

***Euphrasia scottica* Wettst.**

Scottish Eyebright

Native

GB & England: Least Concern

VC5 Lost; VC6 Absent

A hemiparasitic annual species of upland wet moorland and flushes. First recorded for Somerset by Marshall (1914), who gave two records for Exmoor: wet moors between East Anstey and Brushford, and Badgworthy Valley, the latter found in 1898 by C.E. Salmon (*teste* Townsend). A specimen in **CGE** collected by E.S. Marshall in 1918 from SS73 at 365m was determined as this species by P.F. Yeo; however a specimen in **BM** from Withypool, also collected by E.S. Marshall in 1918, has been re-determined as *E. micrantha*, a species which Stace (2010) considers close to and possibly not distinct from *E. scottica*. There have been no subsequent records for Somerset. This species has a western and northern distribution in Britain and is scattered in Ireland; former Somerset localities represented the southern limit of its distribution in Britain and Ireland.