

30. Brånerydsbranten

Up on the hilltop at Jöransberg there are many well-used paths and fine viewpoints with rewarding views over the countryside.

Along the heights between the residential areas of Bråneryd in the southern part of Huskvarna and Jöransberg up on the hill, is the Brånerydsbranten slope. It is a continuation of the long Östra Vätterbranten. On the hillside and scree which face west there are steep slopes and shelves. Several woodland brooks run down the steep slope, embedded in greenery and vegetation.

Deciduous woodland dominates, with oak, lime, ash, maple and hazel. Up on the hilltop and on drier areas of

bare rock, there are knotty pine trees together with oak, hazel and juniper bushes. Birch, aspen and mountain ash are other common trees; many of the trees are old. Here there are unusual wood-living fungi and lichens and many hollow trees which are important for insects and hole-nesting birds. Grove flora is rich with narrow-leaved bittercress, dog's mercury and spring vetchling, for example. Wet greenstone surfaces are an interesting environment for mosses such as bog bilberry and tortured tortella moss.

On the cliff slope are several springs and riverlets. One of the small springs below Jöransäng is Moster Maja-Lenas källa. In the lower part of the steep slope there are a couple of disused quarries where quarrying once took place.



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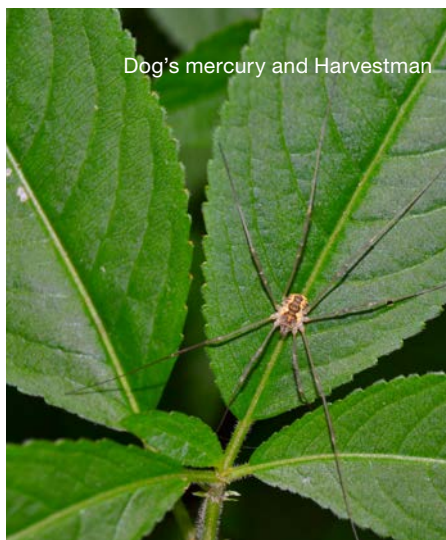
The Lillån river is close to the urban area of Huskvarna Söder, with paths, and some roads close to the river. A cycle path follows the Lillån river in the north, and the Lillåvägen road goes south. At the Bråneryd chapel there are paths to the river and a gravel road on the other side.

HOW TO GET THERE: Drive from Huskvarna Centre towards Tenhult, the Lillån river runs parallel to Tenhultsvägen.

PARKING: At Smedbyn, Vapenvallen and Bråneryd's kyrkogård (churchyard).

BUS: Bus from Huskvarna towards Tenhult, bus stop Bråneryd's kyrkogård.

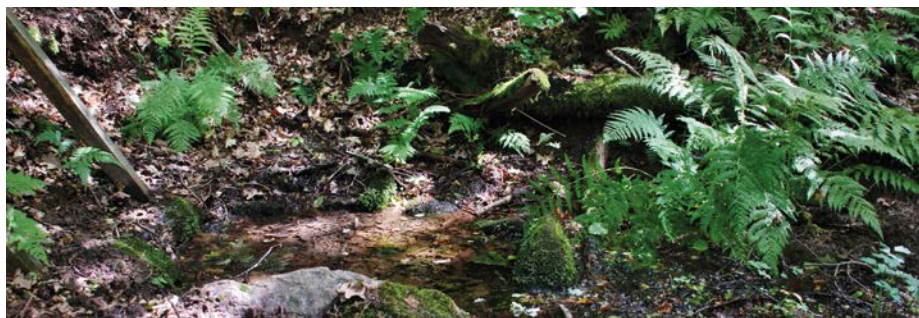
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Dog's mercury and Harvestman



Spring vetchling



Moster Maja-Lenas källa, a small spring

