

**County:** Devon

**Site Name:** Scabbacombe

**District:** South Hams

**Status:** Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981, as amended.

**Local Planning Authority:** Devon County Council  
South Hams District Council

**National Grid Reference:** SX 916522      **Area:** 8.2 (ha) 20.3 (ac)

**Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000:** 202      **1:10,000:** SX 95 SW

**Date Notified (Under 1949 Act):** 1952      **Date of Last Revision:** 1976

**Date Notified (Under 1981 Act):** 1986      **Date of Last Revision:** –

**Other Information:**

The site is in South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The site is owned by the National Trust.

The site was formerly part of Berry Head to Froward Point SSSI.

\* The British Red Data Book list vulnerable and endangered species.

**Description and Reasons for Notification:**

This site is a locality of Field Eryngo *Eryngium campestre*, a British Red Data Book\* species afforded special protection under Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981. Field Eryngo is now confined to only 5 sites in Britain.

The site comprises a grass field dominated by rye-grass *Lolium perenne* with a range of herbs typical of an agriculturally improved sward. The field overlies Devonian slates and siltstones being generally steep, well-drained and facing a north-easterly direction.

There are three populations of Field Eryngo present and these occupy the lower slopes of the site. Detailed recording has shown them to be expanding.