

Flora of Guernsey

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49° 27' N, 2° 34' W

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Anacamptis laxiflora - Bridget
Ozanne Orchid Fields

The Island

- Area of 63km²
- 30 classes of vegetation
- 1,800 vascular plants across the Channel Islands
- 1/3 of vascular plants are non-native to Guernsey
- One of the largest tidal ranges in the world
- 45km from France, 100km from England



Coastal Habitats

- Guernsey has a LOT of coast
- The interesting plants that live there aren't particularly obvious
- There is a plant in this photograph that is exceptionally rare in the British Isles...





Eryngium campestre

Romulea columnae



Isoetes hystrix





Mibora minima



Ophioglossum lusitanicum

The Asplenium Hybrids



Photo Credit: Fred Rumsey

Earthbanks or Hedgebanks

- Line the sides of many rural Guernsey lanes – 826 km!
- A result of inheritance laws splitting fields, often with a new access road
- Earth piled into a vertical bank, often with large rocks at the base
- Habitat for hundreds of plant species
- Cut twice a year



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