

Guide to help identify winter crop and habitat features along your transects

Arable farmland in the UK will likely contain several of these farmland features. Your square may well contain some of these, visible from up to 100m from your transect. However, if your transect/square does not contain any of these features within 100m of your transect, please tick the '**Have you recorded Relevant Habitat?**' box at the bottom of your habitat recording form.



Ploughed (bare earth in large clumps)



Tilled (bare earth in fine clumps)



Mature broad-leaved crop
(e.g. Sugar Beet)



Sugar Beet
Commonly grown crop in winter.
Shiny, bright green leaves



Young broad-leaved crop
(e.g. beans).



Young cereal crop
(grass like leaves in neatly sown rows)



Other crops
Miscanthus/Elephant Grass
(very tall biomass crop)



Other crops
Miscanthus (cut)



Green manure/fodder crop
(grown to support soil structure and add nutrients during winter e.g. Mustard) They often look untidy and weedy compared to cultivated crops.



Mustard – typical cover crop.
Bluish- green leaves may have flowers present.
Other cover crops may include Clover, Wheat, Radish etc.



Fodder Radish cover crop/green manure



Cereal stubble with green vegetation
(very weedy, but not grass dominated)



Stubble with no green vegetation
(mostly bare soil with no or very few weeds)



Other stubble (e.g. Rape)



Other stubble (e.g. Maize)



**Seed mix/game cover strip –
without Maize.**



**Seed mix/game strip - with
Maize (cut)**



**Seed mix/game cover (e.g.
Quinoa or Millet)**



**Seed mix (right) next to
fodder Radish **cover**
crop/green manure**