

***Drosera intermedia*** Hayne

**Oblong-leaved Sundew**

Native

GB: Least Concern

England: Vulnerable

VC5 Rare; VC6 Rare

An insectivorous perennial herb of acidic peaty flushes on wet heaths and bogs. In VC5 Murray (1896) listed bogs on the Blackdown Hills and a bog on Chard Common as the only sites. It was last seen on Chard Common in 1970 by John Keylock and has dwindled on the Blackdowns, with recent records only from Yarty Moor in VC5 and Brimley Hill Mire in VC3 but administrative Somerset. In the 1990s this species was also recorded from Southey Moor (in VC3 but administrative Somerset), Widcombe Moor and Britty Common, but there are no subsequent records from these sites. In VC6 only ever known on Black Down, where it was last seen in the nineteenth century by D. Fry (Murray, 1896) and on the peat moors. Although formerly recorded from Burtle turf moor in 1847, Sharpham in 1959 and Westhay Plot in 1965, there have only been recent records on the peat moors from Street Heath, last seen in 2001 and Shapwick Heath, last seen in 2015: this species may now be lost from both sites. *Drosera intermedia* has declined in lowland England due to drainage, peat extraction, loss of heathland and afforestation; this decline is evident in Somerset.



*Drosera intermedia* at Yarty Moor (2020). Photo: HJC

### VC3 Somerset

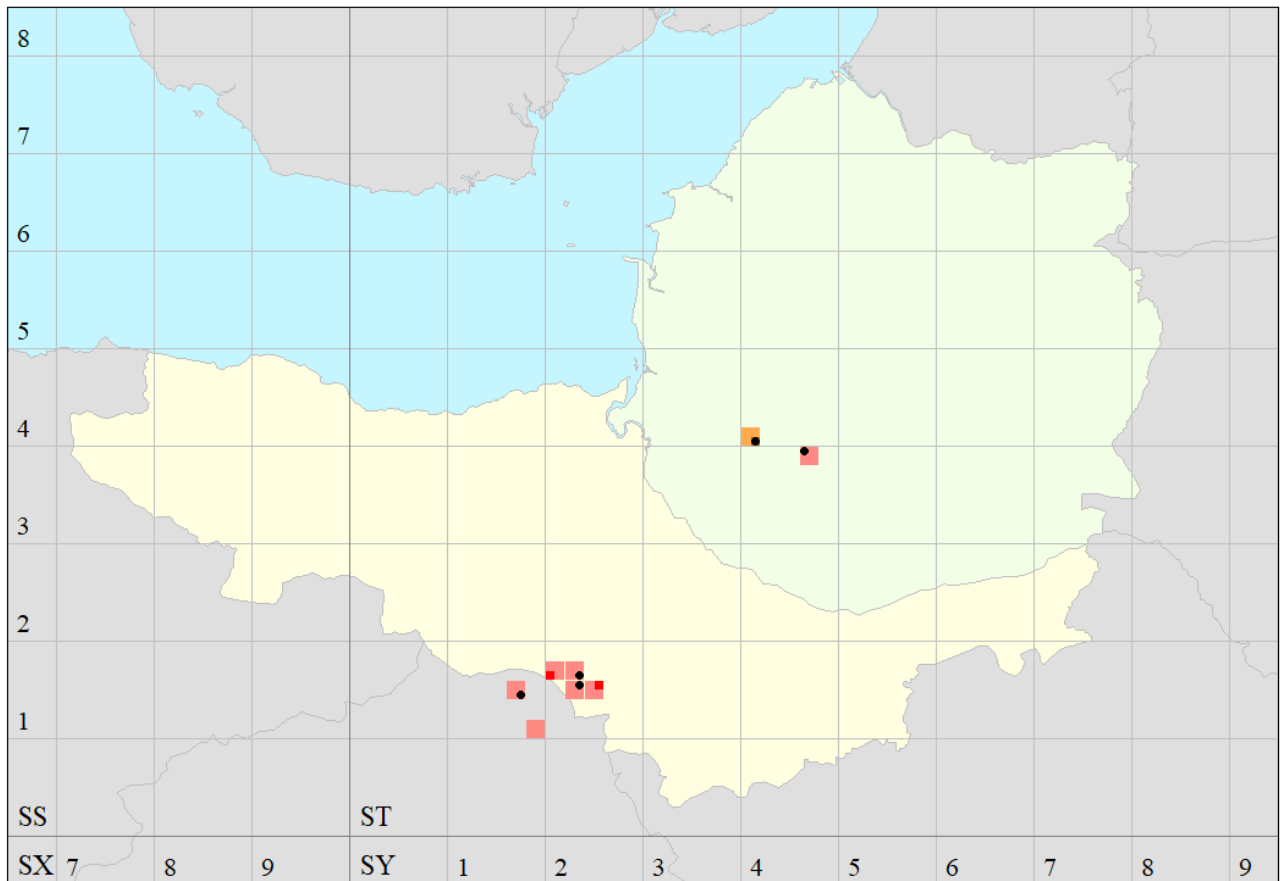
Brimley Hill Mire		ST17531404	2019	GEL, ITS, JW, TW	c.200 pl in area 7 x 9m with surface water
Southey Moor	SSSI	ST190111	1993	IPG	1 plant in super boggy area

### VC5

Widcombe Moor		ST209163	1990	AA	
Yarty Moor	SSSI	ST23541587	2020	HJC, FJR	110 plants in flush in glorious bog
Yarty Moor	SSSI	ST23551587	2020	HJC, FJR	14 plants in flush in glorious bog
Britty Common		ST255159	1990	AST	

### VC6

Shapwick Heath	SSSI	ST41514092	2007	EJMcD, SJP	64 plants in two spots
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Shapwick Heath	SSSI	ST41504094	2008	RSC	20 plants in a patch and 2 in meadow
Shapwick Heath	SSSI	ST41554090	2009	SRPG	Hundreds of pl in field where <i>Myrica</i> cut
Shapwick Heath	SSSI	ST41564092	2015	HJC, FJR	2 small plants in field covered by <i>Myrica</i>
Street Heath	SSSI	ST462392	2001	SRPG	Very few plants in one or two pits



Distribution of *Drosera intermedia* in Somerset, mapped using MapMate  
 Red squares are 1987-1999 records; black dots are 2000- records;  
 sepia squares are pre-1987 records