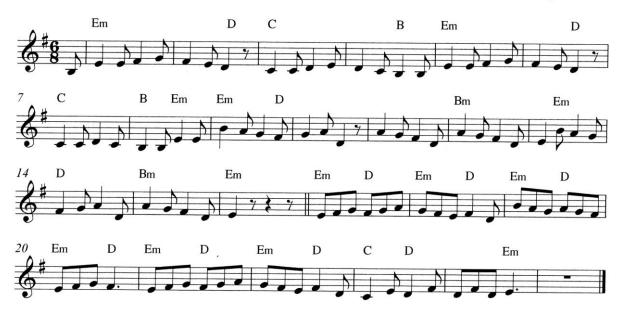
Ploughman's Spikenard

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Here's a fine photograph of Ploughman's Spikenard, taken by one Donald Macauley. As you have gathered, it is a wild flower, native, not common in the north, and possessing a most splendid name! 'Spikenard' sounds a little aggressive, but it is, in fact, an ancient word for an aromatic ointment.