

Potamogeton acutifolius Link

Sharp-leaved Pondweed

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



Starting references

Family

Potamogetonaceae

IUCN category (2001)

Critically Endangered

Habit

Aquatic, rhizomatous herb (perennial).

Habitat

Shallow, species-rich drainage ditches in lowland grazing marshes.

Reasons for decline

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km ² occurrences)	population (plants)
England	Wareham area, Dorset	1	
	Amberley Wild Brooks, Sussex	7	
	E. Norfolk	5	

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 Roamer House
- 2 Cambridge University Botanic Garden
- 3 High Beeches Gardens
- 4 Wakehurst Place
- 5 Nymans Garden
- 6 Borde Hill Garden
- 7 Sheffield Park
- 8 Newhaven Botanic Garden
- 9 Abbotsbury Subtropical Garden

Gardens with specialisation on family Potamogetonaceae

None

Potential to grow the species in ex situ Collections

Cultivation difficult, the species requires specialised conditions.

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Conservation information

Linkages to BAPs

Dorset Biodiversity Initiative (LBAP Areas)

From Rio to Sussex, Action for Biodiversity (LBAP Areas)

Norfolk BAP

Habitat Management

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

Conservation programmes

Successfully introduced to the RSPB reserve at Strumpshaw, Norfolk.

Web References

- NBN Gateway database: <http://www.searchnbn.net>