



***BLACKSTONIA PERFOLIATA* / *CENTAURIUM ERYTHRAEA*, VEGETATIVE ROSETTES**

Vegetative rosettes of *B. perfoliata* and *C. erythraea* can look surprisingly similar in calcareous grassland and sand dunes.

Blackstonia perfoliata (L.) Huds.: Leaves with a strong mid vein and weaker laterals; broad (mean length:width ratio *c.* 1.3 (range 1.0-1.6)); often chalky-whitish, sometimes appearing translucent; base truncate, rounded or broadly cuneate, stalk often distinct.

Centaurium erythraea Rafn: Leaves with 3-7 more or less equally strong veins; more oblong (mean length:width ratio *c.* 1.6 (range 1.3-1.9)), greener, opaque; base cuneate, stalk indistinct.

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