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