

***Euphorbia peplis* L.**

**Purple Spurge**

Native

Extinct

Schedule 8

VC5 Absent; VC6 Extinct

An annual of sandy or fine shingle beaches, growing as a strandline species, just above the high water mark. Only occasionally recorded in Britain at scattered sites around the south coast, particularly in the southwest and also in Wales and Ireland; but now considered extinct in the British Isles. Listed for the county of Somerset by Gapper in *New Botanist's Guide* (1835), with a more localised record given by J.C. Collins in *New Botanist's Guide Supplement* (1837): on the sandy coast from Burnham to Brean. There have been no subsequent records for Somerset.