

# Back from the Brink – Species summary

## Eagle’s Claw

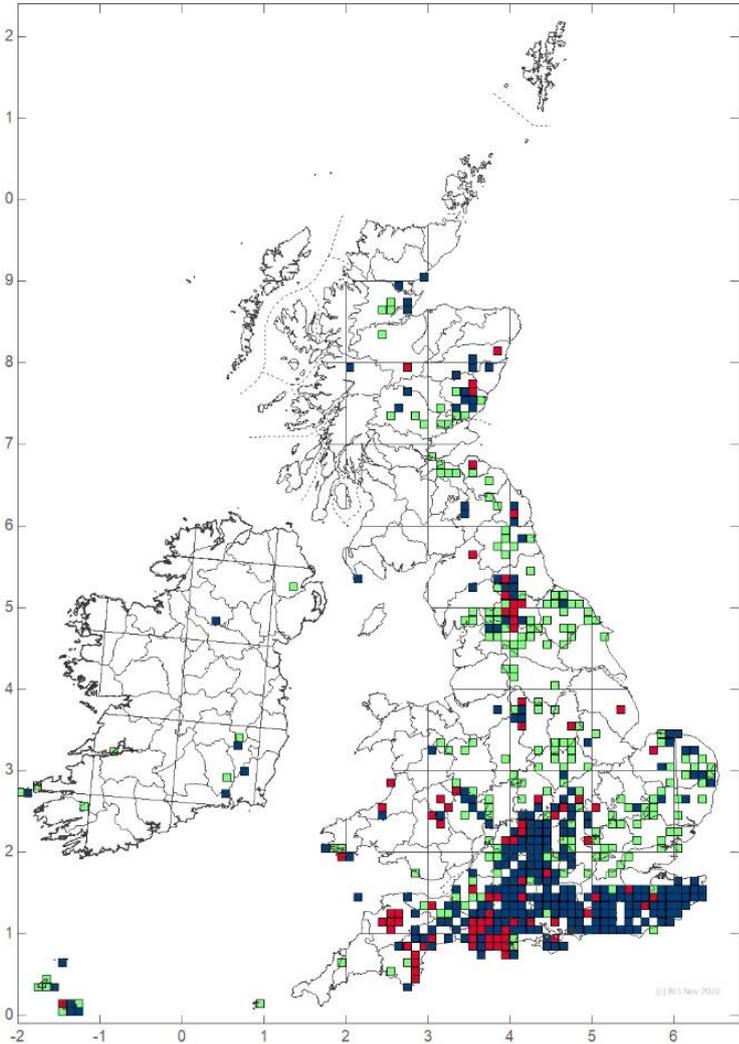
**BftB project:** IP02 Ancients of the Future

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**Partner organisation for species:** Plantlife

<b>Species name – common &amp; scientific</b>	Eagle’s claw <i>Anaptychia ciliaris</i> subsp. <i>ciliaris</i>
<b>Photograph</b>	 <p>© T Wilkins / Back from the Brink</p>
<b>Taxon group</b>	Lichen
<b>Conservation status</b>	Endangered in Britain and a NERC Act Section 41 species.
<b>UK distribution</b>	This species has always tended to avoid wetter western areas in GB but was widespread and locally common from SW England to NE Scotland in the past. Following a rapid decline it is now mostly in central southern England e.g. Dorset.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Anaptychia ciliaris</i> subsp. <i>ciliaris</i></p>  <p>Key to map date classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 2000+</li> <li>■ 1960 - 1999</li> <li>■ 1950 - 1959</li> </ul> <p>© British Lichen Society</p>
<p><b>Habitat associations</b></p>	<p><i>Anaptychia ciliaris</i> subsp. <i>ciliaris</i> is mostly found on the trunks of veteran trees with less acidic (or base-rich) bark e.g. ash, sycamore, elm and older oak that have a degree of natural nutrient enrichment (not that resulting from high level of ammonia pollution). Primarily a species of agricultural landscapes, it favours well-lit veteran trees along boundaries and roadsides often growing at some height up the trunk. Unlike many specialist lichens of veteran trees it is not a pasture woodland species.</p>
<p><b>BftB work carried out:</b></p>	
<p><b>Sites habitat management works</b></p>	<p>No habitat management works were undertaken as part of this project.</p>
<p><b>Technical advice provision</b></p>	<p>Advice given to the managers of the only project site with the species (National Trust/Petworth Park).</p>

<b>Links made with other taxa / conservation work?</b>	Associated with other lichens of well-lit old parkland oak.
<b>BftB results obtained:</b>	
<b>Species Recovery Curve progress made</b>	SRC score: 2. Only present on one project site (Petworth Park). Management advice given that will benefit this species in the long-term when implemented but no specific work undertaken. Some work will be relevant to this species e.g. the translocation work.
<b>Recommendations for future work:-</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ref Section 41 actions</li> </ul>