

***Apera spica-venti* (L.) P. Beauv.**

Loose Silky-bent

Archaeophyte

Near Threatened

VC5 Absent; VC6 Extinct

An annual grass of sandy arable fields, tracks and waste ground. In Somerset, only ever found as a casual, in VC6. Recorded in a lane near Keynsham in 1898 by D. Fry, on a dust-heap at Bath in 1899 and at Portishead station-yard in 1904 (White, 1912). Last seen in 1931 on the strand-line at Berrow Sands by H.S. Thomson. This species is now mainly to be found around London and in East Anglia, Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire.