


## 41. Häggeberg and Granbäck



The magnificent, natural open-air recreation area of Häggeberg and Granbäck is situated on the western Vättern hills, 3 km south of Bankeryd, at the Häggeberg waterworks.

The wood has many rocky outcrops and large boulders, moss-covered rocks and vertical or steep slopes.

The wooded hill rises towards the Häggeberg plateau some distance from the shore of Lake Vättern. The deciduous woodland which covers the hill and scree is mainly oak, but there are also ash, elm, lime, maple, willow, birch and grey alder.

On the lower part of the steep slopes are the habitats with the most species. A brook runs through a shallow ravine, with common alder on marshy levels. Paths connect the lower part with the upper part. Up on the steep

rocky slope are several viewpoints where one can view Lake Vättern.

The best time to visit the Häggeberg area is in the spring when the carpet of white wood anemone is in flower, together with yellow wood anemone and blue anemone. Here one can also see the rare hybrid between white and yellow wood anemone, *Anemone x lipsiensis*. Other flowers which bloom in small groves in the spring are dog's mercury, true-love, coralroot bitter-cream, wonder violet, spring vetchling, toothwort, moschatel, corydalis and the foul-smelling hedge woundwort. Among mosses can be mentioned silky

wall feather-moss and wall scalewort, while old wood rimmed lichen is one of many lichens which flourish in old woodland. There are many birds, with species such as lesser spotted woodpecker, black woodpecker and wood warbler. The area also has several uncommon and threatened snails and slugs. Here, for example, are the snail *Vertigo ronnebyensis* and the hedgehog slug, rare in inland areas.

Between Kortebovägen and the railway is the Granbäck oak wood with deciduous woodland and some groves with a rich flora. A very unusual lichen on the steep slope above the railway is



#### WORTH KNOWING

From Trångshälla in the north, paths and a minor gravel road go into the area, and from the dog club in the west there are many paths into the area. Alongside the railway is a riding and walking path.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Drive from Jönköping towards Bankeryd past Kortebo. Turn left at Falköpingsvägen up towards the Brukshundsklubben dog club. Or continue on and left at the Prinseryd sign.

**PARKING:** Parking at the dog club. One can also leave the car in the northern part of the area, about 200 m along Prinserydsvägen.

**BUS:** Bus towards Bankeryd from Jönköping, after about seven minutes you are at the Granbäck bus stop.

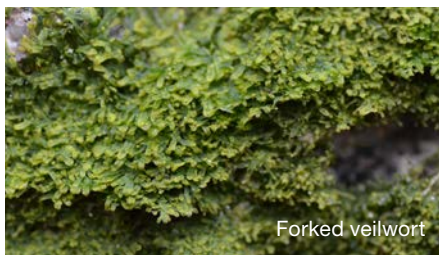
**DIFFICULTY:** ● *Advanced*



Red-legged shieldbug



Wall fern



Forked veilwort



Wood warbler



Hedge woundwort



Orydalis

the threatened speckled script-lichen, which is only found in a few places in Sweden.