

Name:**Narrow-leaved water-dropwort***Oenanthe silaifolia***UK status:**

Red Data List (Near threatened). Nationally scarce (37 hectads).

London status:

Very rare (1 site). Local historic decline.

Protected status:

W&CA S.13(b); general protection from uprooting without owners' permission

Relevant London HAPs:

Meadows and pastures (Floodplain grassland); Rivers and Streams

Citation:

A perennial of seasonally-flooded damp grassland, normally found in hay meadows and on riverbanks. The plant has a scattered national distribution and its known range has recently extended to East Yorkshire. However, it is threatened by even quite modest agricultural intensification and there have been regional losses. In Greater London the plant was rediscovered in 1984, in a flood meadow on the eastern bank of the Yeading Brook (LB Hillingdon). The population here appears fairly localised but is large and apparently stable (described as 'abundant' in 2005). The site is within a Metropolitan SINC and LNR. A reported second site in Hillingdon requires further confirmation.

Managing authority; London Wildlife Trust/Hillingdon & Ealing Borough Councils.



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Conservation priorities:

- Monitor and maintain principal population
- Confirm presence of second population
- Ensure continued favourable management of site
- Protect any new populations emerging from further survey

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