

Artemisia campestris L.

Field Wormwood

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



Starting references

Family

Asteraceae

IUCN category (2001)

Vulnerable

Habit

Deep-rooting herb (perennial).

Habitat

Short, open grassland, grass-heath, forest tracks, abandoned arable fields, and roadsides.

Reasons for decline

Grazing (rabbits).

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km ² occurrences)	Population (plants)
England	Area bounded by Mildenhall, Brandon, and Thetford in Breckland, W. Suffolk	4	> 137 in 1994

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 Roamer House
- 2 Cambridge University Botanic Garden
- 3 Mark Hall Arboretum
- 4 RHS Hyde Hall
- 5 Writtle College

Gardens of specialisation on family Asteraceae or genus *Artemisia*

None

Potential to grow the species in *ex situ* Collections

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- Propagation

Seed - surface sow from late winter to early summer in a greenhouse. When large enough to handle, prick the seedlings out into individual pots and plant them out in the summer. Division in spring or autumn.

- Cultivation

Easily grown in a well-drained circumneutral or slightly alkaline loamy soil, preferring a sunny position. Established plants are drought tolerant. Plants are longer lived, more hardy and more aromatic when they are grown in a poor dry soil.

Conservation information

Artemisia campestris is listed on Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981.

Linkages to BAPs

Norfolk BAP

Cambridgeshire BAP

Suffolk LBAP

Habitat Management

Breckland SSSIs.

Conservation programmes

Because it occurs on sites lacking statutory protection, populations derived from planned translocations have been established on other Breckland SSSIs.

Web References

- Plants For A Future Database: http://www.ibiblio.org/pfaf/cgi-bin/arr_html?Artemisia+campestris&CAN=LATIND
- NBN Gateway database: <http://www.searchnbn.net>