

# Oxford Herbaria & Clarence Bicknell

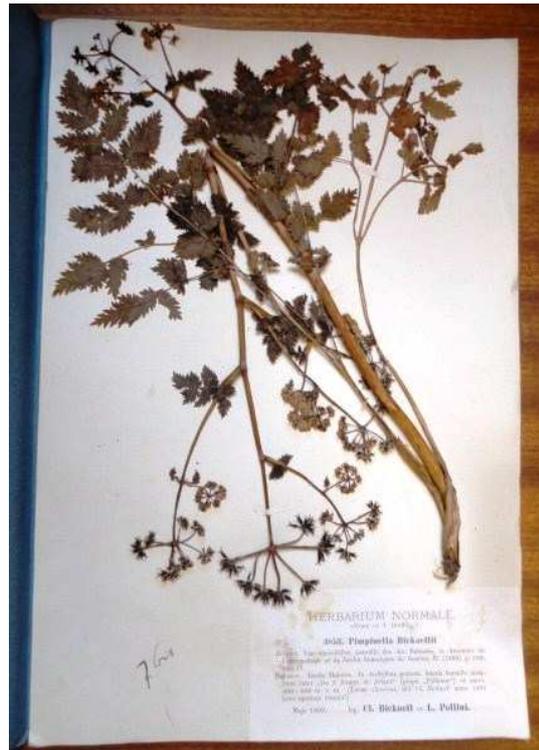
## (Note of Graham Avery)

The Fielding-Druce herbarium in the Oxford University Herbaria holds the collections of famous botanists including Johan Jacob Dillenius (1684-1747), Robert Morison (1620-1683), John Sibthorp (1758-1796) and William Sherard (1659-1728), together with material from Henry Borron Fielding (1805-1851) and George Claridge Druce (1850-1932).

The herbarium also holds specimens from Clarence Bicknell (1842-1918), whose entry in the hand-book states that he collected on the Riviera and Corfu, and contributed specimens from France, Italy and Greece (Herbaria of the Department of Botany in the University of Oxford, by Hermia Clokie, 1964, page 131). The number of specimens from Clarence Bicknell is estimated at about 100. They were not acquired directly by the University, but through other collections that came into the herbarium.

In January 2014, with the assistance of Serena Marner, Manager of the Fielding-Druce Herbarium, I examined 30 specimens collected by Clarence Bicknell (with the exception of one found by FC Norris). Many were collected at Bordighera or nearby, while 6 were collected on Corfu (May-June 1891), 6 in Toscana (September 1891 - Apuan Alps, Bagni di Lucca, Viareggio, Sarzana), 4 in or near Val di Pesio, 3 in the Maritime Alps (Casterino, Peirafica, San Dalmazzo), 1 in the Vosges (Gerardmer) and 1 on Majorca. 28 were collected in the period 1890-95, and the rest in 1905 (Casterino) & 1911 (Tenda).

The specimens came to Oxford from various sources. Many are labelled 'Herbarium C. Bicknell Bordighera' or 'Herb C. Bicknell' while others have 'Herbarium Normale I Dörfler' or 'Herbarium Europaeum Dr C Baenitz' One each come from 'Flora Italica Exsiccata' 'Herb. Mrs Norris' 'Herb AE Lomax Liverpool' 'Herb Rev WH Painter' and 'Herb Rev Preb HE Fox'.



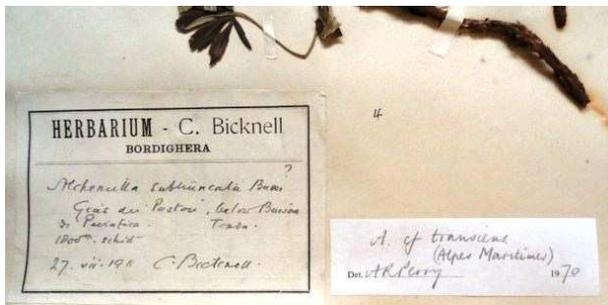
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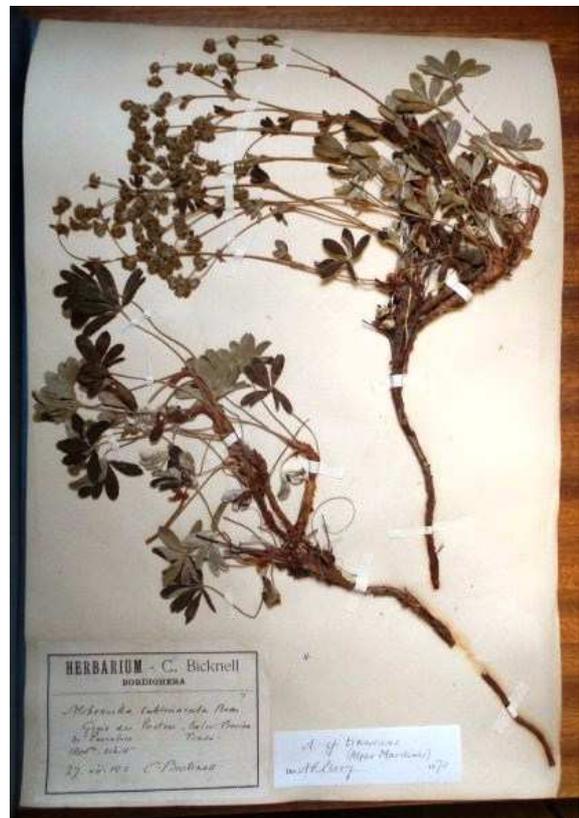


***Pimpinella Bicknellii***. Left and at top of first page. This plant endemic to Majorca was discovered by Clarence Bicknell and named after him in 1898 by John Briquet, Director of the Botanical Garden of Geneva. The specimen has a label of the Herbarium Normale of Ignaz Dörfle stating (in botanical Latin) that it was ‘collected by Clarence Bicknell and Luigi Pollini in May 1899 on Majorca at a height of 4-500 metres on rocky

slopes on the northern side of the hills between the two farms of Ariant (near Pollenza) and the sea, the locus classicus where Bicknell first discovered it in 1897’



***Alchemilla subtruncata* Buser**. Above and left. This specimen, with a label of the Herbarium C. Bicknell Bordighera, was collected by Clarence Bicknell at Gias dei Pastori, Baissa da Peirafica, Tenda, on 27 July 1911. A label added in 1970 mentions that *A. transiens* is a synonym.



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