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Tower Mustard

BftB project: IP07 Shifting Sands – Securing a future for the Brecks

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Species name – common & scientific	Tower Mustard (<i>Turritis glabra</i> , formerly <i>Arabis glabra</i>)
Photograph	 <p data-bbox="842 1496 1225 1525">© Rob Dyke / Back from the Brink</p>
Taxon group	Family: Brassicaceae
Conservation status	IUCN: Endangered
UK distribution	Distributed across the UK Breckland is a secondary stronghold
Habitat associations	Guild: Open, disturbed, non-grazed Habitats: usually grows on poor chalky or sandy soils, in open situations.

BftB work carried out:	
Survey & Monitoring	35 sites monitored; where BftB works done monitored annually, other sites at least once every 3 years, depending on access. Bespoke. Breckland Flora Group protocol; number per site compartment, area of occupation. Once annually, June-August. By Breckland Flora Group.
Conservation 'interventions' incl. reintroductions & translocations	Range expansion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground disturbance work undertaken in historical range and results monitored. No Tower Mustard has re-established from seed bank.
BftB results obtained:	
Recorded Distribution (in BftB focal areas)	Present at 35 sites.
Recorded Abundance of species populations	Abundance recorded during surveying.
Other results documented?	Ground disturbance work undertaken in historical range and results monitored. No Tower Mustard has re-established from seed bank.
Species Recovery Curve progress made	Baseline: 2 Current estimate: 6
Other measures of species recovery progress? e.g. FCS	Breckland Flora Group long term monitoring returns show flux in all known populations over time.