

***Parnassia palustris* L.**

Grass-of-Parnassus

Native

GB: Least Concern

England: Vulnerable

VC5 Absent; VC6 Extinct

A rhizomatous perennial herb of marshes, mires, damp grassland and dune slacks. Only recorded once in Somerset, listed by Sole in 1782, in old pits on Burtle Moor (Murray, 1896), yet Sole did not include this species in his list of “more rare plants” published in Collinson (1791). No specimen exists and the record has never been confirmed. This species has long been extinct in southwest England and has declined markedly in the southern part of its range due to drainage of the land.