



SOLANUM NIGRUM

Two subspecies of *S. nigrum* have been recorded in England (Lesley 1980). *Solanum nigrum* subsp. *nigrum* is widespread throughout England and Wales, and scarce in Scotland and Ireland. *Solanum nigrum* subsp. *schultesii* is rarer, and has been recorded in SE England from V.cc. 7, 11-18, 20-22, 24-26, 28-30, 38, 40, 46, 59 and 69. They may be distinguished as follows:

1. Stem with sparse, appressed hairs, long (multicellular) glandular hairs absent
S. nigrum subsp. *nigrum*
1. Stem more densely hairy with spreading, long (multicellular) glandular hairs
S. nigrum subsp. *schultesii* (Opiz.) Wessely

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