

Orobanche minor Sm. subsp. ***maritima*** (Pugsley) Rumsey

Carrot Broomrape

Native

Nationally Scarce

VC5 Absent; VC6 Extinct

An annual largely restricted to calcareous maritime cliffs, parasitic almost exclusively on *Daucus carota* subsp. *gummifer*. In Somerset, recorded infrequently at Brean. First recorded on Brean Down by W.B. Waterfall in 1879, determined by A. Bennett. Discovered on sandhills near Brean in 1882 by G.C. Druce, again passed by A. Bennett. Found again on Brean Down by Miss Livett in 1885, her specimen named by F. Rawdon Smith. Last recorded in Somerset by I.W. Evans (confirmed by R.D. Graham) on the south side of Brean Down in 1957. Although included (as *O. maritima*) in the second edition of the Red Data Book (Perring & Farrell, 1983) because of a previous decline in distribution, there has been no real evidence of recent decline (Rumsey in Stewart, Pearman & Preston, 1994).