

***Lycopodiella inundata* (L.) Holub**

**Marsh Clubmoss**

Native

Endangered

UKBAP

Plantlife Back from the Brink species

Nationally Scarce

VC5 Extinct; VC6 Absent

A procumbent perennial herb with erect fertile stems, found on wet peaty soils, particularly on bare disturbed areas. Only recorded twice in Somerset, on Exmoor and the Blackdowns, but not seen since 1850. This species appears in Colman's list for near Minehead, in 1849 (Miller, 1933), but there are no subsequent records for this area. In his Flora of Somerset, Murray (1896) gave a record for Staple Fitzpaine, about 1850, recorded by C. Parish. Miller (1933), however, commented that this species did not appear in Parish's list in his own handwriting, dated 1850. There have been no further records for the Blackdowns. Although once distributed at scattered sites throughout the British Isles, this species has declined dramatically and has been lost from many other parts of the former distribution as well as sites in Somerset. This decline is thought to be the result of a combination of drainage, agricultural reclamation, afforestation, development pressure and lack of grazing or other disturbance.