

Moonwort has not been recorded for several years but it may still be present. It frequents drier grassy places sometimes under trees.

Many of the places it used to grow have been overgrown by bracken. It is a small fern very hard to see.

The plant is not visible from September to April and the spores ripen from June to August.

It used to be found all over Warton Crag. Some of the records below may refer to the same area.



#### Botrychium lunaria historical data

4 figure	Site	Grid Ref	Recorder	Date	Number	Comments
4476	Heathwaite	SD4476				Heathwaite near the lesser butterfly orchid site (back of gorse bush) One plant only
4573	Jack Scout	SD4592373607				1 frond, on the inland side of the path on its approach to the cliff top, in limestone grassland.
4776	Silverdale	SD478762				in limestone pasture EG
4972	Warton Crag	SD495725				Warton crag under hawthorn in Bracken field
4872	RSPB part of Warton Crag	SD488729				Under cleared scrub? J.M. Newton June 2000
4873	Warton Crag	SD489732				Under cleared blackthorn, 2 spikes. J.M. Newton June 2000
4973	Warton Crag LWT,	SD491730				5 fronds just emerging under ash tree, S end of section 7. West Field, W6
4973	Warton Crag	SD491731				In grassland, a lot in various places.
4972	Warton Crag LWT,	SD492729				30, start of w ramparts, by path, Strickland Wood S
4972	Warton Crag LNR	SD495725				In main bracken area
4972	Warton Crag	SD497728				Warton Crag Potts Wood (38 steps from bottom between 2 boulders, 8 plants)
4972	Warton Crag	SD497726				Grassland under trees. also main bracken area

