

***Carex x deserta* Merino**

(*C. laevigata x binervis*)

Native

GB: Vulnerable

VC5 Rare; VC6 Absent

A rare hybrid sedge first found in Britain in 1961 by Arthur Chater, on a damp roadside slope near Llyn Du, north of Tremadog, Caernarfonshire, and re-found nearby in 2009 (Jones, 2010). The only other known sites are in Somerset. In VC5 first found in 1998, growing with both parents in a wet flush on Dunkery Hill, Exmoor (Stace *et al.*, 2015). In 2010, Jeanne Webb found this hybrid at a second location nearby, at Holt Ball, near Luccombe. With a new location discovered near each of the original sites, this hybrid may be increasing in Britain and in Somerset, although it may have been overlooked in the past.

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Holt Ball	SSSI	SS91874377	2010	JW	



*Carex x deserta* on Dunkery Hill, Exmoor (2011). Photo: FJR