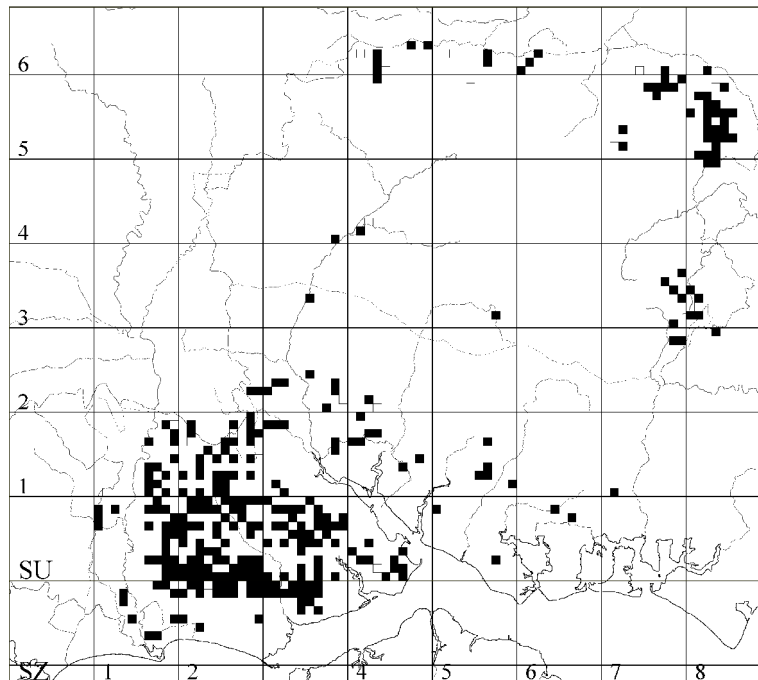


## *Carex echinata* Murray

Star Sedge  
1844-2015

National Status: Near Threatened, Not Scarce, Native



### **S Hants: Not Scarce**

Native

Widespread and often abundant in the New Forest in several mire communities which are not all well-described in Rodwell (1991) for our specific area, but notably include M21 valley mire and M25 *Molinia* mire: the map under-represents it here, as many records prior to 2000 are only to tetrad resolution. Elsewhere it is scattered in mire relics on the Tertiaries, and appears to have undergone some decline, especially to the north of Southampton.

### **N Hants: Not Scarce**

Native

In acidic bogs and the wettest parts of the heathlands on the Lower Greensand from Bordon to Liphook, and on the Tertiary Heaths of NE Hampshire from Newtown to Aldershot. There are a few records in less acidic areas such as Chilbolton Common (SU3840), Bransbury Common (SU4141) and Tichborne Springs (SU5731). More surprising are the statements in Townsend's 1883 flora that it is "Common about Andover" (SU34) and "Common about Thrupton" (SU24) where most of the bedrock is chalk.

As noted for South Hampshire, most of the earlier records are only at tetrad level so the map may somewhat under-represent its extent, but 41% of the pre-1987 North Hampshire tetrad records still have no corresponding 1km records, clearly indicating a decline.