

# *Cirsium tuberosum* (L.) All.

Key:

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

**Numbers** refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



## *Starting references*

### **Family**

Asteraceae

### **IUCN category**

Vulnerable

### **Habit**

Herb (perennial).

### **Habitat**

Old chalk and limestone grassland.

### **Distribution in wild**

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km <sup>2</sup> occurrences)	Populations (plants)
Wales	South Glamorgan	3	
England	Wiltshire	8	
	Dorset	1	

## *Ex situ Collections*

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

- 1 National Botanic Garden of Wales
- 2 Swansea Botanic Garden
- 3 Dyffryn Gardens
- 4 Longstock Park Gardens
- 5 Mottisfont Abbey Rose Garden
- 6 Sir Harold Hillier Garden & Arboretum
- 7 Abbotsbury Subtropical Garden

### **Botanical Collections with specialisation on family Asteraceae**

None

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

## *Conservation information*

### **Linkages to BAPs**

The species recorded in:

Wiltshire BAP

Dorset Biodiversity Initiative (LBAP Areas)

### **Known conservation programmes**

The species became extinct in its sole Cambridgeshire locality in 1974, although plants from the original stock were reintroduced to a nearby site in 1987, with initial

success (Pigott, C.D. 1988. The reintroduction of *C. tuberosum* in Cambridgeshire. *Watsonia*, 17: 149-152).

**Habitat Management**

In a small Glamorgan population, wire netting are laid on the soil surface against predators.

In Wiltshire, there are few refuges for *C. tuberosum* against hybridisation with *C. acaule*.