

Arabis scabra All.

Bristol Rock-cress

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



Starting references

Family

Brassicaceae

IUCN category (2001)

Vulnerable

Habit

Herb (short-lived perennial).

Habitat

Scree and rock ledges.

Reasons for decline

Invasion of scrub and wire-netting to prevent rock falls have reduced the open ground needed for germination.

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km ² occurrences)	Population (plants)
England	Avon Gorge, in Somerset & Gloucestershire	1	1000s

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 Highgrove House
- 2 University of Bristol Botanic Garden
- 3 Bristol Zoo Gardens
- 4 Wildwalk-At-Bristol
- 5 Congrove Cottage

Botanical Collections with specialisation on family Brassicaceae or genus *Arabis*

None

Potential to grow the species in *ex situ* Collections

Conservation information

Linkages to BAPs

West Somerset Biodiversity Action Plan

Habitat Management

National Nature Reserve

Bridgwater Bay

Huntspill River

SSSI

Biddle Street, Yatton

Bourne

Bridgwater Bay

Brockley Hall Stables

Goblin Combe

Kenn Church, Kenn Pier & Yew Tree Farm

King's Wood & Urchin Wood

Puxton Moor

Tickenham, Nailsea & Kenn Moors

Yanal Bog

Special Area of Conservation

North Somerset & Mendip Bats

Conservation programmes

Unsuccessful attempts in the 1950s to establish the plant in suitable habitats elsewhere in the district by sowing seed or planting rooted plants (Hope-Simpson 1987).

Web References

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