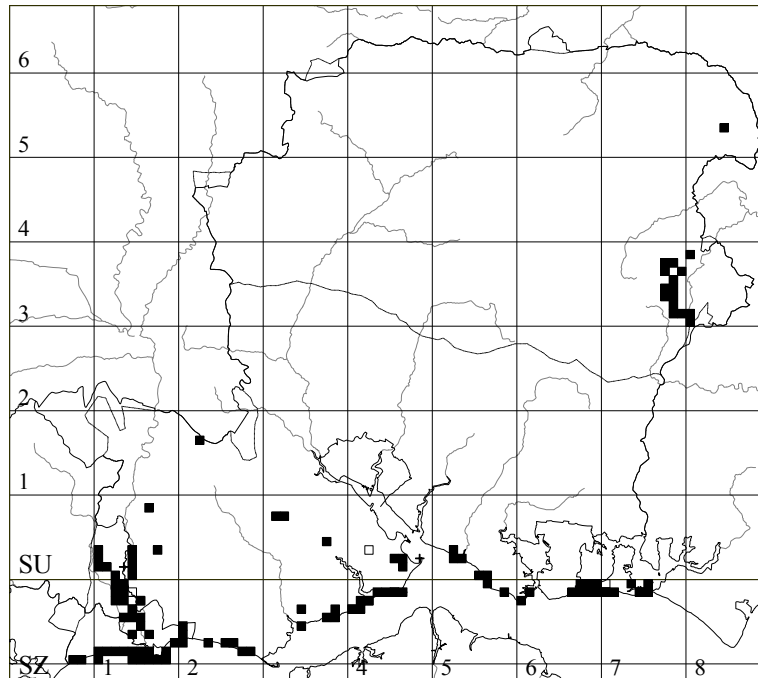


**National Status: Not Scarce, Native**



**S Hants: Not Scarce**

Native

Widespread and sometimes abundant along the coast wherever there is some accumulation of sand; also common in the lower Avon valley on the sandier strata of the lower Tertiaries and on sandy river terraces. Elsewhere it is very rare on dry sandy soils in a few localities in the New Forest. Also formerly recorded at Hamble Common (SU40Y) in the 19th century and south-west of Petersfield (?SU72) in the 1840s.

**N Hants: Scarce**

Native

In North Hampshire nearly all of the records are clustered closely together on the Lower Greensand heathlands (mostly the Folkestone Sands) near Bordon. In that area it is recorded in 15 1km squares, grouped here into nine sites, with a further single site on the Tertiary Heaths of NE Hampshire. As the grouping of contiguous 1km squares into sites of basically similar habitat is somewhat subjective, it is debatable whether *Carex arenaria* qualifies as Scarce (i.e. recorded in 4-10 sites from 1987 onwards).

There is a record for 'Near Eversley' in 1899 (SU76Q or V) and one for the Passfield Common area (SU83B) in 1930 but all other records in VC12 are much more recent. As it is a conspicuous plant that can form large patches, it has clearly colonised the sandy heaths around Bordon relatively recently. It is significant that Lady Anne Brewis, a former BSBI VC12 Recorder who lived very close to Woolmer Forest, only recorded it twice (unfortunately only at tetrad level) and Dr Francis Rose who also botanised frequently in the Woolmer / Longmoor area never recorded it. It still seems to be increasing, no doubt spread as seeds by military vehicles. The single very recent record for the NE heaths at Cody Technology Park beside a car park also implies spread by vehicles.

<b>Blackmoor, W of</b>	<b>SU7733</b>	<b>2015</b>		
Blackmoor, W of	SU777336	14-Jul-2015	SP	Many plants in corner of field among crops of Garden Asparagus.

<b>Blackmoor Golf Course</b>	<b>SU7734, SU7834</b>	<b>2001-2007</b>		
Blackmoor Golf Course	SU776345	03-Jul-07	ARGM	Patch at SU7768 3454 on the edge of the golf course.
Blackmoor Golf Course	SU7834	11-Oct-01	HL	

<b>Shortheath Common</b>	<b>SU7736, SU7737</b>	<b>1962-2007</b>		
Shortheath Common SSSI	SU7736	07-Aug-07	ILR	
Shortheath Common	SU776371	05-May-07	ARGM	Completely dominant over a huge area 200m x 100m beside the road, near Shortheath Pond.
<b>Woolmer Forest</b>	<b>SU7831, SU7832, SU7833</b>	<b>2003-2015</b>		
Woolmer Forest	SU787323	02-Jul-06	PHR	Still thriving at this site with many plants.
Woolmer Forest	SU788314	25-Oct-15	ARGM	On perimeter track at SU7887 3141.
Woolmer Forest	SU788329	21-Sep-03	ARGM	Near entrance to Range No.2 at SU7889 3290.
Woolmer Pond	SU789312	07-Aug-14	SP	Many plants on almost bare sandy ground at SU7891 3126.
Woolmer Forest	SU789325	28-Jul-12	ARGM	Large patch at SU7898 3250 to SU7897 3248.
Woolmer Forest	SU789329	04-Nov-10	ARGM	Scattered beside the main track e.g. at SU7892 3299.
Woolmer Forest	SU789330	04-Nov-10	ARGM	Scattered beside the main track e.g. at SU78934 33021 and SU78920 33018.
<b>Hogmoor</b>	<b>SU7834, SU7835</b>	<b>2003-2014</b>		
Hogmoor Inclosure	SU7834	21-Jul-10	ILR	
Hogmoor Road, North	SU786356	02-May-14	SP & EI	Several plants by entrance to MoD Tank Training Depot.
Bordon Plantation	SU787358	25-Sep-13	ILR	
<b>Oxney Farm Area</b>	<b>SU7837</b>	<b>2007</b>		
Oxney Farm Area	SU7837	13-Jun-07	ILR	
<b>Bordon, N of Louisburg Camp</b>	<b>SU7936</b>	<b>2006</b>		
Bordon, N of Louisburg Camp	SU791369	15-Jul-06	ARGM	Hb.ARGM, Dominant in 6m x 6m patch adjacent to track at SU7916 3691.
<b>Longmoor</b>	<b>SU7931, SU8030, SU8031</b>	<b>2003-2015</b>		
Longmoor	SU791312	07-Jul-13	SP	Beside perimeter track in several places around SU7911 3126. Increasing.
MOD Longmoor	SU801307	13-Sep-03	ARGM	Patch on bare sand at SU8011 3072.
MOD Woolmer	SU804312	12-May-04	SC & ARGM	Patch covering 7 x 5m at SU8042 3126.
MOD Woolmer	SU805312	12-May-04	SC & ARGM	Patch 5 x 10m at SU8052 3126.
MOD Longmoor	SU805313	28-Jun-03	ARGM, BGo & JGo	Large patch on raised bank at SU8056 3130.
Longmoor	SU806312	25-Oct-15	ARGM	At SU8061 3129.
MOD Longmoor	SU807313	28-Jun-03	ARGM, BGo & JGo	Large patch at SU8078 3136.
MOD Longmoor	SU809313	28-Jun-03	ARGM, BGo & JGo	Under pines, in shade at SU8099 3136.
<b>Sleaford Sand-pit</b>	<b>SU8038</b>	<b>2004-2015</b>		
Sleaford Sand-pit	SU805384	11-May-15	SP	One patch in disused Sleaford Sand-pit.
Sleaford Sand-pit	SU807384	11-May-04	ARGM	Patch at E end of pit at SU8072 3845.
<b>Cody Technology Park</b>	<b>SU8453</b>	<b>2015</b>		
Cody Technology Park	SU843538	30-May-15	CRH	At SU8430 5381 forming a dense line for c. 9 metres along edge of a car park beside Buccaneer Way. Specimen confirmed by Tony Mundell.