

Cornfield Flowers Project



Species Cards



Changing forget-me-not (*Myosotis discolor*)

Least Concern

An annual specialist of disturbed habitats, occurs much more rarely in arable than Field and Early forget-me-not

Only recorded by the CFP at Potter Brompton and Water Fulford, on sandy soils

REASONS FOR DECLINE:
Herbicides

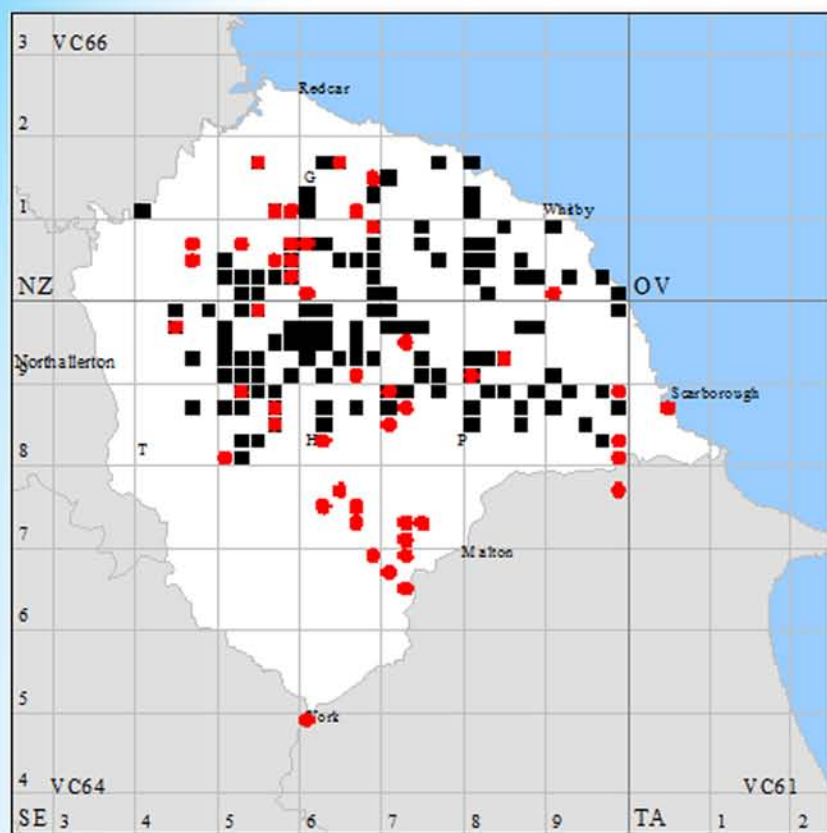
Our Changing forget-me-not experience...

A very rare find in our arable surveys, despite its preference for disturbed ground. It is usually recorded at our sandland sites.

Changing forget-me-not is a small and slender annual, similar in stature to Early forget-me-not but easily distinguished by the unique character of its flowers, which when first open are creamy-yellow in colour, changing to blue as they age.

Apparently *discolor* can also be found in fen and hay meadows, pastures, moorland edges, marshes, dune slacks, railway tracks, quarries, gravel pits, rocks and walls. Not a particularly fussy species then...

Distribution in north-east Yorkshire: Changing forget-me-not (*Myosotis discolor*)



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 - Changing forget-me-not (*Myosotis discolor*)

- Found in dry calcareous or sandy soils on arable, grass heaths and disturbed ground
- A locally uncommon and ephemeral species
- Probably autumn germinating
- Small flowers, similar in size to Early forget-me-not but are yellow when first open, changing to blue with age

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.

