



FP Farmer ID: _____

Date: _____

Total Score: ____ / 100

Plot Number: _____

Surveyor: _____

(A+B)

Esker Grassland: Yes

No

*circle the correct score. Eg: **0.8**

A. Ecological Integrity.

Score: __ / 90

A.1

How many **positive** indicators are present in the plot?

0 - 4
0

5 - 8
4

9 - 12
8

13 - 15
15

16+
25

Positive Indicators (Tick those present).

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| 1. Birds Foot Trefoil (Common & Greater) <input type="radio"/> | 12. *Marsh Cinquefoil & Marsh Marigold <input type="radio"/> | 23. Sheep Sorrel (& Common) <input type="radio"/> |
| 2.*Devils Bit Scabious <input type="radio"/> | 13. *Marsh Pennywort <input type="radio"/> | 24. Small bedstraw and Stitchworts <input type="radio"/> |
| 3.Eyebrights (all) <input type="radio"/> | 14. *Marsh Thistle/Meadow Thistle <input type="radio"/> | 25. Small Rushes (Woodrush, Spike Rush, Heath rush) <input type="radio"/> |
| 4.*Forget-me-nots (all) <input type="radio"/> | 15.*Meadowsweet <input type="radio"/> | 26. Small umbels (Pignut, Yarrow & Wild carrot) <input type="radio"/> |
| 5.Heathers (all), total cover in grassland habitat <25% <input type="radio"/> | 16. *Mints (all) <input type="radio"/> | 27. Tormentil (Common & English) <input type="radio"/> |
| 6.Knapweeds (Common & Greater) <input type="radio"/> | 17. Orchids (all) <input type="radio"/> | 28. Vetches/vetchlings – Meadow, Bitter, Tufted <input type="radio"/> |
| 7.Lady's Mantle <input type="radio"/> | 18. Ox-eye daisy <input type="radio"/> | 29. Violets (all), Harebell <input type="radio"/> |
| 8.*Lady's Smock <input type="radio"/> | 19.*Ragged robin <input type="radio"/> | 30. Yellow composites -Cats Ears, Hawkweeds, Hawkbits & Goats-beard (not dandelion) <input type="radio"/> |
| 9.*Large Umbels – Angelica, Valerian, Hogweed <input type="radio"/> | 20. *Sedges (all) <input type="radio"/> | 31. *Yellow Flag-iris <input type="radio"/> |
| 10.*Lesser Spearwort <input type="radio"/> | 21. Selfheal and Bugle <input type="radio"/> | 32. Yellow-rattle <input type="radio"/> |
| 11.*Louseworts (Common & Marsh) <input type="radio"/> | 22. *Sphagnum or Branched mosses <input type="radio"/> | |

A.2

What is the combined cover of positive species throughout the plot?

0 - 5%
0

6 - 10%
5

11 - 25%
10

25 - 50%
15

>50%
25

A.3

What is the combined cover of negative indicators/weeds throughout the plot?

Rye Grass Docks Ragwort Nettles Thistles (Creeping and Spear) Tillage/arable crops Wild bird cover

>50%
-15

25 - 50%
-10

11 - 25%
-5

6 - 10%
0

0 - 5%
15



A.4 (i)

What is the vegetation structure in grasslands which are primarily used for grazing?

Poor: Most of plot (>75%) has either tall or short sward; intermediate sward absent or confined to small patches. Few flowering plants.

0

Moderate: 25-50% of plot has tall and/or short sward with occasional to frequent intermediate patches.

10

Good: >50% of plot with sward having variety of taller and /or shorter sward with intermediate height sward throughout.

25

OR

A.4 (ii)

For plot closed off for hay/silage or recently topped.

Poor: No margin, field topped right up to field boundary line. No aftermath grazing. Little or no variation in sward height.

0

Moderate: Narrow field margins present (~1m). Low number of flowering plants and vegetation structure within the field margin poor to moderate. Some aftermath grazing providing some structural variation

5

Good: Wide field margins present (2m+) and/or good headlands. Aftermath grazing takes place providing variations in height of sward; sward does not look uniform in appearance

15

B. Threats to site integrity.

Score: __ / 10

B.1

What is the cover of encroaching, immature scrub?

Encroaching scrub can be brambles, seedlings, scrub and trees generally lower than 1.5m height.

>50%

-15

26 - 50%

-10

11 - 25%

-5

0 - 10%

5

B.2

What is the cover of bracken?

>50%

-10

11 - 50%

-5

0 - 10%

5

B.3

What is the cover of non-native species such as Rhododendron, Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed, Winter heliotrope, Fuchsia, Cherry laurel, Snowberry, Giant Rhubarb? Include margins if present.

Severe
(abundant, some dense clumps)

-20

Moderate
(frequent, some flowering)

-15

Slight
(plants scattered and mostly small and not flowering)

-10

Absent

0



B.4

Is there any evidence of poaching within the plot?

>10%

Areas of bare and eroding soil found at intervals e.g. along regularly used routes. Significant rutting caused by vehicles or animals. Excessive poaching. >10% bare and eroding soil in

-20

1 - 10%

Areas of bare and eroding soil found at intervals e.g. along regularly used routes. Significant rutting caused by vehicles or animals. Excessive poaching. 1-10% bare and eroding soil in plot.

-10

<1%

Bare soil seen only very occasionally e.g. along regularly used routes. Little or no signs of erosion seen. Some bare soil at 'pinch' points along regularly used routes (e.g. gateways, gaps in walls) is acceptable. May also be a few isolated bare patches and some damage from vehicles or animals. Very restricted in distribution and not excessive.

0

B.5

Is there any evidence of any damaging activities to vegetation or soil? Include margins if present.

Examples may include dumping (organic/inorganic), pollution or damage to soil, active quarry/sand pit, inappropriate use of herbicide, litter etc.

>50%

-30

6 - 50%

-20

1 - 5%

-10

None

0

Management Advice/ Comments: _____

