Tephroseris integrifolia (L.) Holub subsp. integrifolia Field Fleawort

Native
GB & England: Vulnerable
UKBAP/Section 41
GB Scarce
VC5 Absent; VC6 Rare

An annual or short-lived perennial restricted to short turf on shallow soils, usually on S-facing chalk, or rarely limestone, particularly found on ancient earthworks. Only ever known from one site in VC6: on White Sheet Hill in the parish of Kilmington. In 1896, this parish was lost to Wiltshire, so this is no longer a "Somerset" plant and was thus not included in The Atlas Flora of Somerset (Green *et al.*, 1997). The population in VC6, close to the vice-county boundary, is tiny; whether it is stable remains to be seen. The VC6 population is at the western edge of the distribution, which is restricted to southern England; this species has declined throughout its range.

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White Sheet Hill SSSI ST80193507 2010 HJC, FJR 2 plants on gently sloping S-facing grassland



Tephroseris integrifolia subsp. integrifolia on White Sheet Hill (2010). Photo: HJC