

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



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Wild Leek

Allium ampeloprasum

Habitat – Coastal heathland



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Loose-flowered Orchid
Anacamptis laxiflora

Habitat – Wet Meadows



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Small Hare's-ear
Bupleurum baldense

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**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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Sea Bindweed
Calystegia soldanella

Habitat – Above High Tide Line

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Yellow Centaury
Cicendia filiformis

Habitat – Coastal bog

Flooded in winter, dry in summer

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Prostrate Broom

Cytisus scoparius ssp. maritimus

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Sea-kale
Crambe maritima

Habitat – High Tide Line

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Galingale
Cyperus longus

**Habitat – Wet Meadows and
Douits**

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Deptford Pink
Dianthus armeria

Coastal heathland

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Field Eryngo

Eryngium campestre

Habitat – Coastal Heathland

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Sea Holly
Eryngium maritimum

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Portland Spurge
Euphorbia portlandica

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Guernsey Centaury
Exaculum pusillum

Habitat – Boggy Hollow
Dry in summer, flooded in winter

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Little-Robin

Geranium purpureum

Habitat – Hedge banks

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Yellow-horned Poppy
Glaucium flavum

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Fringed Rupturewort
Herniaria ciliolata 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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Toadflax-leaved St. John's-wort
Hypericum linarifolium

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Land Quillwort
Isoetes histrix

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Sharp Rush
Juncus acutus

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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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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

South Coast Cliffs

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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 hederaceae

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

Romulae columnae

Short turf around coast

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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

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Cornish Moneywort
Sibthorpia 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 bocconeii

Coastal Car Parks

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Shepherd's Cress
Teesdalia nudicaulis

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Clustered Clover
Trifolium glomeratum

Coastal Heathland

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Western Clover
Trifolium occidentale

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Rough Clover
Trifolium scabrum

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Suffocated Clover
Trifolium suffocatum

Coastal Paths and Wasteland

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Guernsey Elm

Ulmus minor ssp. sarniensis

Island Wide

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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
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Giant Viper's-bugloss
aka Guernsey Rocket
Echium pininana

Island Wide

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European – critically endangered
Guernsey – frequent



Giant Herb-Robert
Geranium maderense

Island Wide