

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections

Minuartia rubella (Wahlenb.)

Hiern

Mountain Sandwort

Starting references

Family

Caryophyllaceae

IUCN category (2001)

Vulnerable

Habit

Cushion-forming montane perennial herb.

Habitat

Strongly base-rich rocks, including limestone and soft calcareous schists. The vegetation is usually open, as the ground on which it usually grows is both easily eroded and subjected to frost-heave.

Up to 1180m on Ben Lawers (M Perth).

Reasons for decline

National population likely to be stable.

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km ² occurrences)	Population (plants)
Scotland	W Sutherland	1	
	E Perth	1	
	Ben Alder range, Westernness	1	
	Ben Lawers, Mid Perth	2	

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 Inverewe Garden (NTS)
- 2 Pitmedden Garden (NTS)
- 3 Cruickshank Botanic Garden
- 4 Dundee Botanic Garden
- 5 St Andrews Botanic Garden
- 6 RBG Edinburgh
- 7 Glasgow Botanic Gardens

Gardens with specialisation on family Caryophyllaceae

University of Oxford Botanic Garden

Potential to grow the species in *ex situ* Collections

Possibly not in cultivation yet, but shouldn't be difficult to grow *ex situ* (Phil Lusby, pers. comm.).

Conservation information

Linkages to BAPs

Cairngorms Lbap

Highland

Living Shetland Project

North East Scotland Biodiversity Partnership

Stirling Council Area BAP

Tayside BAP

Habitat Management

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

Conservation programmes

Unknown

Web References

- Image: http://www.ukwildflowers.com/Web_pages/minuartia_rubella_mountain_sandwort.htm
- NBN Gateway database : <http://www.searchnbn.net>

