

***Euphorbia peplis* L.**

Purple Spurge

Native

GB: Regionally Extinct

England: Extinct

Schedule 8

VC5 Absent; VC6 Lost

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 Watson (1835), with a more localised record given by J.C. Collins in Watson (1837): on the sandy coast from Burnham to Brean. There have been no subsequent records for Somerset.