

***Silene nutans* L.**

Nottingham Catchfly

Alien

GB: Near Threatened

England: Near Threatened

GB Scarce

VC5 Absent; VC6 Extinct

A perennial of dry calcareous grassland and rock outcrops, coastal cliffs and shingle beaches. In Somerset, recorded only once, on a wall at Batheaston by the river (Babington, 1834) but although Babington suggested it was “naturalized?” Jenyns (1867) considered it to be “probably an accident”. Although its native coastal populations remain stable, this species has declined at inland sites (Preston *et al.*, 2002).