

Honckenya peploides (L.) Ehrh.

Sea Sandwort

Native

GB & England: Least Concern

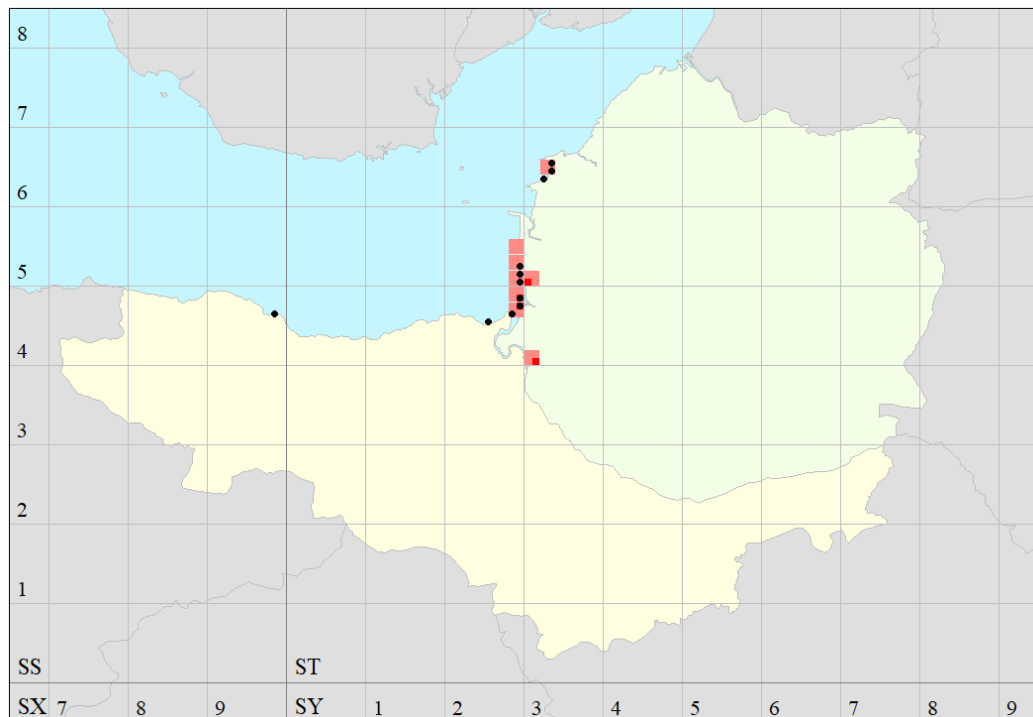
VC5 Scarce; VC6 Scarce

A coastal succulent perennial herb with extensive stolons, well adapted to growing on foredunes, mobile sand-dunes and shingle. In VC5 recorded very sparingly at Minehead Warren by Miss Gifford (Murray, 1896). Recorded at Minehead in 1971 by Caroline Giddens, reported as being still present in small quantity by Roe (1981), but not seen there again until 2011. Found on the shore east of Dunster in 1914 by A.H. Wolley-Dod, but there have been no subsequent records there. Collected by Thomas Clark from Stert Island in 1817 and from Stert in 1829, specimens in **BIRM**, see: <http://herbariaunited.org/specimen/277511/?image>, and known to Marshall (1914) at Stolford. It is still to be found near Stolford at Wall Common, at Fenning Island near Steart, and on Stert Island. In VC6 recorded by J.C. Collins at Burnham and in the saltmarshes near Burnham and Brean (Watson, 1837). Reported as common on the coast from Berrow to Clevedon by Murray (1896), but considered “much less plentiful than formerly” by Roe (1981), who only knew it north to Kewstoke. In 1992, this species was recorded on the high water mark of the River Parrett at Dunball by John Poingdestre, but it has not been seen there again. Recent records are restricted to Berrow Dunes and Sand Bay, Kewstoke; it has not been recorded at Clevedon for over a century. *Honckenya peploides* is distributed all around the coast of Britain and Ireland. Although of Least Concern in England, it is believed to have declined in Somerset, probably as a result of beach cleaning and pressure from visitors to the coast.



Honckenya peploides at Sand Bay (2014). Photo: HJC

VC5					
Minehead Warren		SS9846	2012	JWh	Off Golf Links
Wall Common	SSSI	ST25984542	2009	SRPG	Patch 5m x 5m on shingle ridge
Fening Island	SSSI	ST28844690	2012	BSBI, WFS, SRPG	A patch about 1.5m x 1m on shingle
Stert Island	SSSI	ST292477	1992	IPG, PRG <i>et al.</i>	On east shore of island.
Stert Island	SSSI	ST29284793	2014	HJC, RGC, SJP, ITS	Large patch, more than 1m x 1m, on shingle
Stert Island	SSSI	ST29244799	2014	HJC, RGC, SJP, ITS	Many plants on dunes
Stert Island	SSSI	ST29084807	2014	HJC, RGC, SJP, ITS	Scattered at edge of dunes, W side of island
Stert Island	SSSI	ST29154826	2014	HJC, RGC, SJP, ITS	Few plants on shingle on E side of island
Stert Island	SSSI	ST29224801	2014	HJC, RGC, SJP, ITS	Large patch on dunes
VC6					
Dunball Wharf		ST310405	1993	JP	Several plants at high water level on river bank
Burnham-on-Sea	SSSI	ST301500	1990	IPG, PRG, GAC	A little on coast, high tide mark
Berrow Dunes	SSSI	ST29715074	2014	SRPG	Large patch on first dune
Berrow Dunes	SSSI	ST29625087	2014	SRPG	Patch on dunes between beach and scrub
Berrow Dunes	SSSI	ST29485124	2011	MAW	Small patch
Berrow Dunes	SSSI	ST29495124	2014	HJC, FJR	Small patch by footpath across dunes
Berrow Dunes	SSSI	ST29455125	2014	HJC, FJR	Large patch at top of beach
Berrow Dunes	SSSI	ST290519	2008	EJMcD	Small plant on strandline
Berrow Dunes	SSSI	ST2952	2009	HJC, RSC	
Brean		ST25X	1994	PRG, GAC	In one small area on dunes
Sand Bay (S)	SSSI	ST329633	2016	MAW	Large patch
Sand Bay (S)	SSSI	ST32936354	2008	HJC, MAW	Large patch on first dune
Sand Bay (S)	SSSI	ST32976465	2011	MAW	2 small patches
Sand Bay (S)	SSSI	ST329635	2019	HJC	Many plants in blow-outs in dunes
Sand Bay	SSSI	ST33156459	2020	HJC, FJR	Few plants on seaward edge of dune
Sand Bay	SSSI	ST33156474	2014	MAW	1 plant on secondary strandline
Sand Bay	SSSI	ST33166482	2016	MAW	Large patch, about 3m square
Sand Bay	SSSI	ST33156483	2013	HJC, BNS	Many clumps in an area 1m x 3m
Sand Bay	SSSI	ST33166492	2014	MAW	1 plant on the secondary strandline
Sand Bay	SSSI	ST33166495	2014	MAW	1 plant on the secondary strandline
Sand Bay	SSSI	ST33166496	2014	MAW	2 plants on the secondary strandline
Sand Bay	SSSI	ST33136538	2005	SRPG	Scattered over small area of bare dune
Sand Bay	SSSI	ST33136537	2012	MAW	Lots over about 3m x 3m area



Distribution of *Honckenya peploides* in Somerset, mapped using MapMate.
Black dots are post-2000 records; red squares are 1987-1999 records