

Campanula rapunculus L.**Rampion Bellflower****1666-2014****National Status: Endangered, Rare, Archaeophyte
UK BAP Priority Species****S Hants: Rare**

Probable Archaeophyte

There is a scattering of records from the south of the county from the mid nineteenth century onwards. Some earlier records are cast in doubt because of confusion with *Campanula patula*.

Avon, Sopley	SZ1497, SZ1597, SZ1498, SZ1598	1953-2014		
B3347 north of Sopley	SZ148982	29-Jul-78	RPB	Around and on banks on E, also W side road. Very local, c.50 plants.
Court Fm Avon	SZ149979	2014	EAP & DL	7 plants, SU1499 9794.
Nr B3347, Avon	SZ149980	09-Aug-11	PAB	15 metre long patch still extant on east side of road.
Avon, Sopley	SZ150979	31-Jul-10	EAP & DL	N of Sopley on the E side of the B3347 - we found 32 plants, 12 of them flowering, after having been mown - from SZ1494 9801 to 1501 9792, i.e. 90m N-S. The verge is mostly grass with only a little Bracken. The mowing is important - if it was not done the plants would be swamped. There are probably many more plants which we did not notice because they had been mown.
B3347 Court Fm Avon	SZ151978	1981	ARGM	W roadside, S of junction.
Court Farm, Avon	SZ151979	1981	ARGM	N hedgebank of minor road.
Nursling	SU3515, SU3516	1918-2013		
Nursling Gravel Pit	SU355159	07-Jul-81	RPB	Disturbed bare ground close to electricity pylon along SW track. VL c.12 plants in small patch.
Nursling	SU355160	1965	PHB	By track between R. Test & wood, small group on edge of wood.
Nursling Gravel pit	SU356160	08-Sep-80	RPB	Inside fence by willows along W track of old pit. Rare, 1 plant.
Nursling Gravel Pit	SU357162	01-Jul-53	RPB	Verges of track along NW border of old gravel pit. Local, fair quantity.
Nursling Gravel Pit	SU358162	Jul-68	RPB	'SU358162, etc.' Note on back of 01 Jul 1953 record card : '...Phenomenal increase in shallow pit and gravel banks outside N. hedge - 1,500 plants estimated July 1968 - prior to M27 construction. Since then rapid decrease. None seen 1976.'
Nursling Gravel Pit	SU358162	06-Jul-79	RPB	11.7.71 - 6.7.79 Bare gravelly soil at gap inside N hedge. L ... 10 plants 1979.
Nursling	SU359162	08-Sep-13	PM	One plant on each side of Test Way.
Nursling	SU359163	11-Sep-12	PM	Four plants on west side of Test Way at SU3594 1630.
Nursling	SU3516	25-Jul-99	GTh	
Test Lane, Nursling	SU3614	1979		

N Hants: Presumed extinct

The only well-localised record is for Warren Copse near Steep (which Rayner in his Supplement to Townsend's Flora suggested was the same site for *C. rapunculus* as recorded by John Goodyer in 1666). In Townsend's Flora of Hampshire there are old records for Heckfield (SU76F) in 1868 and "Hedgebanks and borders of fields at Aldershot (SU85) in considerable plenty, 1843-6".

Steep, Warren Copse **SU7425** **1900**