

# *Anthemis cotula* L.

Stinking Chamomile

Key:

**Dots** refer to the native sites of the species  
**Numbers** refer to the nearby Botanical Collections

**Starting references**

**Family**

Asteraceae

**IUCN category (2001)**

Vulnerable

(Archaeophyte)

**Habit**

Foetid annual.

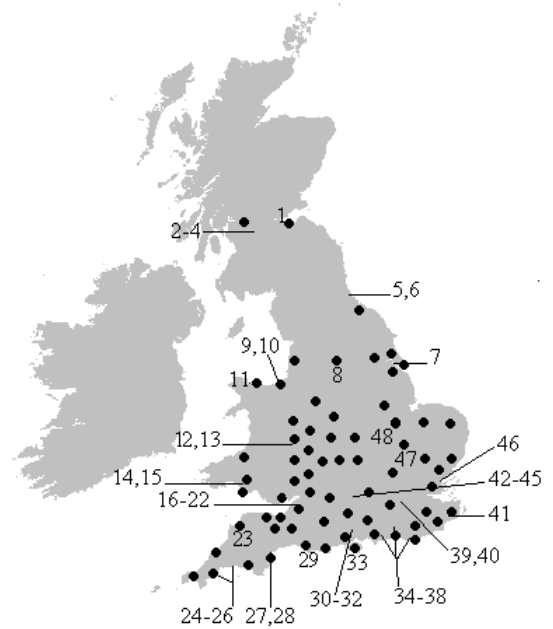
**Habitat**

Cereals and other arable crops. Favours heavy soils, including clay, clay-loam and marl, but it can grow on light soils, including those over chalk.

**Reasons for decline**

Susceptible to herbicides.

**Distribution in wild**



Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km <sup>2</sup> occurrences)	Population (plants)
Scotland	Midlothian Stirlingshire	1 1	
England	Widely distributed		
Wales	Widely distributed		

**Ex situ Collections**

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

- 1 RBG Edinburgh
- 2 Geilston Garden (NTS)
- 3 Glasgow Botanic Gardens
- 4 Greenbank Garden (NTS)
- 5 Moor Bank Garden
- 6 University of Durham Botanic Garden
- 7 University of Hull Botanic & Exp. Garden
- 8 Sheffield Botanical Gardens
- 9 Ness Botanic Gardens
- 10 Chester Zoological Gardens
- 11 Treborth Botanic Garden
- 12 University of B'ham Botanic Garden, Winterbourne
- 13 B'ham Botanical Gardens & Glasshouses, Westbourne
- 14 National Botanic Garden of Wales
- 15 Swansea Botanic Garden
- 16 Batsford Arboretum
- 17 Hidcote Manor Garden (NT)
- 18 Highgrove House
- 19 Westonbirt National Pinetum
- 20 Bristol Zoo Gardens
- 21 University of Bristol Botanic Garden
- 22 Wildwalk at Bristol

- 23 RHS Rosemoor
- 24 Trellisick (NT)
- 25 Tregothnan Botanic Garden
- 26 Eden Project
- 27 Paignton Zoological & Botanical Gardens
- 28 Bickton Park Botanical Gardens
- 29 Abbotsbury Sub-Tropical Garden
- 30 Longstock Park Gardens
- 31 Mottisfont Abbey Rose Garden (NT)
- 32 Sir Harold Hillier Garden
- 33 Ventnor Botanic Garden
- 34 West Dean Gardens
- 35 High Beeches Gardens
- 36 Nymans Garden (NT)
- 37 Borde Hill Garden
- 38 Newhaven Botanic Garden
- 39 RBG Kew
- 40 RHS Wisley
- 41 Sissinghurst Castle Garden (NT)
- 42 University of Oxford Botanic Garden
- 43 The Harris Garden
- 44 Windsor Gardens
- 45 Cliveden (NT)
- 46 RHS Hyde Hall
- 47 Cambridge University Botanic Garden
- 48 University of Leicester Botanic Garden

**Gardens with specialisation on family Asteraceae (Compositae)**

Exeter University

Glasgow Botanic Gardens

Inverewe Garden

Ness Botanic Gardens

RBG Kew

Trebah Garden Trust

University of Oxford Botanic Garden

Ventnor Botanic Garden

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

From Plants For A Future

- Propagation

Seed - best sown outdoors as soon as it is ripe. Most of the seed germinates in the autumn.

- Cultivation details

Prefers a sunny position and a well-drained soil that is neutral to slightly acid. Succeeds in heavy clay soils. Bees dislike this plant. The leaves contain glands which release a most disagreeable odour when the plant is handled and can cause allergic reactions in people.

***Conservation information***

**Linkages to BAPs**

Designated LBAP Areas sites are listed on <http://www.searchnbn.net>

**Habitat Management**

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

**Conservation programmes**

Unknown

**Web References**

- Plants For A Future Database: [http://www.ibiblio.org/pfaf/cgi-bin/arr\\_html?Anthemis+cotula](http://www.ibiblio.org/pfaf/cgi-bin/arr_html?Anthemis+cotula)
- NBN Gateway: <http://www.searchnbn.net>
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