

***Verbascum pulverulentum* Vill.**

Hoary Mullein

Alien

GB & England: Least Concern

GB Scarce

VC5 Lost; VC6 Lost

A tall monocarpic perennial native to barish chalky soils of East Anglia, but found outside its core area as a casual of roadside verges, disused quarries and rough ground. In Somerset this species has been recorded four times. In VC5 first found in 1934 by W. Watson on a railway embankment near Taunton, and also collected (specimen in **NMW**) by R.A. Boniface in 1960 from above Bossington (SS8947). In VC6 this species was found by Mrs N. Wycherley in 1959 on a roadside at Nunney near Frome: a specimen determined by Dr. A. Melderis is at **BM** (Sandwith & Sandwith, 1961). The last record was made on Walton Common (ST428737) in 1998 (record held by BRERC). As a casual alien, this species has been found at scattered sites, particularly across England and Wales; Somerset sites are within its range.