

***Lactuca saligna* L.**

Least Lettuce

Alien

GB & England: Endangered

Schedule 8

Section 41

GB Rare

VC5 Absent; VC6 Lost

An annual of saltmarshes, disturbed shingle and sea walls. Only recorded once in Somerset when a single specimen was found by Dr H.O. Stephens at Weston-super-Mare in 1868 (Murray, 1896). As a native, this species has declined dramatically and is restricted to a few sites in South Essex, West Kent and East Sussex. The single plant in Somerset is considered to have been a casual alien.