

Name:**Chamomile***Chamaemelum nobile***UK status:**

Red Data List (Vulnerable). UK SCC (formerly Nationally scarce).

London status:

Rare; currently known from 5 sites. Continued historic decline.

Protected status:

W&CA S.13(b); general protection from uprooting without owners' permission

Relevant London HAPs:

Acid grassland; Parks & green spaces

Citation:

A perennial herb of moderately acidic, seasonally damp grassland where mowing, grazing or trampling discourages competitive species. There is revived cultural interest in its use as a culinary herb. Populations are currently known from Bushy Park and Kew Gardens (LB Richmond-upon-Thames), Mitcham Common and Prince George's Playing Field (LB Merton), and Buckingham Palace Gardens (City of Westminster). There is a further unconfirmed record from Mote End Farm (LB Barnet). The considerable contraction in the national range of Chamomile is clearly reflected in London, largely due to management change and neglect. There are few current details available on our remaining populations, which must be viewed as vulnerable. Managing authorities; Royal Parks Agency (Bushy Park), RBG Kew, Mitcham Common Conservators, Crown Estates (Buckingham Palace), private (Prince George's Playing Field).



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Conservation priorities:

- Monitor all extant populations
- Review current management regimes as necessary
- Consider reintroductions as appropriate
- Protect any new populations emerging from further survey

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