

***Impatiens noli-tangere* L.**

Touch-me-not Balsam

Introduction

GB & England: Least Concern

GB Rare

VC5 Lost; VC6 Lost

An annual of damp nutrient-rich soil in woodlands. In Somerset only ever an introduction. Recorded once in VC5, at Cannington by W.D. Miller in 1922. In VC6 this species was recorded "In the woods at Prior Park" by J.C. Collins (Watson, 1837), seen there also by Mr Clark (Jenyns, 1867) but considered by Jenyns to be "a very doubtful native". Murray (1896) declared that this was "probably a garden escape; now lost". A single plant was found by the river at Vallis in 1863 by H.F. Parsons. There have been no further records for VC6. Probably only a native in the Lake District, around Dolgellau in Wales and in a small area on the Montgomery-Shropshire border, this species has been found as an introduction at sites scattered through England and Wales, north to central Scotland.