

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

In lowland England, your transect/square will likely contain several of these farmland features. However, if your transect/square does not contain any of these features, 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)



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



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



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



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



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.



**Mature broad-leaved crop
(e.g sugar beet)**



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



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



Maize strip



Other crops

Miscanthus/Elephant Grass
(very tall biomass crop)



Other crops

Miscanthus (cut)



Other stubble (e.g. Rape)



Other stubble (e.g. 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**



**Fodder radish cover
crop/green manure**