

# *Potamogeton epihydrus* Raf.

American 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)**

Vulnerable

### **Habit**

Rhizomatous herb (perennial).

### **Habitat**

Peaty lochans, in base-poor water less than 1 m deep.

### **Reasons for decline**

Eutrophication; small / isolated population.

### **Distribution in wild**

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km <sup>2</sup> occurrences)	Population (plants)
Scotland	South Uist, Outer Hebrides	2	

## *Ex situ Collections*

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

- 1 Inverewe Garden (NTS)
- 2 Ardtornish Garden
- 3 Arduaine Garden (NTS)
- 4 Younger Botanic Garden
- 5 Glasgow Botanic Gardens

### **Gardens with specialisation on family Potamogetonaceae or genus *Potamogeton***

None

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

Cultivation difficult, the species requires specialised conditions.

**Contact:** Chris Preston (BRC), world expert on *Potamogeton* and Chris Sydes (SNH), Species LeadPartner for *P. rutilus*.

## *Conservation information*

### **Linkages to BAPs**

Highland

Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar (western Isles)

### **Habitat Management**

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

### **Conservation programmes**

Unknown

## **Web References**

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