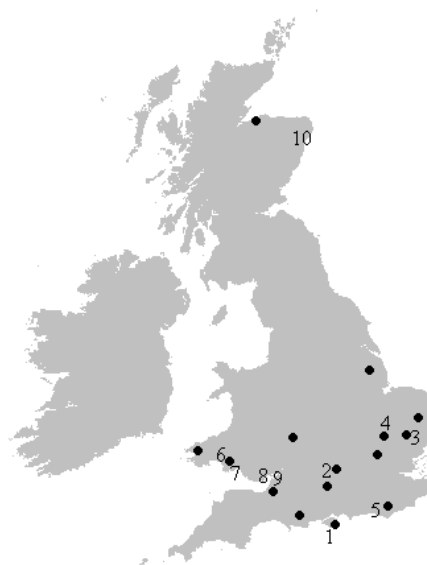


Centaurea cyanus L.

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



Starting references

Family

Asteraceae

IUCN category

Endangered

Habit

Herb (annual).

Habitat

Arable field.

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km ² occurrences)	Population (plants)
England	Wiltshire, the Isle of Wight, Buckinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Suffolk*, Oxfordshire, Cambridgeshire, E. Sussex.	> 43	
Scotland	Moray	1	
Wales	Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire	2	

*believed to support the sole remaining arable field population in Britain that is persistent and self-sustaining.

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 Ventnor Botanic Garden
- 2 University of Oxford Botanic Garden
- 3 The Place for Plants
- 4 Cambridge University Botanic Garden
- 5 Newhaven Botanic Garden
- 6 National Botanic Garden of Wales
- 7 Swansea Botanic Garden
- 8 Dyffryn Botanic Garden
- 9 University of Bristol Botanic Garden
- 10 Cruickshank Botanic Garden

Gardens with specialisation on family Compositae

Ventnor Botanic Garden, Isle of Wight

University of Oxford Botanic Garden, Oxfordshire


Royal Botanic Garden, Kew

Potential to grow the species in ex situ Collections

Short-lived seed.

Conservation information

Linkages to BAPs

A Species Action Plan has been produced for *C. cyanus*, lead partner is  [Dominic Price](#), [Plantlife](#) Tel:01722 342749

The following LBAPs are working on the species:

A 50 year Vision for the Wildlife and Natural Habitats of Hertfordshire

BAP for Gloucestershire

Cornwall's Biodiversity vol 1, 2 and 3

East Lothian Biodiversity

Edinburgh Biodiversity Partnership

North East Scotland Biodiversity Partnership

Stirling Council Area BAP

Suffolk LBAP

Teignbridge BAP

Known conservation programmes

The species has been introduced to several trial arable weed conservation plots such as that at Barton Downs (English Nature).

Habitat Management

The Suffolk site is currently part of a conventionally farmed arable field, and research is ongoing there to determine the ideal conservation management.

The Suffolk and Isle of Wight sites are under Countryside Stewardship Scheme agreements.