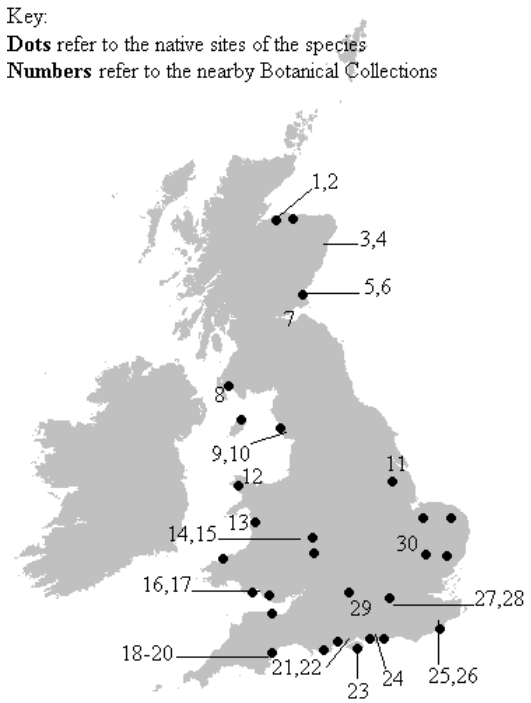
Hypochaeris glabra L.

Smooth Cat's-ear



Starting references

Family

Asteraceae

IUCN category (2001)

Vulnerable

Habit

Annual herb.

Habitat

Open summer-parched grasslands and heathy pastures, on usually acidic, nutrient-poor, sandy or gravelly soils; also in dune grassland and sandy shingle. Lowland.

Reasons for decline

Agricultural improvement or loss of grazing.

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites ($10km^2$ occurences)	Population (plants)
Scotland	Moray	3	
	Fife & Kinross	1	
	Wigtownshire	1	
Wales	Anglesey	4	
	Merioneth	1	
	Pembrokeshire	1	
	Glamorgan	3	
England	Westmorland & Cumberland	2	
	Isle of Man	3	
	Nottinghamshire	3	
	SW Yorkshire	1	
	N Lincolnshire	7	
	Shropshire	1	
	Staffordshire	1	
	Worcestershire	3	
	Cambridgeshire	1	
	Suffolk	17	
	Norfolk	27	
	S Devon	1	
	S Somerset	1	
	Dorset	2	
	Hampshire	4	
	Isle of Wight	4	
	Sussex	4	
	E Kent	1	
	Surrey	4	
	Berkshire	3	

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

1 Brodie Castle (NTS)
2 Cawdor Castle Gardens
3 Pitmedden Garden (NTS)
4 Cruickshank Botanic Garden
5 Dundee Botanic Garden
6 St Andrews Botanic Garden
7 RBG Edinburgh
8 Logan Botanic Garden
9 Holehird Gardens
10 Sizergh Castle (NT)
11 University of Hull Botanic & Exp. Garden
12 Treborth Botanic Garden
13 Portmeirion Gardens
14 University of B'ham Botanic Garden, Winterbourne
15 B'ham Botanical Gardens & Glasshouses, Westbourne
16 National Botanic Garden of Wales
17 Swansea Botanic Garden
18 Paignton Zoological & Botanical Gardens
19 Bicton Park Botanical Gardens
20 Exeter University
21 Sir Harold Hillier Garden
22 Mottisfont Abbey
23 Ventnor Botanic Garden
24 West Dean Gardens
25 Sissinghurst Castle Garden (NT)
26 Bedgebury National Pinetum
27 RHS Wisley
28 RBG Kew
29 The Harris Garden
30 Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Gardens with specialisation on family Asteraceae

None

Potential to grow the species in *ex situ* Collections

From Plants For A Future Database

- Propagation

Seed - sow spring in a cold frame and only just cover the seed. When they are large enough to handle, prick the seedlings out into individual pots and plant them out in the summer. If you have enough seed it can be sown outdoors in situ in the spring

- Cultivation details

Requires a light to medium well-drained soil in a sunny position.

Conservation information

Linkages to BAPs

LBAP Areas sites are listed on http://www.searchnbn.net

Habitat Management

Names of protected sites are listed on http://www.searchnbn.net

Conservation programmes

Unknown

Web References

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