



Creeping Marshwort is one of the rarest plants in the UK

This low-growing perennial plant which flowers in July, was discovered on Walthamstow Marshes in 2002. Previously, it was only known at one other location. Walthamstow Marshes is now one of only three known sites holding this species in the UK. On Walthamstow Marshes the plant is currently restricted to a small area of grazed ditch margin and is vulnerable to the unpredictability of water levels and vegetation changes. This species will benefit from special management aiming to increase its cover. As well as spreading by its creeping runners it can also reproduce by seed. The use of cattle grazing helps to provide optimum habitat for this plant.

Adopting this iconic species could help with the following specific actions or projects for this species:

- Grazing cattle
- Habitat works to spread this species

The key actions for this species your support could go towards are:

- Surveying: monitoring the presence of the plant and assess habitat suitability
- Habitat management: maintaining and enhancing the habitat on the marshes to expand the current distribution
- Awareness: to increase awareness of the plant, its protected status and conservation management in conjunction with Natural England
- Feasibility study to investigate the possibility of reintroducing the plant to other sites in the Lee Valley