliiflorae: original alphabetical lists. List of species seen in the Brit. [Ilus.] Plate Collection, together with the formula allocated to each species, and rough sketches of some irregular flowers. Species are arranged under genera, genera alphabetically under families (Bentham and Hooker's families). It includes some pencil drawings and diagrams. 1 file</p>	1950s
U DX214/6	<p>File of research notes on Liliiflorae analysis (section 2) The file is entitled: Species arranged according to Perianth Form. 1 file</p>	1950s
U DX214/7	<p>File of research notes on Liliiflorae analysis (section 3) The file is entitled: Species arranged according to 4 components: pasture, homogeneity or the perianth, position of the ovary, exposure of the stamens. 1 file</p>	1950s
U DX214/8	<p>File of research notes on Liliiflorae analysis (section 4-6) The file is entitled: List of genera not included in the analysis. Copy of British Association talk. Main Charts: all formulae plotted on a single chart, charts arranged in various ways. There is a contents page. The copy of the British Association talk is missing. 1 file</p>	1950s
U DX214/9	<p>File of research notes on Liliiflorae analysis (section 7-13) The sections are entitled: 7) Subsidiary charts 8) Frequently occurring formulae 9) Distribution of formulae within 10 larger genera 10) Distribution of formulae within tribes 11) Various lists 12) Notes on anomalies and difficulties 13) Remarks on the charts 1 file</p>	1950s

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U DX214/10	<p>File of research notes on Liliiflorae analysis (section 14) The file is entitled: A list, arranged alphabetically under genera, of Liliiflorae species illustrations from various sources in [University College Hull] Library [c. 330 species]. 1 file</p>	1950s
U DX214/11	<p>File. 'Notes for evolution book' Includes lists of groupings of plants. 1 file</p>	1950s
U DX214/12	<p>File. 'Solitary flowers' Contains a short [essay], including charts, on solitary flowers and lists of plant families. 1 file</p>	1950s
U DX214/13	<p>Research notes, papers, charts, relating to Professor Good's work on distribution of floral types These notes are mostly handwritten and contain several essays. There are essays entitled 'A study of the distribution of certain plant groups characteristic of arid regions and its use in determining the ages of the deserts', which includes a contents page and bibliography, 'What is the cause of floral diversity?', 'Liliiflorae: perianth form' and 'An analysis of floral form in the Liliiflorae' as well as a short essay on Liliiflorae and notes entitled 'Geographical distribution of Frankeniaceae [Bray W.L.]'. There are printed maps showing the distribution of different families of plants around the world including: Frankeniaceae, Crassulaceae, Chenopodiaceae, Amaranthaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Tamaricaceae, Cactaceae, Portulacaceae, Zygophyllaceae and Aizoaceae. There are also pencil diagrams of plants within particular families including Iridaceae and Amaryllidaceae, plant lists of different groups and some printed charts concerning different aspects of floral analysis. 1 bundle</p>	1950s
U DX214/14	<p>Papers relating to 'Trees and Trout', by Dr. Frank Eve comprising: a) Typescript of unpublished book entitled 'Trees and Trout', by Dr. Frank Eve, c. 127 pages, 1940s b) Notebook containing black and white photographs, to be used as illustrations for the above, with captions and notes, no date c) Explanatory note by Prof. R.D. Good, 1 May 1956 3 items</p>	1940s-1956