

Festuca filiformis Pourr.

Fine-leaved Sheep's-fescue

Native

GB: Least Concern

England: Least Concern

VC5 Extinct; VC6 Extinct

A densely tufted perennial grass of heathland and moorland, open woodland and other grassy places, usually on acid sandy soils. Recorded only once in VC5 (as *Festuca ovina* var. *capillata* Hackel (*F. tenuifolia* Sibth.)) at Staple Common (Marshall, 1914). In VC6, collected in 1925 at Flax Bourton by T.G. Tutin (specimen in **LTR**) and in 1945 in ST43 at an altitude of 76m by V.S. Summerhayes (specimen in **K**). There have been no subsequent records for Somerset. Although possibly overlooked, this species is quite rare in the west (Cope & Gray, 2009).