



## **PEDICULARIS SYLVATICA SUBSP. HIBERNICA**

*Pedicularis sylvatica* L. subsp. *hibernica* D. A. Webb is an endemic subspecies recorded from Ireland (especially in the west), W Scotland, Wales (Rich 1994), and N England (Trotman 1995), and may be elsewhere.

It is distinguished by having the outside of the calyx and pedicels uniformly clothed with long, white, curled hairs (glabrous in subsp. *sylvatica*, though hairy around the throat and rarely sometimes also on the angles). A useful tip for finding it is that on rainy days the hairs catch mist and the plants appear greyer. The two subspecies can be found growing together, and in some areas (e.g. eastern Ireland) slightly hairy intermediates also occur.

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