

***Rubus saxatilis* L.**

Stone Bramble

Native

GB & England: Least Concern

VC5 Absent; VC6 Lost

A stoloniferous perennial of rocky woodland, scree and mountain slopes, usually on basic soils. Absent from VC5, but recorded from two sites in VC6. Found in 1883 by H.S. Thompson in a wood near Banwell Castle [ST35] (Thompson, 1889), but not recorded again at this site. In the same year, R.P. Murray found it in some plenty in Asham Woods, N of Leighton [ST74] (Murray, 1896). It was still known at this site by Noel Sandwith and Miss I.M. Roper before 1920, but has not been recorded in Somerset since then (Roe, 1981). This northern species has been lost from some lowland sites and was at the southeast edge of its range in Somerset.