

Hieracium salticola (Sudre) P.D. Sell & C. West **Bluish-leaved Hawkweed**

Alien

GB: Least Concern

England: Least Concern

VC5 Absent; VC6 Lost

An aphyllipodous perennial herb considered native on sandy heaths, dunes and open grassland in south-east England and some sites in Scotland, but likely to be an introduction on railway banks, roadsides and quarries elsewhere. In Somerset, only recorded in VC6. First found in Leigh Woods in 1955 by A.H.G. Alston, det. Sell & West (Sandwith & Sandwith, 1956). In 1979 recorded on a disused railway line [ST618630] at Pensford by I.F. Gravestock (Willis, 1981), then found on a rail track at Locksbrook, Bath [ST724650] by Dave Green in 1980 (Willis, 1981), both records det. C.E.A. Andrews. In 1990 Rob Randall recorded this species at Combe Park, Bath [ST727650]. *Hieracium salticola* was recorded at that site again in 1992 by Mark and Clare Kitchen, who also found it in the Kelston Park area [ST707658]. There have been no further records for VC6, although this species was found by Dave Green in 2018 just over the border on railway sidings at Box (VC7). Sites in VC6 were at the southwest edge of the range of this species in Britain.