



JASIONE MONTANA SUBSP. MONTANA

Within the single subspecies of *J. montana* L. which occurs in the British Isles (i.e. subsp. *montana*) three varieties may be recognised. Within *J. montana* var. *montana* there is considerable phenotypic variation, the most obvious manifestations of which are the occurrence of dwarf forms on cliffs and of decumbent plants whose habit is due to grazing.

- 1 Plants decumbent, basal spread at least as great as height, usually many flowering stems (more than 8), usually growing on sand (check to see that plant is not grazed) var. *littoralis* Fr.
- 1 Plants upright, basal spread much less than height, few stemmed (less than 8) 2
- 2 Leaves large and sub-spathulate (10-25 × 4-9 mm); involucre bracts broadly ovate, exceeding flowers of the inflorescence var. *latifolia* Pugsley
- 2 Leaves small and not sub-spathulate (c. 9 × 2-3 mm); involucre bracts narrow, not exceeding the flowers of inflorescence var. *montana*

Reference Parnell, J. (1986). *Watsonia* **16**: 249-267.

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