

***Lysimachia thyrsoiflora* L.**

Tufted Loosestrife

Introduced

GB: Least Concern

England: Critically Endangered

GB Scarce

VC5 Absent; VC6 Extinct

A perennial herb of fens, swamps, lake and pond margins, canal-sides and ditches. The only Somerset record was at the side of the River Avon in Bath, where it was an acknowledged introduction, planted by Sole, who in 1782 wrote "I have planted it in a low place by the side of the Avon ... where it flourishes very well" (White, 1912). A good many years later, Mr Jelly of Bath gave the locality as "Sides of the Avon going to Twerton", but there were no further records (White, 1912). As a native this species is restricted to sites in Yorkshire and central Scotland, with a few scattered alien sites.