

Name:**Copse-bindweed***Fallopia dumetorum***UK status:**

Nationally scarce (23 hectads). Red Data List (Vulnerable)

London status:

Very rare (1 site where long-persevering).

Protected status:

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

Relevant London HAPs:

Woodland; Hedgerows; Private gardens

Citation:

A climbing annual of hedges and woodland margins on well-drained soils, occurring within a single locality on the southern edge of the Royal Wimbledon Golf Course (LB Merton). The plant is erratic in its appearance and benefits from the disturbance associated with tree felling and thinning. Nationally, Copse-bindweed has always been locally distributed and now appears to be in decline, possibly through habitat neglect. The London population occurs partly within a Borough SINC (the golf course), although plants can appear on the roadside itself and potentially in private gardens. This population has added cultural and scientific significance as it is derived from the first to be found within Great Britain in 1834. Managing authorities; private.



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Conservation priorities:

- Audit of population vulnerability
- Review current management as necessary
- Protect any new populations emerging from further survey

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