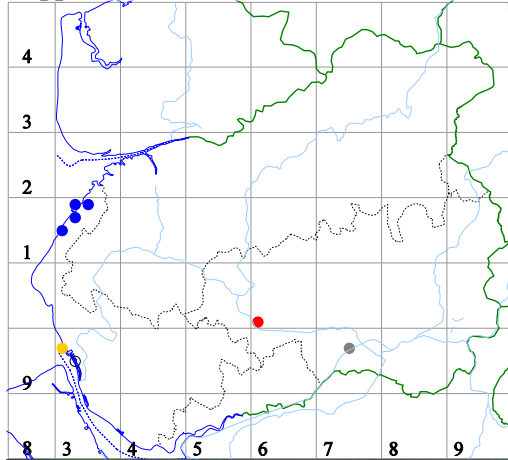


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Tasselweed family

***Ruppia maritima* L.** Beaked Tasselweed



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Status & distribution: Native, [Nationally Uncommon, Near Threatened \(Red List for England\)](#); Rare (2), occurs at an old drainage channel, Birkdale Green Beach (SD3015) and in some abundance in the Marine Lake, Southport (SD3317, SD3318 & SD3418).

Former distribution: Bootle (SJ39H, RA Tudor, -1839); near Abram (SD60A, V Gordon, 1992, LIV); Worsley Brook, Eccles (SJ79N, F Bentley, n.d. det. JE Dandy).

Habitat: Coastal marine lakes, brackish ditches and pools.

Comments: The two inland records from assumed non-saline habitats are most intriguing.

[*Ruppia spiralis* L. Ex Dumort.

Spiral Tasselweed

Former distribution: Crosby (SJ39E, Fl. Hall); Cuerdley Marsh (SJ58M, Widnes Field Club, n.d.).

Habitat: Brackish pools and ditches.

Comments: Near Threatened. It is possible that the above records might have been *Ruppia maritima* and further research is required.]