

***Daucus carota* L. subsp. *gummifer* (Syme) Hook. f. Sea Carrot**

Native

GB & England: Least Concern

VC5 Lost; VC6 Rare

A biennial herb of maritime cliffs, grassland and dunes. In VC5, first recorded at Shurton Bars by J.C. Collins (Watson, 1837). In 1908 E.S. Marshall collected a specimen (now in **CGE**) from near Minehead [SS9548] which has been determined as this taxon by P.D. Sell. The last record for VC5 was at Shurton Bars, where it was collected by H. Slater in 1915 (specimen in **TTN**). In VC6, recorded near Brean by J.C. Collins (Watson, 1837) and seen on Brean Down by J.C. Melvill (Murray, 1896). Its occurrence on Brean Down was confirmed by E. Ellman in 1919 (Roe, 1981). H.S. Thompson collected a specimen (now in **BIRM**, see <http://herbariaunited.org/specimen/309264/>) from limestone cliffs by the quarry at Uphill in 1931. In 2014 a single plant was found by Helena Crouch and Fred Rumsey on south-facing rocks at the east end of Brean Down, with *Orobanche minor* subsp. *maritima*. In 2020 Liz Downey recorded this species further west along Brean Down, in the adjacent hectad. Sea Carrot is mostly distributed around southern and western coasts of Britain and in the south of Ireland; sites in Somerset are within this range.

VC6

Brean Down SSSI ST295588 2020 ELD

Brean Down SSSI ST30055884 2014 HJC, FJR 1 on S-facing rocks, E end of Brean Down



Daucus carota subsp. *gummifer* on Brean Down (2014). Photo: FJR