

***Arenaria serpyllifolia* L. subsp. *lloydii* (Jord.) Bonnier**

Thyme-leaved Sandwort

Native

GB: Waiting List

England: Waiting List

VC5 Rare; VC6 Rare

An annual of dunes and other coastal habitats. This subspecies has been variously treated as distinct (eg mapped as subsp. *macrocarpa* F.H. Perring & P.D. Sell by Perring & Sell, 1968) or as synonymous with subsp. *serpyllifolia* (eg by Stace, 1997 and Preston *et al.*, 2002); it is currently recognised as a distinct subspecies, reverting to an earlier name (Stace, 2010, 2019). As a consequence of its fluctuating status and nomenclature, the distribution of this subspecies is unclear. In Somerset, Perring & Sell (1968) mapped this taxon in ST24, ST35 and ST36, but the records have not been seen by the author. There were no further records until found in VC5 by Graham Lavender and Linda Everton in 2021 at Wall Common (ST24), the identification confirmed by Geoffrey Halliday. In VC6 this subspecies was discovered at Sand Point (ST36) by Rob Randall, during a BSBI meeting; a specimen collected by Helena Crouch was confirmed by Geoffrey Halliday from seed measurements. *Arenaria serpyllifolia* subsp. *lloydii* is recorded from scattered sites mostly around the coast of Ireland and the west coast of Britain; although currently rare in Somerset, it is likely to have been overlooked.

VC5					
Wall Common	SSSI	ST26134530	2021	GEL, LE	On sandy bank at back end of car park
VC6					
Sand Point	SSSI	ST325660	2022	HJC, RDR, BSBI	Several plants on path along ridge



Arenaria serpyllifolia subsp. *lloydii* on Sand Point (2022). Photo (to be replaced!): HJC