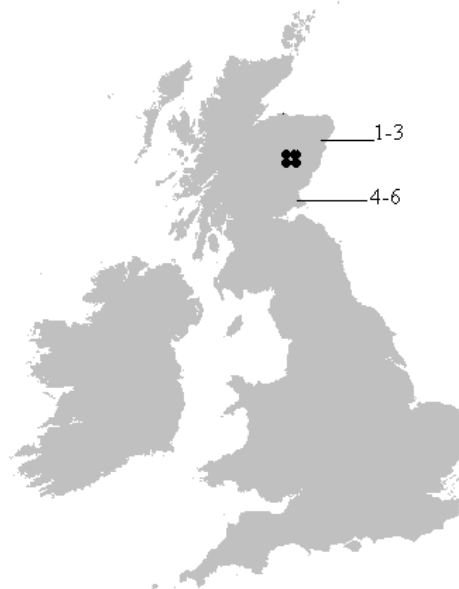


Cicerbita alpina (L.) Wallroth

Alpine Blue-sow-thistle

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

Tall, rhizomatous herb (perennial) usually growing in clumps.

Habitat

Predominantly N.-facing acidic rocks, often where there is late snow-lie. From 700m to 1090m.

Reasons for decline

Trampling or grazing by deer and other animals.

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km ² occurrences)	Population (plants)
Scotland	Lochnagar, S. Aberdeen Glen Canness, Angus	4	500-600 flowering spikes

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 Pitmedden Garden (NTS)
- 2 Cruickshank Botanic Garden
- 3 Crathes Castle
- 4 University of Dundee Botanic Garden
- 5 St Andrew Botanic Garden
- 6 Branklyn Garden

Botanical Collections with specialisation on family Asteraceae

None

Potential to grow the species in ex situ Collections

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- Propagation

Seed - sow spring in a cold frame. Only just cover the seed and do not let the compost dry out. When they are large enough to handle, prick the seedlings out into individual pots and plant them out into their permanent positions in the summer.

Division in spring. We have found it best to pot up the clumps and grow them on in a cold frame until they are rooting well. Plant them out in the summer or following spring.

- Cultivation

Prefers a moist well-drained humus rich neutral to acid light sandy soil and some shade.

Plants are hardy to at least -20°C.

Conservation information

Cicerbita alpina is protected under Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981)

Linkages to BAPs

Cairngorms Lbap

North East Scotland Biodiversity Partnership

Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan

Working For Wildlife; The Northumberland Biodiversity Action Plan

Habitat Management

Protected sites with records for *C. alpina* are listed on <http://www.searchnbn.net>

Conservation programmes

Unknown

Web References

- NBN Gateway: <http://www.searchnbn.net>
- Plants For A Future Database: http://www.ibiblio.org/pfaf/cgi-bin/arr_html?Cicerbita+alpina