

# *Juncus pygmaeus* L.C.M. Rich.

Pigmy Rush

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



## *Starting references*

### Family

Juncaceae

### IUCN category (2001)

Endangered

### Habit

Diminutive, loosely tufted herb (annual).

### Habitat

Seasonally wet, compacted, open ground.

### Reasons for decline

Cessation of use of unmade tracks and gateways where pigmy rush occurs.

Upgrading and infilling of tracks and gateways where the species occurs.

This recently resulted in the loss of the best UK site for the plant.

### Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km <sup>2</sup> occurrences)	Population (plants)
England	Lizard peninsula, Cornwall	3	100s-1,000s

## *Ex situ Collections*

### Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 St Michael's Mount
- 2 Trebah Garden Trust
- 3 Glendurgan Gardens (NT)
- 4 Trelissick (NT)
- 5 Tregothnan Botanic Garden
- 6 Eden project
- 7 Lilac Cottage
- 8 Tregrehan

### Gardens with specialisation on family Juncaceae or genus *Juncus*

None

### Potential to grow the species in *ex situ* Collections

## *Conservation information*

### Linkages to BAPs

A Species Action Plan has been produced for *J. pygmaeus*, lead partner is Simon Leach, English Nature  
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The LBAP working on the species is Cornwall's Biodiversity Vol 1, 2 and 3.

### Habitat Management

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

### Conservation programmes

Unknown

## Web References

- NBN Gateway database: <http://www.searchnbn.net>
- UK Species Action Plan: <http://www.ukbap.org.uk/UKPlans.aspx?ID=393>