

# Cornfield Flowers Project



## Species Cards



### White ramping-fumitory (*Fumaria capreolata*)

#### Least concern

Populations relatively stable throughout coastal UK - inland sites are rare

Usually found scrambling amongst hedgerows and coastal cliffs, but occasionally found in arable habitats

#### REASONS FOR DECLINE:

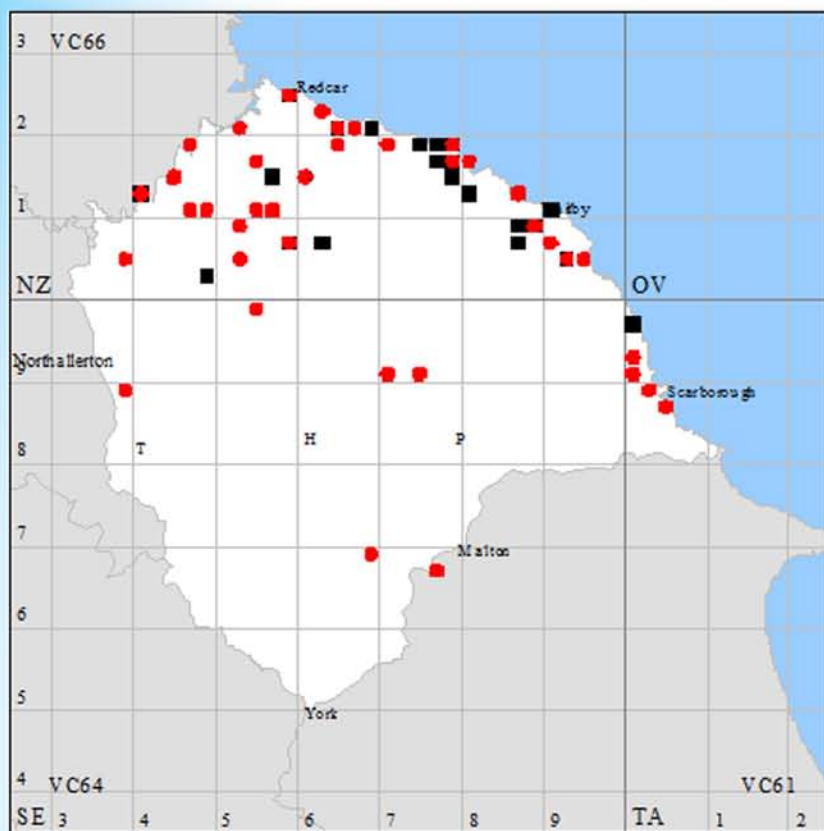
Herbicides; preference for non-arable habitats

### *Our White ramping-fumitory experience...*

White ramping-fumitory seems to be a bit of an odd-bod. Phil Wilson does not include it in his book, *Arable Plants: A Field Guide*, presumably because he does not consider it to be an arable plant. Nan Sykes mentions its coastal distribution and its presence in hedgerows around Hinderwell and Raw.

We have found it in autumn-sown crops on non-calcareous soils immediately west of Scarborough, but no further inland. It has a decidedly coastal distribution in our area, except in the north where it ranges far inland up the Lower Tees Valley and on the northern edge of the North York Moors National Park. Curiously, it stops in the Scarborough area, misses out the East Riding of Yorkshire and reappears south of The Wash on its way down the east coast. Can we all be recording the same plant...?

# Distribution in north-east Yorkshire: White ramping-fumitory (*Fumaria capreolata*)



## Key

● Post-2000 records (inc. CFP introductions)

■ Pre-2000 records

G: Guisborough T: Thirsk

H: Helmsley P: Pickering

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## Key Facts - White ramping-fumitory (*Fumaria capreolata*)

- A predominantly coastal plant
- Identified by its creamy-white flowers, the lower ones pointing sharply downwards
- Can be a winter-annual, flowering very early in the year
- A vigorous scrambler, usually found climbing through hedgerows

### 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.

