

***Cochlearia officinalis* L. x *danica* L.**

Native

VC5 Absent; VC6 Rare

A fertile hybrid intermediate between its parents, found on rocks and short turf on coastal cliffs where both parents grow. In Somerset this hybrid is unknown in VC5. In VC6 first recorded in 1982 in quantity with both parents at Sand Point by Mrs M.A. Silcocks; however, BSBI members visiting in 1983 failed to find it (Grenfell, 1984) and there have been no subsequent records. In 1985 *C. officinalis x danica* was recorded by Robert Cropper on Brean Down, growing with both parent species right at the extremity on the south side (ST279592). In 1992 Robert Cropper found one plant at the western extremity of Brean Down. There have been no further records but it may be overlooked. This hybrid is found only at scattered locations around the coast of Britain and Ireland, its distribution probably limited by ecological and geographical separation of the parents.