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Polygonum maritimum

[Synonyms : *Polygonum chilense*, *Polygonum glaucum*, *Polygonum maritimum* var. *chilense*]

SEA KNOTGRASS is a perennial. Native to Europe and North America it has tiny, pink or whitish flowers

It is also known as *Ormrot* (Swedish), *Pileurt* (Danish), *Pilört* (Swedish), *Poligono maritimo* (Portuguese), *Rdesno přímořské* (Czech), *Renouée de sables* (French), *Renouée maritime* (French), Seabeach knotweed, Seaside knotweed, and *Strand-Knöterich* (German).

The leaves blacken as they dry.

It is a protected plant in Britain under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. In the United States it has been declared a threatened species in Connecticut, endangered in Maryland and New Jersey, and rare in New York State.

Maritimum is Latin (of the sea) meaning ‘coastal, or of the sea or seaside’.

Medicinally, herbalists have used the leaves to treat burns.