GUERNSEY’S RARE PLANTS

The following pages showcase Guernsey’s ‘Red Data’ species. It is a work in progress. We have 167 plants on the list, some of which have not been seen for some time.
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Guernsey - frequent

Wild Leek
*Allium ampeloprasum*

Habitat – Coastal heathland

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Guernsey - occasional

Loose-flowered Orchid
Anacamptis laxiflora

Habitat – Wet Meadows

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Guernsey - rare  

Small Hare’s-ear  
*Bupleurum baldense*  

Habitat – Coastal heathland  

Photograph courtesy of Charles David
Guernsey - rare

Moore’s Spleenwort
aka Guernsey Fern
*Asplenium x microdon*

Habitat – Shaded Hedge Banks
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Lanceolate Spleenwort
*Asplenium obovatum ssp. billotii*

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Guernsey - occasional

Sea Bindweed
*Calystegia soldanella*

Habitat – Above High Tide Line

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Guernsey - rare

Yellow Centaury  
*Cicendia filiformis*

Habitat – Coastal bog

Flooded in winter, dry in summer
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Guernsey - occasional

Prostrate Broom
*Cytisus scoparius ssp. maritimus*

Habitat – South Coast Cliffs

Photograph courtesy of Anne Woodington
Guernsey - occasional

Sea-kale
*Crambe maritima*

Habitat – High Tide Line

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Guernsey - common

Galingale
*Cyperus longus*

Habitat – Wet Meadows and Douits

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Guernsey - rare

Deptford Pink
*Dianthus armeria*

Coastal heathland

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Guernsey – rare, one site only

Field Eryngo
*Eryngium campestre*

Habitat – Coastal Heathland

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Sea Holly  
*Eryngium maritimum*

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Portland Spurge
_Euphorbia portlandica_

Habitat – Cliffs

Photograph courtesy of Anne Woodington
Guernsey – rare

Guernsey Centaury
*Exaculum pusillum*

Habitat – Boggy Hollow
Dry in summer, flooded in winter

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Little-Robin
*Geranium purpureum*

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Guernsey – occasional

Yellow-horned Poppy
*Glaucium flavum*

Habitat – Shingle banks

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Guernsey – occasional

Fringed Rupturewort
*Herniaria ciliolate ssp. ciliolata*

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Guernsey – One known plant, not seen since 2012

Lizard Orchid
*Himantoglossum hircinum*

Habitat – L’ Ancresse

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Guernsey – rare

Toadflax-leaved St. John’s-wort
Hypericum linarifolium

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Land Quillwort
*Isoetes histrix*

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Guernsey – occasional

**Sharp Rush**
*Juncus acutus*

Habitat – Heathland

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Guernsey – rare

Dwarf Rush

*Juncus capitatus*

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Golden Samphire  
*Limbarda crithmoides* 

Shore Line
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Rock Sea Lavender
*Limonium binervosum ssp. sarniensis*

High Tide Line - Pembroke

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Slender Bird’s-foot-trefoil
*Lotus angustissimus*

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Hairy Bird’s-foot-trefoil
Lotus subbiflorus

Short turf

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Guernsey – rare

Narrow-leaved Bird’s-foot-trefoil
*Lotus tenuis*

Dry grassy places
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Tree Mallow
Malva arborea

Coastal heathland

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Sea Stock
*Matthiola sinuata*

Sand Dunes

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Early Sand-grass
*Mibora minima*

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Dwarf Millet
*Millium vernale ssp. sarniense*

‘The Mound’ at Pembroke

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Upright Chickweed
Moenchia erecta

Short turf

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Small Adder’s-tongue
*Ophioglossum azoricum*

Short turf Fort Hommet & Lihou

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Least Adder’s-tongue
*Ophioglossum lusitanicum*

Short turf Fort Hommet
Not found recently on South Coast Cliffs

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Ivy Broomrape  
*Orobanche hederae*

Shaded banks island wide

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Yellow Bartsia
*Parentucellia viscosa*

Wet Meadows

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Yarrow Broomrape
Phelipanche purpurea

Grande Havre

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Shaggy Mouse-eared-hawkweed
*Pilosella peleteriana ssp. peleteriana*

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Early Meadow-grass
_Poa infirma_

Paths and stony areas

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Four-leaved Allseed
*Polycarpon tetraphyllum*

Wasteland, stony areas

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Sand Crocus
*Romulæae columnæ*

Short turf around coast

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Guernsey – rare

Shore Dock
*Rumex rupestris*

Pleinmont, Shell Beach

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Ruscus aculeatus
*Butcher’s Broom*

Woodlands

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Purple Glasswort
Salicornia ramosissima

Salt Marshes

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Prickly Saltwort
*Salsola kali*

Above High Tide Line

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Autumn Squill
*Scilla autumnalis*

Coastal Heathland

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Cornish Moneywort  
*Sibthorpi*a *europaea*

Stream Banks in the South

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Small-flowered Catchfly
Silene gallica var. quinquevulnera

West Coast

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Greek Sea-spurrey
*Spergularia bocconeoi*

Coastal Car Parks

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Shepherd’s Cress
*Teesdalia nudicaulis*

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Clustered Clover
*Trifolium glomeratum*

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Western Clover
*Trifolium occidentale*

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Rough Clover
*Trifolium scabrum*

West Coast

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Suffocated Clover
_Trifolium suffocatum_

Coastal Paths and Wasteland

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Guernsey Elm
Ulmus minor ssp. sarniensis

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Bithynian Vetch
*Vicia bithynica*

Lihou Headland and Fort Hommet

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Yellow-vetch
*Vicia lutea*

Lihou Headland and Lihou

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Dwarf Pansy
*Viola kitaibeliana*

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Eelgrass
*Zostera marina*

Sandy Beaches

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European – endangered species
Guernsey – frequent

Giant Viper’s-bugloss
aka Guernsey Rocket
Echium pininana

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European – critically endangered
Guernsey – frequent

Giant Herb-Robert
*Geranium maderense*

Island Wide