

***Orobanche minor* Sm.**  
subsp. ***maritima*** (Pugsley) Rumsey

**Carrot Broomrape**

Native

GB & England: Least Concern

GB Scarce

VC5 Absent; VC6 Rare

An annual largely restricted to calcareous maritime cliffs, parasitic almost exclusively on *Daucus carota* subsp. *gummifer*. In Somerset, recorded infrequently at Brean. First recorded on Brean Down by W.B. Waterfall in 1879, determined by A. Bennett. Discovered on sandhills near Brean in 1882 by G.C. Druce, again passed by A. Bennett. Found again on Brean Down by Miss Livett in 1885, her specimen named by F. Rawdon Smith. Recorded on the south side of Brean Down in 1957 by I.W. Evans (confirmed by R.D. Graham), but not seen again until 2014, when several plants were found on the south-facing side of the east end of Brean Down. Although included (as *O. maritima*) in the second edition of the Red Data Book (Perring & Farrell, 1983) because of a previous decline in distribution, there has been no real evidence of recent decline (F.J. Rumsey in Stewart, Pearman & Preston, eds, 1994). This taxon is found at scattered sites around the coast, particularly in southern England: plants in Somerset fall within this range.

<b>VC6</b>					
Brean Down	SSSI	ST30055884	2014	HJC, FJR	20 spikes with <i>Daucus carota</i> on S-facing cliffs
Brean Down	SSSI	ST30065884	2014	HJC, FJR	2 spikes near <i>Daucus carota</i> on S-facing rocky slope
Brean Down	SSSI	ST30165884	2014	HJC, FJR	1 spike with <i>Daucus carota</i> at top of S-facing cliff