

# *Teucrium scordium* L.

Water Germander

Key:

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

**Numbers** refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



## Starting references

### Family

Lamiaceae

### IUCN category (2001)

Endangered

### Habit

Stoloniferous herb (perennial).

### Habitat

Dune-slacks, river banks, ditches and pits.

### Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km <sup>2</sup> occurrences)	Population (plants)
England	Braunton Burrows, N. Devon	1	Several 1,000
	Cambridgeshire pit	1	

## Ex situ Collections

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

- 1 Cambridge University Botanic Garden
- 2 Docwra's Manor
- 3 RHS Rosemoor

### Gardens of specialisation on family and genus *Teucrium*

None

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

From Cambridge University Botanic Garden, *Conservation Collection* from the 1970s to the 1990s:

Propagation by layering (longer stem).

Plantlets in aquatic tank: plants more vigorous when not submerged. Leafy parts of emerged plants have been knocked by frost.

From Plants For A Future

- Propagation

Seed - sow spring in a cold frame and only just cover the seed. Prick out the seedlings into individual pots when they are large enough to handle and plant them out in the summer if they are large enough. Otherwise, grow them on in a cold frame for the winter and plant them out in the following spring.

Division in early spring. Larger divisions can be planted out direct into their permanent positions. We have found that it is best to pot up smaller divisions and grow them on in light shade in a greenhouse or cold frame until they are growing away well. Plant them out in the summer or the following spring. Cuttings of half-ripe wood, July/August in a frame.

- Cultivation

Succeeds in any moderately good soil. See notes on the plants habitat for more ideas on its needs.

Water germander was at one time cultivated in gardens as a medicinal herb, though it has fallen into disuse. The crushed plant has a penetrating odour that is somewhat like garlic. It is said to taint the milk if eaten by cows.

## Conservation information

*Teucrium scordium* is listed on Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981

## Linkages to BAPs

Cambridgeshire

**Habitat Management**

Protected sites with records for *Teucrium scordium* 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?Teucrium+scordium&CAN=LATIND](http://www.ibiblio.org/pfaf/cgi-bin/arr_html?Teucrium+scordium&CAN=LATIND)