

***Elatine hexandra* (Lapierre) DC.**

Six-stamened Waterwort

Native

GB & England: Least Concern

VC5 Rare; VC6 Absent

A small procumbent annual growing on wet mud at the margins of ponds, lakes and reservoirs, persisting as a short-lived perennial when submerged. This species was found new to Somerset in 2000 by Ian Green, on the shore of Clatworthy Reservoir. It has since been found at a few locations at the western end of the reservoir, but is not known from any other sites in Somerset. *Elatine hexandra* has a widely scattered distribution, but in England is mostly found in the south and west: the site in Somerset is within this range. It has apparently become more widespread, but this is believed to be the result of more detailed survey of aquatic habitats (C.D. Preston in Preston *et al.*, 2002).

VC5

Clatworthy Reservoir	ST03173083	2012	FJR	On N shore of the W arm of the reservoir
Clatworthy Reservoir	ST032307	2000	IPG	1 plant on bare mud of shore
Clatworthy Reservoir	ST034304	2003	CJG, IPG & PRG	2 plants on mud of reservoir
Clatworthy Reservoir	ST03643074	2012	HJC, FJR & JP	2 tiny plants on N shore of the reservoir
Clatworthy Reservoir	ST03723081	2012	FJR	On N shore of the reservoir
Clatworthy Reservoir	ST0331	2001	SRPG	1 plant



Elatine hexandra at Clatworthy Reservoir (2012). Photo: FJR