

***Silene nutans* L.**

Nottingham Catchfly

Alien

GB & England: Near Threatened

GB Scarce

VC5 Absent; VC6 Lost

A perennial of dry calcareous grassland and rock outcrops, coastal cliffs and shingle beaches. In Somerset, recorded only once, on a wall at Batheaston by the river (Babington, 1834). Babington suggested it was “naturalized?”; Jenyns (1867) considered it to be “probably an accident”. Although its native coastal populations remain stable, this species has declined at inland sites (Preston *et al.*, 2002).