

# ADDITIONS TO THE DANDELION FLORA OF SOMERSET

Listed below, in alphabetical order, are all the *Taraxacum* species for which first county/vice-county records were made during the BSBI/Somerset Rare Plants Group 2016 Dandelion Workshop, together with other county/vice-county 'firsts' collected either before or after that workshop. Unless otherwise stated, records were made in 2016.

Apart from a single record (of *Taraxacum hamatulum*) from the 1980s, which was verified by C.C. Haworth, all records listed here are from specimens collected since 2000 and determined by John Richards (AJR), the workshop leader and national expert/referee for *Taraxacum*.

A note on 'recorders': specimens gathered during the workshop itself are shown merely as having been collected by 'BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop', rather than any particular individual, on the grounds that the original finder of a given specimen was usually unclear. For specimens collected either before or following the workshop, names of recorders are denoted by their initials, as follows: HJC, Helena Crouch; RFitzG, Ro FitzGerald; GL, Graham Lavender; SJL, Simon Leach; EJMCD, Liz McDonnell; IS, Ian Salmon; JW, Jeanne Webb..

*Taraxacum acroglossum* - Cleeve Abbey, Washford (ST046407), 24 May, in short grass in car-park, JW, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.

*Taraxacum aequilobum* - Old Cleeve (ST041417), 7 Feb 2004, wall in driveway near Hybeck, JW, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.

*Taraxacum alatum* - Taunton (ST235244), 1 Mar, in flower-bed in front garden of 15 Trinity Street, SJL, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5, second for Somerset.

*Taraxacum arenastrum* - Cleeve Hill, Watchet (ST05314292), 5 May 2004, in limestone grassland, JW, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5, second for Somerset.

*Taraxacum argutum* - Thurlbear Quarrylands (ST273208), 5 May, in rabbit-grazed damp calcareous grassland, SJL, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.

*Taraxacum atactum* - Barford Park (ST2335), 13 Mar, in sheep-grazed neutral grassland, RFitzG, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5.

*Taraxacum cambricum* - Minehead, Marsh Common (SS97944576), 16 Apr, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.

*Taraxacum cophocentrum* - Ash Priors Common (ST15302894), 17 Apr, wooded road verge, S side of Donovan Lane, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5, second for Somerset.

*Taraxacum corynodes* - Ash Priors Common (ST15222906), 17 Apr, road verge, Donovan Lane, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.

- Taraxacum curtifrons* – Sand Point (ST32786602), 18 Apr, in open species-rich glade on S side of ridge, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC6 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum degelii* – Dunster beach (SS99914511), 16 Apr, in dune grassland in front of chalets, W of ash trees, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum densilobum* – Culbone hill (SS83424757), 9 May, GL, det AJR; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum dilaceratum* – Sand Point (ST32956599), 18 Apr, beside path leading through woodland from car-park up to ridge, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC6 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum dilatatum* – Hankridge retail park, Taunton (ST254254), 3 Mar, on grass verge outside B & Q, SJL, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5, second (possibly third) for Somerset.
- Taraxacum edmonsonianum* – Church Close, Old Cleeve (ST041417), 10 Apr 2006, on grassy bank, JW, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum fulviforme* – Dragons Cross (ST043418), 31 Mar 2007, roadside bank, JW, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5.
- Taraxacum glauciniforme* – Blue Anchor (ST02164348), 16 Apr, on edge of pavement at W end of seafront, near Driftwood Cafe and Blue Anchor station, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5.
- Taraxacum hamatululum* – Backwell Down (ST4967), 10 May 1984, in pasture on limestone ridge, RFitzG, det C.C. Haworth; first record for VC6 and Somerset, pre-dating VC6 records already on the BSBI Distribution Database. Curland (ST285176), 1 Apr, in verge of green lane, SJL, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5.
- Taraxacum hamiferum* – Thurlbear Wood (ST27052082), 15 Apr, woodland glade in species-rich calcareous grassland, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5.
- Taraxacum horridifrons* – Minehead, Marsh Common (SS97944575), 16 Apr, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum lacerifolium* – Minehead, Marsh Common (SS97964579), 16 Apr, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5.
- Taraxacum laeticolor* – Hankridge retail park, Taunton (ST254254), 3 Mar, grass verge, SJL, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5.
- Taraxacum laticordatum* – Thurlbear Wood (ST27172111), 15 Apr, on edge of broad muddy ride, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5.
- Taraxacum leucopodium* – Taunton (ST235244), 30 Apr, in seldom-cut lawn in back garden of 15 Trinity Street, SJL, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum lingulatum* – Old Cleeve (ST038418), 27 Feb 2004, on roadside, JW, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5, second for Somerset.

- Taraxacum lucidum* – Thurlbear Wood (ST27062081), 15 Apr, woodland edge between the two large glades, in species-rich grassland, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum melanthoides* – The Quants (ST18881804), 17 Apr, in species-rich grassland and scrub, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum mimulum* – Woolston Moor (ST099400), 26 Apr, in damp grassland with abundant *Succisa pratensis*, *Betonica officinalis* etc, RFitzG & JW, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum necessarium* – Taunton (ST235244), 18 Apr, on path in front garden of 15 Trinity Street, SJL, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset. Ham Wall (ST451395), 20 Apr, in barish ground of track and gateway on SE side of Ashcott Bridge, SJL, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC6, second for Somerset.
- Taraxacum nigridentatum* – Thurlbear (ST27232133), 15 Apr, on bare laneside bank, at corner of lane opposite entrance to Thurlbear Wood nature reserve, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5, second for Somerset.
- Taraxacum pallescens* – Minehead, Seaward Way (SS97874582), 16 Apr, verge between road and building site, near Tesco supermarket, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5, second for Somerset.
- Taraxacum pallidipes* – Minehead, Seaward Way (SS978457), 16 Apr, verge between road and building site, near Tesco supermarket, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum prionum* – Taunton (ST253253), 3 Mar, lay-by at edge of dual carriageway on A358 adjoining Hankridge retail park, SJL, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum proximum* – Minehead, Summerland Avenue (SS970461), 24 Feb 2004, on garden wall, JW, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5, third for Somerset.
- Taraxacum pruinaum* – Ash Priors Common (ST15192905), 17 Apr, on verge of W side of lane at edge of woodland/scrub, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum retzii* – The Quants (ST18851804), 17 Apr, in area of scrubby grassland at S end of Butterfly Conservation nature reserve, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum rhamphodes* – Thurlbear Wood, to S of nature reserve (ST27152067), in long grass by gateway beside track to Slough Green, 15 Apr, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum sahlinianum* – Ash Priors Common (ST15432889), 17 Apr, wooded lane bank on S side of Donovan Lane, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset. Sand Point (ST33016596), 18 Apr, at base of steps by turning circle, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC6.
- Taraxacum semiglobosum* – Ash Priors Common (ST15092889), 17 Apr, on road verge opposite car-park, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum subhamatum* – Hawkcombe (SS88354585), 10 Apr, edge of bridleway, GL, det AJR; first record for VC5, fifth for Somerset.

- Taraxacum subxanthostigma* - Staple Hill (ST24681597), 17 Apr, dry grassy bank on W side of entrance to FC car-park, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum sundbergii* - Staple Hill (ST24681597), 17 Apr, dry grassy bank on W side of entrance to FC car-park, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum tenebricans* - Minehead, Marsh Common (SS97984582), 16 Apr, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5.
- Taraxacum trilobatum* - Taunton (ST235244), 16 Apr, in seldom-cut lawn in back garden of 15 Trinity Street, SJL, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum tumentilobum* - Thurlbear (ST27412129), 15 Apr, lane opposite parking place on N side of Thurlbear Wood nature reserve, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5, second for Somerset.
- Taraxacum undulatum* - Somerset Heritage Centre (ST205258), 21 Mar, on waste ground, SJL & IS, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset. Ditchat (ST626354), 3 Apr, in flower bed at Tunlake, SJL, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC6.
- Taraxacum unguilobum* - Minehead, North Hill (SS928477), 8 May 2007, grassy sward at 270m, JW, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5.
- Taraxacum valens* - Minehead, Marsh Common (SS97944575), 16 Apr, BSBI/SRPG Dandelion Workshop, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5.
- Taraxacum vastisectum* - Orchard Wood (ST25152050), 6 May, edge of woodland ride/footpath, SJL, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.
- Taraxacum xanthostigma* - Washford (ST048419), 20 Apr, in hedge-bank on Monk's Path, JW, det AJR, **TTNCM**; first record for VC5 and Somerset.