



FP Farmer ID:

Date:

Total Score: ___ / 100

Plot Number:

Surveyor:

(A+B+C+D)

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

Dominant Habitat Type:

Scrub Woodland Dense Bracken*

*If plot is dominated by dense bracken then assign a total plot score of 5 above and no further assessment is required.

Dominant Soil Type:

Mineral Peat

A. Ecological Integrity

Score: ___ / 50

Scrub/Woodland Species (Tick those present).

*= Non-native species

Typical scrub species

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|---|---|
| 1. Alder <input type="radio"/> | 6. Elder <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Ash <input type="radio"/> | 7. European Gorse <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Birch <input type="radio"/> | 8. Hazel <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Blackthorn <input type="radio"/> | 9. Whitethorn <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Bramble/Briars <input type="radio"/> | 10. Willow <input type="radio"/> |

Typical woodland species

- | | |
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| 11. *Beech <input type="radio"/> | 16. *Spruce <input type="radio"/> |
| 12. Holly <input type="radio"/> | 17. *Sycamore <input type="radio"/> |
| 13. Oak <input type="radio"/> | 18. Other (list) <input type="radio"/> |
| 14. Rowan <input type="radio"/> | List (18): _____ |
| 15. Scot's Pine <input type="radio"/> | _____ |

A.1

(Scrub dominated areas).

Describe the diversity and structure of the scrub present:

Poor	Moderate	Good	Very good
Gorse dominated scrub.	Two or more woody species (excluding gorse) common throughout (see table above).	Three or more woody species (excluding gorse) common throughout plot.	Four or more woody species (other than gorse) common. Variation in vegetation height and structure throughout.
0	15	30	50



A.2

(Woodland dominated areas – structure & diversity).

A.2 (i)

Describe the canopy layer.

<p>Poor Native woodland with frequent non-native (conifer or deciduous) trees present.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p>	<p>Moderate Native woodland with very occasional non-native (conifer or deciduous) trees present.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">25</p>	<p>Good Native woodland with no non-natives (conifer or deciduous) trees present.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30</p>
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A.2 (ii)

Describe the shrub layer.

<p>Poor Shrub layer absent or consists of non-native species.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p>	<p>Moderate Shrub layer present.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p>Good Well developed shrub layer present.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10</p>
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A.2 (iii)

Describe the field layer.

<p>Poor The field layer is absent or consists of non-native species</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p>	<p>Moderate Field layer present with low species and structural diversity. Includes bramble or bracken-dominated layer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p>Good Field layer supports good diversity of native species, with mosses, ferns and herbs present.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10</p>
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B. Hydrological Integrity

Score: __ / 30

B.1

Artificial drainage features (include both internal and perimeter drains – natural and modified watercourses are excluded from assessment).

<p>Drained Drains predominantly free flowing, unvegetated and unblocked.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-15</p>	<p>Partly Drained Drains present but flow is predominantly impeded (by vegetation/dams).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p>	<p>None Drains absent or present but non-functioning. No flow, highly vegetated. and/or water level in drain <30cm from top of drain.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15</p>
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Woodland

B.2

Water table level in drain (include both internal and perimeter drains – natural and modified watercourses are excluded from assessment).

The assessment of effect of drain on plot gets more weighting.

Poor

Water level typically ≥ 1 m below drain surface. Drains having significant effect on water-table of plot.

-15

Moderate

Water level typically < 1 m but ≥ 30 cm below drain surface. Drains having a moderate effect on water-table of plot.

0

Good

Water level typically < 30 cm below surface of drain. Assume highest water table if no drains present. Drains having minor to no effect on water-table of plot.

15

C. Threats to site integrity

Score: __/10

C.1

Bare soil and erosion.

High

Areas of bare soil caused by livestock or machinery resulting in erosion. High levels of poaching and excessive areas of bare soil.

-20

Moderate

Areas of bare soil caused by livestock or machinery, but not resulting in erosion.

0

Low

Little or no man-made bare soil observed and no evidence of erosion or poaching ($< 1\%$).

10

C.2

Extent of damaging activities.

High

Plot has been recently felled and / or there is presence of current dumping, burning, or other damaging activities.

-20

Moderate

Some evidence of historic felling. Evidence of past dumping or other damaging activities, which are not currently taking place.

-10

Low

No evidence of any damaging activities. Allow for small-scale cutting of trees for firewood/ recreational purposes (e.g. walkway)

0

C.3

Are there invasive species in the area?

e.g. Rhododendron, Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed, Winter heliotrope, Fuchsia, Cherry laurel, Snowberry, Giant Rhubarb.

Yes

-20

No

0



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D. Award 10 points for a feature of biodiversity/ecological significance.

Score: __ / 10

D.1

Award 10 points for a feature of biodiversity/ecological significance.

Where present, please list in comments below. Examples include stone walls, badger setts, veteran trees, wet features, dead wood* etc.

(*deadwood must be min. 7cm. Includes standing deadwood, stumps, roots, logs, dead limbs on tree)

Absent

0

Present

10

Management Advice/ Comments: _____
