

***Prunella laciniata* (L.) L.**

**Cut-leaved Selfheal**

Neophyte

VC5 Absent; VC6 Rare

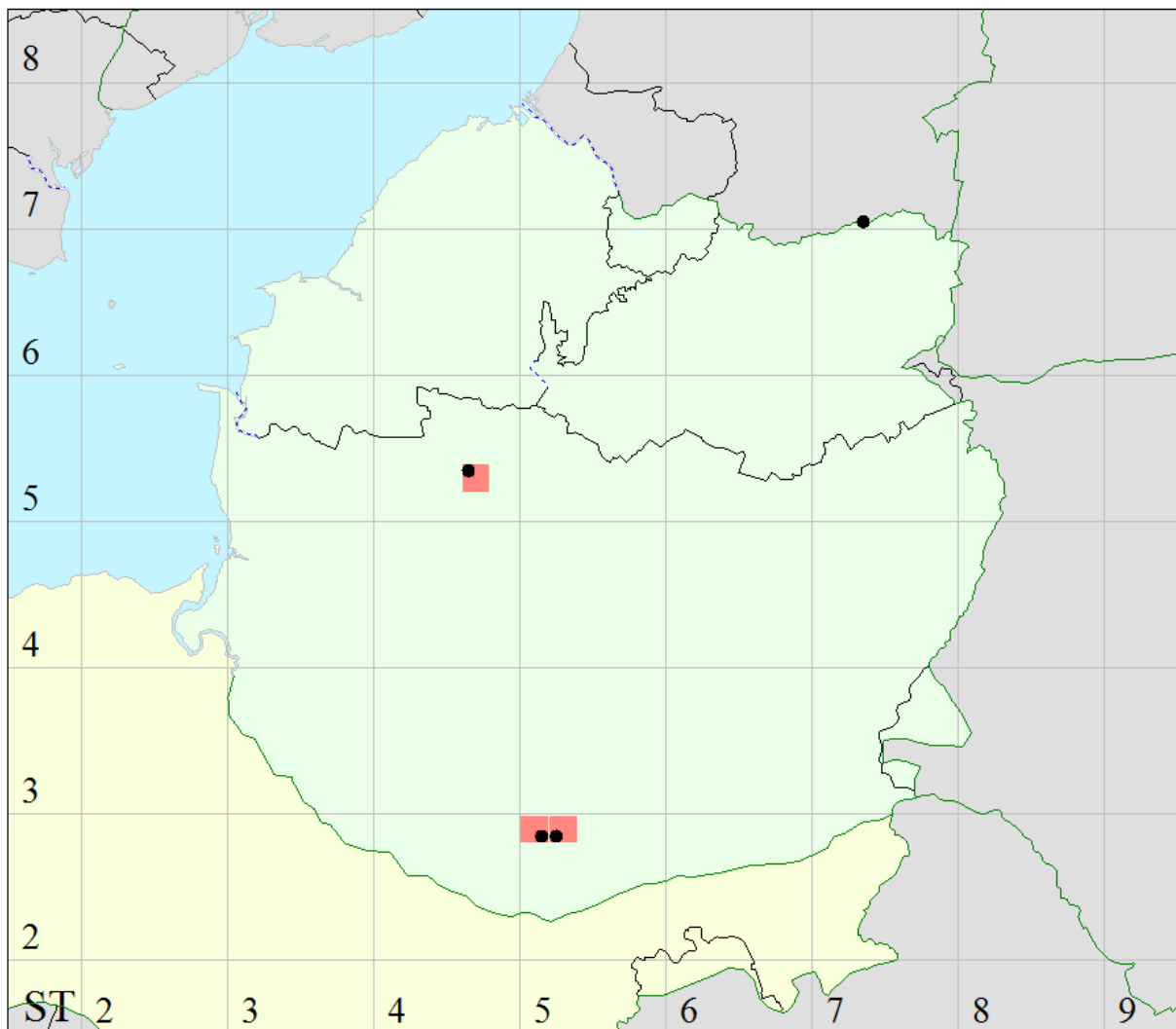
A rhizomatous perennial of short calcareous grassland. First described as a British plant from Somerset, by James W. White, who had known it from above Cheddar for twenty years (White, 1906). Still to be found in that area, near the top of Jacob's Ladder on the south side of the gorge. Recorded on the south side of Creech Hill, Bruton by C.E. Moss and also by W. Watson (Marshall, 1914) but not reported here since. Discovered in 1966, by C.A. Howe, on Green Down near Charlton Mackrell, where it has been suggested that it was introduced by nearby trains; still persisting in good numbers. Discovered in 2000 by Donald MacIntyre at a new site at Langridge, north of Bath. This species declined dramatically during the twentieth century and is now largely restricted to southern England. The Somerset sites are the most westerly, apart from one site in Ireland.



*Prunella laciniata* at Cheddar (2009). Photo: HJC

## VC6

Cheddar	SSSI	ST46555379	2009	HJC, FJR	Few plants in grassland S of path
Cheddar	SSSI	ST465538	2009	HJC, FJR	16 plants on path just W of craggy rocks
Cheddar	SSSI	ST46595380	2009	HJC, FJR	Many plants in grassland to S of path
Cheddar	SSSI	ST46625379	2009	HJC, FJR	2 plants in short grass S of fence by path
Green Down	SSSI	ST51642888	2009	HJC, FJR	Small patch on footpath on upper S-facing slope
Green Down	SSSI	ST517288	2009	HJC, FJR	Few patches on upper S-facing slope
Green Down	SSSI	ST518288	2009	HJC, FJR	Few small patches on upper S-facing slope
Green Down	SSSI	ST51982879	2009	HJC, FJR	Small patch on upper S-facing slope
Green Down	SSSI	ST519288	2009	HJC, FJR	Few patches on upper S-facing slope
Green Down	SSSI	ST52002878	2009	HJC, FJR	20 plants on upper S-facing slope
Langridge		ST73267003	2014	SRPG	4 plants in glorious grassland on S-facing slope
Langridge		ST73257003	2014	SRPG	2 plants in glorious grassland on S-facing slope



Distribution of *Prunella laciniata* in North Somerset (VC6), mapped using MapMate. Black dots are post-2000 records; red squares are 1987-1999 monad or tetrad records