

Centaurium scilloides (L. f.) Samp.

Perennial Centaury

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



Starting references

Family

Gentianaceae

IUCN category (2001)

Endangered

Habit

Herb (perennial).

Habitat

Slopes of coastal cliffs.

Reasons for decline

Decline of grazing and invasion of scrub.

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km ² occurrences)	Population (plants)
Wales	Newport, Pembrokeshire	1	100s

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 National Botanic Garden of Wales
- 2 Swansea Botanic Garden
- 3 Dyffryn Gardens

Botanical Collections with specialisation on family Gentianaceae

Ness Botanic Gardens

Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh

Potential to grow the species in *ex situ* Collections

The plant can be easily established in gardens from seed. It is intolerant of shade. *Centaurium scilloides* has been stocked by local nurseries (Briggs, M. 1983. Perennial centaury in the lawn. *Botanical Society of the British Isles News*, 33: 9.).

Conservation information

Linkages to BAPs

A Local Biodiversity Plan for Pembrokeshire.

Habitat Management

All colonies lie within SSSIs, and key populations are further safeguarded by management agreements. Protected sites with records for *C. scilloides* are listed on <http://www.searchnbn.net>

Conservation programmes

Unknown

Web References

- NBN Gateway database: <http://www.searchnbn.net>