

Veronica triphyllos L.

Fingered Speedwell

Key:

Dots refer to the native sites of the species

Numbers refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



Starting references

Family

Scrophulariaceae

IUCN category (2001)

Endangered

(Archaeophyte)

Habit

Herb (annual).

Habitat

Usually at the margins of arable fields.

Reasons for decline

Poorly competitive species that has been badly affected by the high levels of nitrogen applied to modern crop varieties. Other speedwells are very susceptible to a wide variety of herbicides. Several sites have been lost to development.

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km ² occurrences)	Population (plants)
England	Breckland, W. Suffolk	2	tiny
	Breckland Norfolk	1	

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 Roamer House
- 2 Cambridge University Botanic Garden
- 3 Mark Hall Arboretum
- 4 RHS Hyde Hall
- 5 Writtle College

Gardens with specialisation on family Scrophulariaceae

B'ham Botanical Gardens

Exeter University

Fletcher Moss Botanical Gardens

Harris Garden

RBG Kew

University of Bristol Botanic Garden

University of Oxford Botanic Garden

Ventnor Botanic Garden

Potential to grow the species in *ex situ* Collections

Conservation information

Veronica triphyllos is listed on Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981

Linkages to BAPs

The species is recorded in:

Norfolk BAP

Suffolk LBAP

Essex Biodiversity Partnership

Habitat Management

The Norfolk site is included within a housing estate, in which turves were transplanted to a sandy bank in order to save some of the original population.

One of the Suffolk sites is maintained as a reserve principally for rare *Veronica* sp.

Conservation programmes

Unknown

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