

***Campanula rapunculus* L.**

Rampion Bellflower

Archaeophyte

GB & England: Endangered

Section 41

GB Rare

VC5 Lost; VC6 Absent

A perennial herb of sandy tracks and field margins, roadsides, railway banks and quarries. Once cultivated as a root vegetable, it was formerly found as a relic of cultivation and a casual escape, but has declined dramatically. In Somerset, Murray (1896) gave three sites in VC5: occasionally found in fields near Yeovil by J. Sowerby, who believed it to be sown with the crop; several plants seen in a sandy lane near Pavish Mill in 1891; and recorded by W. Galpin on a roadside near Yarlinton. There have been no records for VC5 since the publication of Murray's flora and none at all for VC6. Sites in Somerset were near the western limit of the former distribution of this species.