

***Euphorbia hyberna* L.**

Irish Spurge

Native

GB: Vulnerable

England: Vulnerable

GB Rare

VC5 Extinct; VC6 Absent

A rhizomatous perennial of woods, hedgerows and stream banks. In Somerset, only ever known from one site at the western edge of VC5 and now extinct. Found by C.E. Salmon in 1898, growing plentifully in the Badgworthy Valley. Although still plentiful in a small wood on the Somerset side of Badgworthy Water in 1929, it has not been recorded in Somerset since then, although it can be found in several sites nearby, in Devon. This species has its stronghold in southwest Ireland. In Britain it occurs as a native only in West Cornwall and North Devon. The Somerset site was thus its most easterly.