

Saxifraga hirculus L.

Marsh Saxifrage

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



Family

Saxifragaceae

IUCN category (2001)

Vulnerable

Habit

Stoloniferous perennial herb.

Habitat

In wet, base-rich flushes and mires; boggy places among short vegetation. Montane species, from 300m to 750m (Mickle Fell, NW Yoks.).

Reasons for decline

Afforestation, drainage and other demands of agriculture.

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km ² occurrences)	Populations (plants)
Scotland	Midlothian & N. Aberdeen	2	~485
England	Between Stainforth & South Tyne & Weardale, Northern Pennines	4	~50,000 (80-90% of the British population)

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 Pitmedden Garden (NTS)
- 2 Cruickshank Botanic Garden
- 3 Crathes Garden (NTS)
- 4 RBG Edinburgh
- 5 Dawyck Botanic Garden
- 6 Moor Bank Botanic Garden
- 7 University of Durham Botanic Garden
- 8 RHS Harlow Carr
- 9 Harewood House
- 10 Yorkshire Museum & Gardens
- 11 City of Leeds Botanic Gardens

Gardens with specialisation on genus *Saxifraga*

Cambridge University Botanic Garden

Potential to grow the species in *ex situ* Collections

Conservation information

Saxifraga hirculus is listed on Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981

Linkages to BAPs

A Species Action Plan has been produced for *S. hirculus*; lead partners are Ian Taylor, English Nature Tel:01539 792800 and Chris Sydes, Scottish Natural Heritage Tel:0131 446 2461

The following LBAPs working on the species are:

Action for Wildlife - The Durham Biodiversity Plan

Nature in the Dales - a local BAP for the Yorkshire Dales National Park

Habitat Management

Distribution of *Saxifraga hirculus* on protected sites is 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=560>