

Corrigiola litoralis ssp. *litoralis* L.

Strapwort

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections

Starting references

Family

Caryophyllaceae

IUCN category (2001)

Critically Endangered

Habit

Herb forming a flat rosette (annual).

Habitat

Periodically inundated, open, muddy shingle.

Reasons for decline

Reduced trampling by cattle.

Distribution in wild



Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km ² occurrences)	Population (plants)
England	Slapton Ley, S. Devon	1	Very few

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 Paignton Zoological & Botanical Gardens
- 2 Exeter University
- 3 Bickton Park Botanical Gardens
- 4 Bickton College Garden & Arboretum

Gardens with specialisation on family Caryophyllaceae

University of Oxford Botanic Garden

Potential to grow species ex situ

Plants are self-pollinated, and reproduction entirely by seed (*British Red Data Book, 1999*).

From Plants For A Future for species *Corrigiola litoralis*

- Propagation

Seed - we have no information on this species but suggest sowing it in pots in a cold frame in the spring or when ripe in the autumn. When they are large enough to handle, prick the seedlings out into individual pots and plant them out in early summer. If larger quantities of seed are available then an outdoor sowing in situ could be tried.

- Cultivation

Requires a moist sandy soil, growing well in a rock garden. The information for this plant probably also applies to the closely related *C. telephifolia* from Europe, a species that is said to be perennial.

Conservation information

Linkages to BAPs

Devon BAP

Habitat Management

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

Conservation programmes

Recovery programmes by protecting existing plants & by introducing plants propagated *ex situ*.

Web References

- Plants For A Future Database: http://www.ibiblio.org/pfaf/cgi-bin/arr_html?Corrigiola+littoralis&CAN=LATIND
- NBN Gateway database: <http://www.searchnbn.net>