

***Carum carvi* L.**

Caraway

Alien

GB: Endangered

England: Critically Endangered

UKBAP & Section 41

GB Scarce

VC5 Absent; VC6 Extinct

A monocarpic perennial archaeophyte of roadsides, meadows and dunes, also occurring as a casual on waste ground and rubbish tips. In Somerset, there have been a few casual records for 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.