

Cornfield Flowers Project



Species Cards



Bugloss (*Anchusa arvensis*)

Least Concern

Can be a common sight on light, sandy soils - recorded in over 25% of CFP surveys

A low growing annual, not to be confused with Viper's bugloss (*Echium vulgare*), a biennial up to 1 metre tall

REASONS FOR DECLINE:
Herbicides

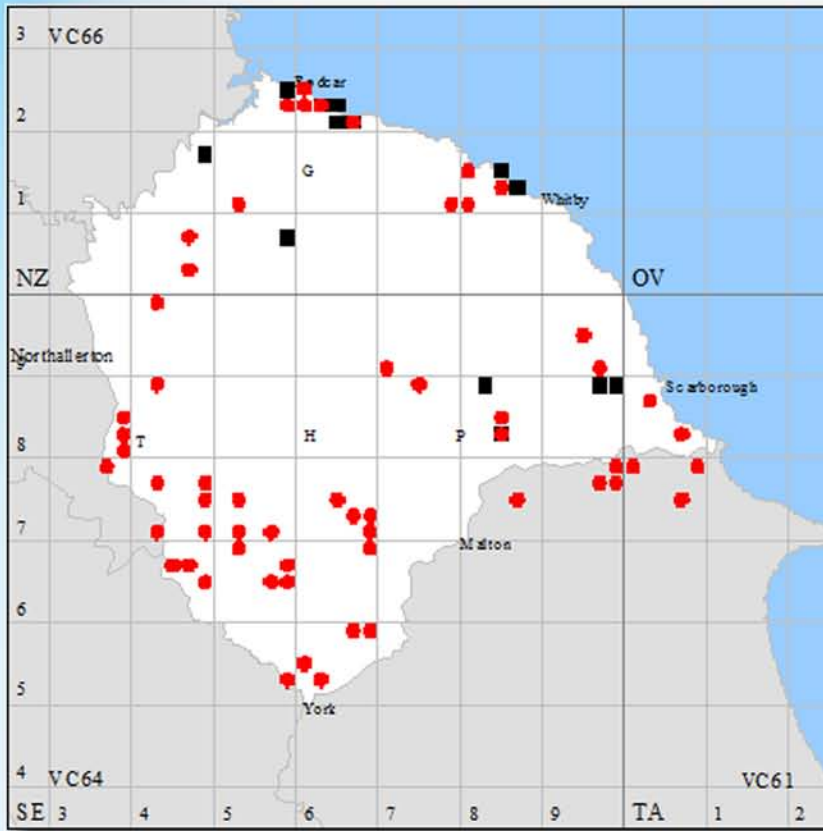
Our Bugloss experience...

Nan Sykes in *Wild Plants and their Habitats in the North York Moors* shows six sites for Bugloss – the two near Hackness were both on gravel soils in arable fields. By 2013 there were 60 sites for Bugloss over the whole of the North Riding, with the exception of the high moors.

Eva Crackles in *Flora of the East Riding of Yorkshire* lists it as “frequent” and her map shows over 90 sites, mostly in Lower Derwentland but with a small concentration on sand to the south side of the Vale of Pickering.

It can always be found at Glebe Farm, Potter Brompton, flowering well into autumn, and was introduced to the Ryedale Folk Museum in 2002 where it now flowers every year.

Distribution in north-east Yorkshire: Bugloss (*Anchusa arvensis*)



Key

● Post-2000 records (inc. CFP introductions)

■ Pre-2000 records

G: Guisborough T: Thirsk

H: Helmsley P: Pickering

Data: BSBI, 2014 Maps produced by MapMate®

Key Facts - Bugloss (*Anchusa arvensis*)

- Found on free-draining soils, especially sands
- Leaves are strongly hairy / prickly
- Autumn and spring germinating
- In the Borage plant family, related to Forget-me-nots

UK Conservation Designations

The Vascular Plant Red Data List for Great Britain (2006) designates all UK wildflowers by their rarity, and hence conservation importance, in the following order:



The Cornfield Flowers Project is spearheaded by the Carstairs Countryside Trust, Ryedale Folk Museum, North Yorkshire Moors Association and North York Moors National Park Authority. It has a demonstration field and nursery at Ryedale Folk Museum and a working arable field at Silpho, near Scarborough. It is supported by the North York Moors National Park Sustainable Development Fund, North York Moors Coast & Hills LEADER Programme and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

