

Filago pyramidata L.

Broad-leaved Cudweed

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



Starting references

Family

Asteraceae

IUCN category (2001)

Endangered

(Archaeophyte)

Habit

Herb (annual).

Habitat

Well-drained soils.

Reasons for decline

Many of the agricultural changes which were responsible for the decline of broad-leaved cudweed are now proving to be constraints on its recovery. These include:

Widespread use of fertilisers and herbicides.

The development of highly productive crop varieties.

The destruction of hedge-banks and other field-edge habitats.

Successional development on sites which are no longer subject to disturbance processes (eg abandoned arable land and sand pits). The demise of traditional crop rotations.

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km ² occurrences)	Population (plants)
England	Surrey	2	0-60,000
	Oxfordshire	2	
	Cambridgeshire	2	
	W. Sussex	1	
	Kent	1	

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 Roamer House
- 2 Cambridge University Botanic Garden
- 3 Sissinghurst Castle Garden
- 4 Bedgebury National Pinetum
- 5 RBG Kew
- 6 RHS Wisley
- 7 Newhaven Botanic Garden
- 8 Sheffield Park
- 9 West Dean Gardens
- 10 Borde Hill Garden
- 11 High Beeches Gardens
- 12 Nymans Gardens
- 13 University of Oxford Botanic Garden
- 14 The Harris Garden
- 15 Windsor, The Savill & Valley Gardens
- 16 Akely Wood Farmhouse
- 17 Cliveden (NT)

Gardens with specialisation on family Asteraceae or genus *Filago*

None

Potential to grow the species in *ex situ* Collections

Conservation information

Filago pyramidata is listed on Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981

Linkages to BAPs

A Species Action Plan has been produced for *Filago pyramidata*, lead partners are Dominic Price, Plantlife Tel:01722 342749 and Ron Porley, English Nature.

No local implementation.

Habitat Management

The monitoring of at least one site is being undertaken by the Wildlife Trusts.

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

Conservation programmes

Conservation work is ongoing under Plantlife's `Back from the Brink` project which is supported by English Nature's Species Recovery Programme.

Seed have been collected from a number of sites and stored at Wakehurst Place (Kew).

Web References

- NBN Gateway database: <http://www.searchnbn.net>
- UK Species Action Plan: <http://www.ukbap.org.uk/UKPlans.aspx?ID=304>