

Cornfield Flowers Project



Species Cards



Slender parsley-piert (*Aphanes australis*)

Least Concern

Very similar to Parsley-piert (*Aphanes arvensis*), requiring a keen attention to detail to tell apart

Much less common than Parsley-piert but possibly overlooked - recorded in only 2% of CFP surveys

REASONS FOR DECLINE:

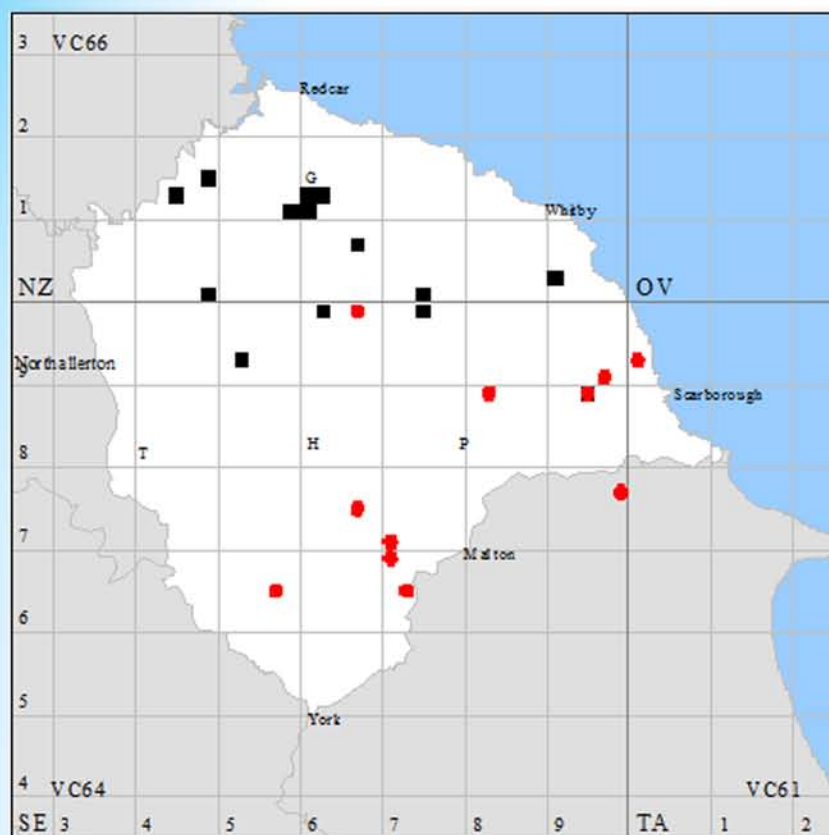
Populations appear relatively stable

Our Slender parsley-piert experience...

Again quoting Nan Sykes, 'Found infrequently on grazed heath, moorland trackways and forest rides on more acid soils than *Aphanes arvensis*'.

Eva Crackles confirms the predominance of *A. arvensis* and gives us *A. mexspectata* for Slender parsley-piert, and tells us to expect to find it at Wintringham and Potter Brompton. I bet Glebe Farm grows both *A. arvensis* and *A. australis (microcarpa) (inexpectata) (mexspectata)*. If you write these names out longhand you will understand the confusion.

Distribution in north-east Yorkshire: Slender parsley-piert (*Aphanes australis*)



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 - Slender parsley-piert (*Aphanes australis*)

- Found on more acidic and sandy soils than *Aphanes arvensis* - arable, grazed heath
- Autumn and spring germinating
- Tends to be brighter-green with weaker and slenderer stems than Parsley-piert, but thorough id dependent on other features
- Less common than Parsley-piert, and requires a keen eye to pick it out as a different species in the field

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.

