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***Tephrosieris integrifolia* (L.) Holub subsp. *integrifolia* Field Fleawort**

Native

GB & England: Vulnerable

Section 41

GB Scarce

VC5 Absent; VC6 Lost

An annual or short-lived perennial restricted to short turf on shallow soils, usually on south-facing chalk, or rarely limestone, particularly found on ancient earthworks. Only ever known from one site in VC6: on White Sheet Hill in the parish of Kilmington. In 1896, this parish was lost to Wiltshire, so this is no longer a "Somerset" plant and was thus not included in *The Atlas Flora of Somerset* (Green *et al.*, 1997). In 2008, Robert Cropper recorded four plants close to the vice-county boundary. Two plants were found by Helena Crouch and Fred Rumsey in 2010 on the south-facing slope of White Sheet Hill (ST80193507), but no plants have been found since then, despite several searches, and this species is now feared lost here. The VC6 population was at the western edge of the distribution, which is restricted to southern England; this species has declined throughout its range.