

Name:

Autumn squill

Scilla autumnalis

UK status:

Nationally scarce (42 hectads). Historic decline at eastern end of range

London status:

Very rare (1 site; where locally abundant). Continued historic decline (1 site lost since 1986). Edge of national/international range

Protected status:

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

Relevant London HAPs:

Acid grassland

Citation:

Autumn squill is a small, attractive lily occurring at just one site in London; Home Park in LB Richmond-upon-Thames (a Metropolitan SINC). The population is in unimproved acid grassland over terrace gravels at the edge of a golf course, and is quite large and apparently stable. Although the plant has declined in London and regionally, the extant population is currently in a favourable management regime and the species is under no immediate threat of local extinction. Managing authority; Historic Royal Palaces Agency.



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Conservation priorities:

- Ensure continued favourable management of site
- Monitor population
- Protect any new populations emerging from further survey

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