

Cornfield Flowers Project



Species Cards



Red dead-nettle (*Lamium purpureum*)

Least Concern

A common species, often seen flowering all-year-round and a very popular plant for bees

Can be found in a wide range of habitats, not just arable

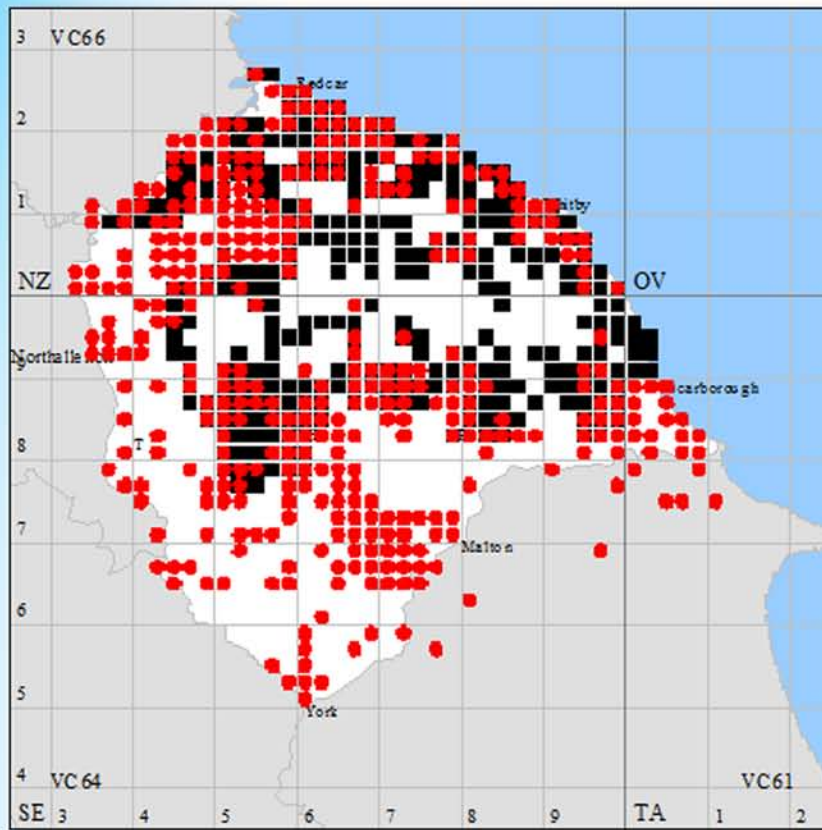
REASONS FOR DECLINE:
Habitat loss

Our Red dead-nettle experience...

A very familiar plant to most people, found in gardens, grasslands, hedgerows, road verges, waste ground and arable habitats. It is the UK's most widespread and common *Lamium* and recorded in 60% of our surveys.

The dead-nettles are very important plants for insects, particular the long-tongued bumblebees that can frequently be seen feeding on the deep flowers. The lengthy flowering season of these species, starting early in spring and continuing into winter, provide a crucial food source when few other plants are out.

Distribution in north-east Yorkshire: Red dead-nettle (*Lamium purpureum*)



Key

● Post-2000 records
(inc. CFP introductions)

■ Pre-2000 records

G: Guisborough T: Thirsk

H: Helmsley P: Pickering

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Key Facts - Red dead-nettle (*Lamium purpureum*)

- Found on disturbed ground, short grassland and gardens on fertile soils
- A welcome flash of colour in winter landscapes and a lifeline for pollinators
- All-year-round germinating
- Leaves evenly toothed (not deeply-cut as in Cut-leaved dead-nettle) and softly hairy

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:

Extinct → Extinct in the wild → Critically Endangered → Endangered
Vulnerable → Near Threatened → Least Concern

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.

