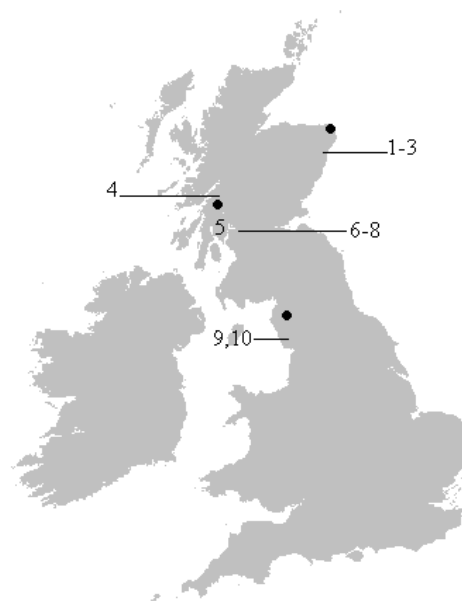


# *Ranunculus reptans* L.

Creeping Spearwort

Key:  
**Dots** refer to the native sites of the species  
**Numbers** refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



## Starting references

### Family

Ranunculaceae

### IUCN category (2001)

Vulnerable

### Habit

Stonoliferous herb (perennial).

### Habitat

Lake shores.

### Reasons for decline

Hybridisation?

### Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km <sup>2</sup> occurrences)	Population (plants)
England	Ullswater, Westmorland/Cumberland	1	
Scotland	Loch of Strathbeg, N. Aberdeen	1	
	Loch Awe, Main Argyll	1	

## Ex situ Collections

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

- 1 Pitmedden Garden (NTS)
- 2 Cruickshank Botanic Garden
- 3 Crathes Castle Garden (NTS)
- 4 Arduaine Garden
- 5 Younger Botanic Garden
- 6 Geilston Cottage (NTS)
- 7 Glasgow Botanic Gardens
- 8 Greenbank Garden (NTS)
- 9 Holehird Gardens
- 10 Sizergh Castle (NT)

### Gardens with specialisation on family Ranunculaceae

Cliveden

Exeter University

Fletcher Moss Botanical Gardens

RBG Kew

Sissinghurst Castle Garden

University of Oxford Botanic Garden

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

From Plants For A Future: Database

- Propagation

Seed - sow spring in a cold frame. When large enough to handle, prick the seedlings out into individual pots and plant them out in the summer. Division in spring. Very easy, larger divisions can be planted out direct into their permanent positions.

- Cultivation

Prefers a moist loamy soil on the heavy side. A greedy plant, inhibiting the growth of nearby plants, especially legumes.

## Conservation information

### Linkages to BAPs

LBAP for Argyll and Bute  
North East Scotland Biodiversity Partnership

**Habitat Management**

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

**Conservation programmes**

Unknown

**Web References**

- NBN Gateway database: <http://www.searchnbn.net/>
- Plants For A Future Database: [http://www.ibiblio.org/pfaf/cgi-bin/arr\\_html?Ranunculus+reptans](http://www.ibiblio.org/pfaf/cgi-bin/arr_html?Ranunculus+reptans)