

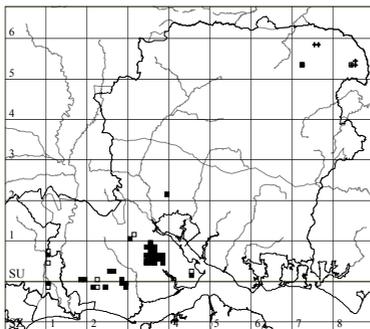
Hampshire Rare Plant Register

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Gentiana pneumonanthe L.

Marsh Gentian
1841-2010

National Status: Scarce, Native



S Hants: Infrequent

Widespread and in places fairly abundant on the eastern heaths of the New Forest in no more than double figures elsewhere in the Forest. Censuses in a rolling out each year by the New Forest Study Group. Outside the Forest, only seen at Hook Common, where a single plant was last seen in 1991, and Baddesley Common in two spots. MR has searched for it without success at Baddesley in a number of

N Hants: Rare

There are unlocalised records for Hook Common from 1863, where it was recorded by ARGM in 1973, but it declined due to scrub growth, and is probably now seen if the grazing recently started can revive it. Certainly grazing at Bartley Heath increases in its abundance, though it varies from year to year. A few white flowers were seen at Bartley Heath.

	SU7253	1933-1998		
Hook Common	SU720533	11-Sep-76	ARGM	
Hook Common	SU721532	10-Sep-77	ARGM	
Hook Common	SU722533	03-Sep-98	CRH	One plant (two flowers) amongst dense, rank sward, which was burned in 1991 which helped it to recover. In 1998, the sward was cut and a few plants were seen.
Hook Common, Hook	SU722534	1987	ARGM	A few plants.
Hook Common, Hook	SU724532	1978	SBC	One flowering plant. (1988).



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