

Oxalis acetosella L.

Wood-sorrel

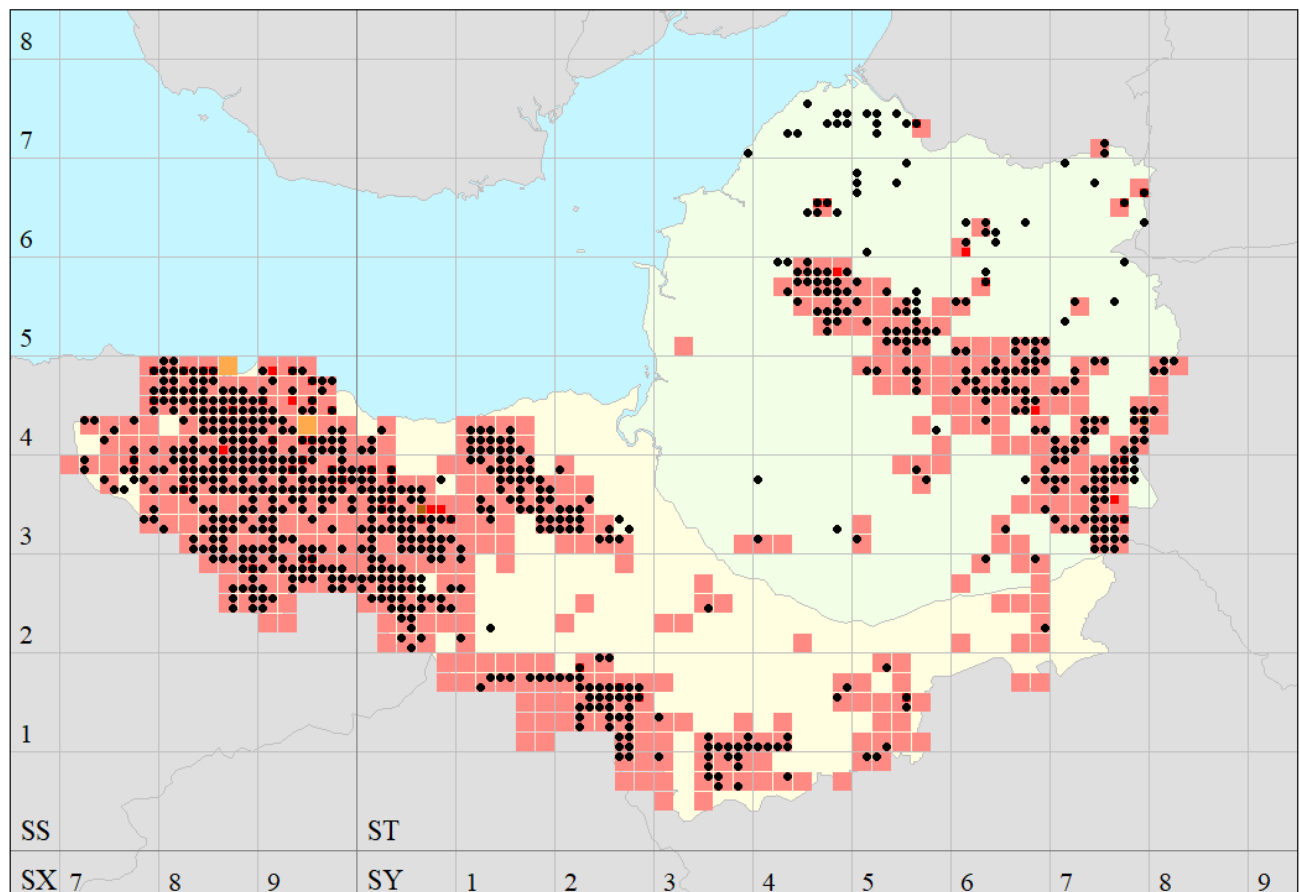
Native

GB: Least Concern

England: Near Threatened

VC5 Not Scarce; VC6 Not Scarce

A low creeping perennial herb of woodlands, hedgebanks, shady rocks and fallen trees. In Somerset this species is widespread, particularly on Exmoor, the Quantocks, the Blackdowns, the Mendips and the eastern (Lower Greensand) border; however, it is almost absent from the centre of the county due to lack of suitable habitats (Green *et al.*, 1997). In the north of VC6 this species is scattered and may have declined since publication of the Flora of the Bristol Region (Green *et al.*, 2000). In England, *Oxalis acetosella* has suffered a reduction in Area of Occupancy of 20% (Stroh *et al.*, 2014), with most losses in the east (Preston *et al.*, 2002). This species has probably suffered a slight decline in Somerset, although some of the tetrads with no post-2000 record may not have been surveyed as thoroughly as they were for the Atlas Flora of Somerset (Green *et al.*, 1997).



Distribution of *Oxalis acetosella* in Somerset, mapped using MapMate.
Black dots are post-2000 records; red squares are 1987-1999 records;
sepia squares are pre-1987 records