

Cornfield Flowers Project



Species Cards



Germander speedwell (*Veronica chamaedrys*)

Least Concern

A perennial speedwell, more at home in rough grassland but occasionally ventures into arable margins

Very widespread and common, but not frequent in arable habitats - found in only 9% of CFP surveys

REASONS FOR DECLINE:

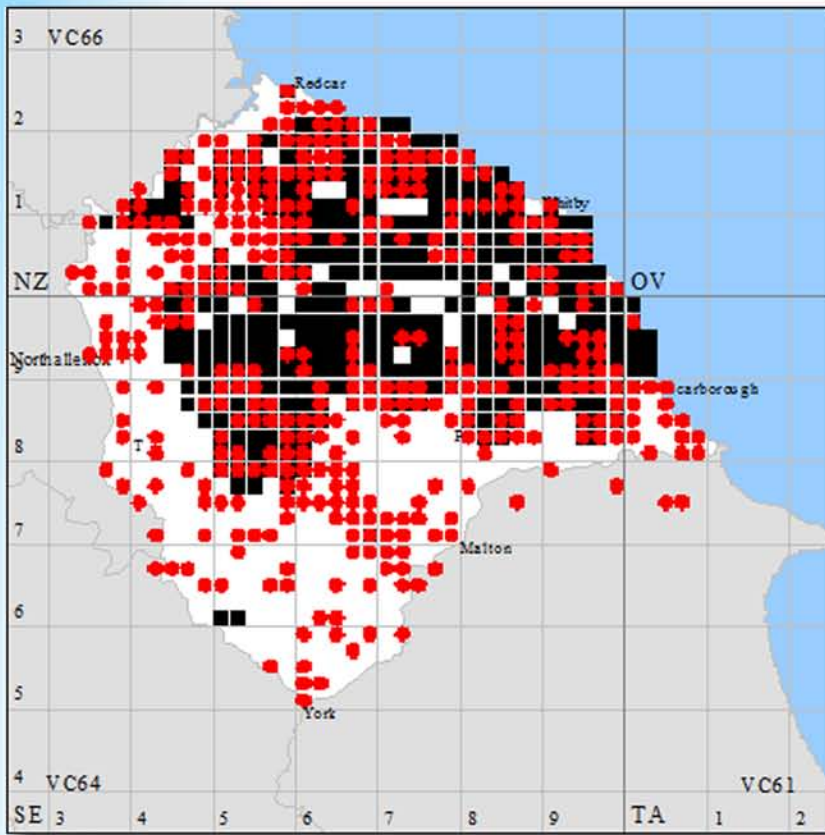
Herbicides; annual cultivations

Our Germander speedwell experience...

Another very common speedwell, though as a perennial it is usually found in non-arable habitats – wood borders, hedge banks, rough grassland and road verges. It has a creeping growth, and so occasionally spreads into the headlands of arable land from the surrounding margins.

This species is best identified from the sky-blue flowers with a white 'eye' at their centre.

Distribution in north-east Yorkshire: Germander speedwell (*Veronica chamaedrys*)



Key

● Post-2000 records (inc. CFP introductions)

■ Pre-2000 records

G: Guisborough T: Thirsk

H: Helmsley P: Pickering

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Key Facts - Germander speedwell (*Veronica chamaedrys*)

- A common and familiar plant throughout the UK
- Preference for well-drained calcareous soils in hedgebanks, rough grassland and wood borders
- Autumn and spring germinating
- Sky-blue flowers with white edges and central 'eye' are diagnostic

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:



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.

