

***Carum carvi* L.**

Caraway

Alien

GB: Endangered

England: Critically Endangered

Section 41

GB Rare

VC5 Absent; VC6 Lost

A monocarpic perennial archaeophyte of roadsides, meadows and dunes, also occurring as a casual on waste ground and rubbish tips. In Somerset, probably only ever of casual occurrence. A record for VC5 on the BSBI Distribution Database, in ST51, may correspond to the record in Dorset (Bowen, 2000) for Yeovil Junction (ST51T) which spans the VC boundary. No reported records are known for VC5. In VC6 found in 1903 by Miss Martin on old quarry ground in Twerton, in 1922 by Mrs Cecil Sandwith at Ashton Gate and in 1931 by W.D. Miller on waste ground at Highbridge. Most recently found by John Aldridge in 1986, southwest of Keynsham [ST634659]. The decline of this species as an archaeophyte reflects less frequent cultivation in Britain and Ireland; as a casual it may reappear in Somerset.