

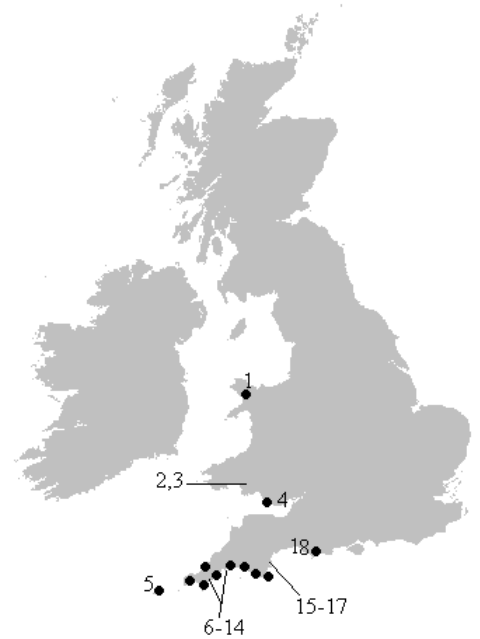
Rumex rupestris Le Gall

Shore Dock

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



Starting references

Family

Polygonaceae

IUCN category (2001)

Endangered

Habit

Herb (perennial).

Habitat

Sand and shingle beaches.

Reasons for decline

Sea defence works, visitor pressure and winter storms.

Competition from the Hottentot fig (*Carpobrotus edulis*), an established non-native species; also from bramble and other invasive species.

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km ² occurrences)	Population (plants)
Wales	Glamorgan	1	21 in 1996
	Anglesey	2	
England	Isles of Scilly	3	<10
	Cornwall	8	
	S. Devon	6	
	Dorset	1	

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 Treborth Botanic Garden
- 2 National Botanic Garden of Wales
- 3 Swansea Botanic Garden
- 4 Dyffryn Gardens
- 5 Tresco Abbey Gardens
- 6 St Michael's Mount (NT)
- 7 Duchy College
- 8 Trebah Garden Trust
- 9 Glendurgan Gardens (NT)
- 10 Trelissick (NT)
- 11 Tregothnan Botanic Garden
- 12 Eden Project
- 13 Tregrehan
- 14 Lilac Cottage
- 15 Paignton Zoological & Botanical Gardens
- 16 Exeter University
- 17 Bickton Park Botanical Gardens
- 18 Abbotsbury Subtropical Garden

Gardens with specialisation on family Polygonaceae or genus *Rumex*

None

Potential to grow the species in *ex situ* Collections

Conservation information

Rumex rupestris is listed on Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981

Linkages to BAPs

A Species Action Plan has been produced for *Rumex rupestris*, lead partner is Dominic Price, Plantlife
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The following LBAPs are working on the species:

LBAP for Bridgend County Borough Council

LBAP for Swansea

LBAP for Pembrokeshire

Vale of Glamorgan LBAP

Working for the Wealth of Wildlife - Anglesey's LBAP

Cornwall's Biodiversity vol 1, 2 and 3

Habitat Management

About 17 of the known colonies lie within SSSIs or are on land owned by the National Trust.

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

Conservation programmes

The species is subject of 'recovery' programmes, and studies of its autecology throughout its range are underway. Reintroductions are in progress at 3 of its former sites, 2 in Cornwall, and 1 in S. Devon, with further introductions planned.

Web References

- UK Species Action Plan:
http://www.ukwildflowers.com/Web_pages/romulea_columnae_sand_crocus.htm
- NBN Gateway database: <http://www.searchnbn.net>