

Cornfield Flowers Project



Species Cards



Long-headed poppy (*Papaver dubium*)

Least Concern

Second only to Common poppy in frequency, Long-headed poppy has declined slightly, but is not of conservation concern

Can be distinguished from Common poppy at a distance, due to its lighter shade of red

REASONS FOR DECLINE:

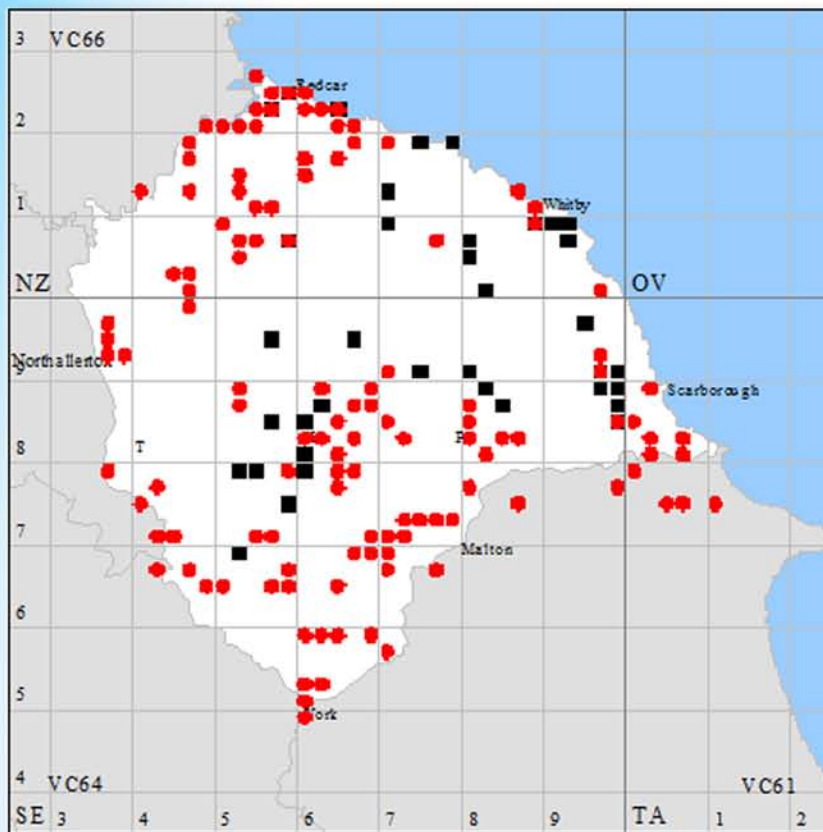
Nitrogen application; herbicides

Our Long-headed poppy experience...

This poppy is classed as widespread in Britain and frequent in our area, where it is our second most common poppy. It can be distinguished from Common poppy by its long pods and sometimes by colour – the Common poppy being scarlet red and Long-headed poppy more of an orangey brick-red.

It can be most readily separated from the almost identical Yellow-juiced poppy by its white sap instead of yellow, and from Prickly poppy by having no prickles on the pod. It should be noted however that on some Prickly poppy pods, the prickles may be very few.

Distribution in north-east Yorkshire: Long-headed poppy (*Papaver dubium*)



Key

● Post-2000 records
(inc. CFP introductions)

■ Pre-2000 records

G: Guisborough T: Thirsk

H: Helmsley P: Pickering

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Key Facts - Long-headed poppy (*Papaver dubium*)

- Common and widespread throughout the UK
- Favours a wide-range of calcareous soils
- Mostly autumn germinating
- Often grows amongst other poppy species, including Common and Yellow-juiced

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.

