

# *Silene otites* L.

Spanish Catchfly

Key:

**Dots** refer to the native sites of the species

**Numbers** refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



## *Starting references*

### **Family**

Caryophyllaceae

### **IUCN category (2001)**

Endangered.

### **Habit**

Perennial herb.

### **Habitat**

Confined to Breckland grass-heaths and roadsides, where open, disturbed ground provide site for seedlings.

Substrates: shallow, well-drained, light calcareous soils.

### **Reasons for decline**

Agricultural intensification and afforestation.

### **Distribution in wild**

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km <sup>2</sup> occurrences)	Population (plants)
England	Suffolk	3	
	West Norfolk	3	

## *Ex situ Collections*

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

- 1 Roamer House
- 2 Cambridge University Botanic Garden
- 3 RHS Hyde Hall
- 4 Mark Hall Arboretum
- 5 Writtle College

### **Gardens with specialisation on family Caryophyllaceae**

B'ham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne

Exeter University

Fletcher Moss Botanical Gardens

Harris Garden

RBG Kew

University of Bristol Botanic Garden

University of Oxford Botanic Garden

Ventnor Botanic Garden

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

## *Conservation information*

### **Linkages to BAPs**

Norfolk Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP Areas)

Essex And Suffolk Water Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP Areas)

### **Habitat Management**

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

### **Conservation programmes**

Unknown

**Web References**

- Images: [http://www.ukwildflowers.com/Web\\_pages/silene\\_otites\\_spanish\\_catchfly.htm](http://www.ukwildflowers.com/Web_pages/silene_otites_spanish_catchfly.htm)
- NBN Gateway database : <http://www.searchnbn.net>
- UK Biodiversity Action Plan: <http://www.ukbap.org.uk/lbap.aspx?ID=378>