

Habitat Codes

Please record at least Column A, and then B and C if possible.



ONLY ONE CODE should be chosen from Column A, but more than one can be selected from Columns B and C.

		Column A		Column B		Column C
A Woodland	1	Broadleaved	1	Mixed-aged or semi-natural	1	Dense shrub layer
(more than 5m tall)	2	Coniferous	2	Coppice with standards	2	Moderate shrub layer
	3	Mixed Broadleaved & Coniferous (at least 10% of each)	3	Coppice no standards	3	Sparse shrub layer
	4	Broadleaved water-logged	4	Mature plantation (taller than 10m, with closed canopy)	4	Grazed (moderate to heavy)
	5	Coniferous water-logged	5	Young plantation (5-10m open canopy)	5	Lightly grazed
	6	Mixed broadleaved and coniferous water-logged	6	Parkland (scattered trees and grassy areas)	6	Sparse field layer
			7	High-medium disturbance from disturbance	7	Grazed (moderate to heavy)
			8	Low disturbance	8	Lightly grazed
					9	Dead wood present
					10	Dead wood absent

		Column A		Column B		Column C
B Scrubland	1	Regenerating natural or semi-natural woodland	1	Broadleaved	1	Predominantly tall (3-5m)
(or very young woodland less than 5m tall)	2	Downland (chalk)	2	Coniferous	2	Predominantly low (1-3m)
	3	Heath scrub	3	Mixed Broadleaved & Coniferous (at least 10% of each)	3	Dense shrub layer
	4	Young coppice	4	Broadleaved swamp scrub	4	Moderate shrub layer
	5	New plantation	5	Coniferous swamp scrub	5	Sparse shrub layer
	6	Clear-felled woodland, with or without new saplings	6	Mixed broadleaved & coniferous swamp scrub	6	Extensive bracken
	7	Other	7	High-medium disturbance from people	7	Dense field layer
			8	Low disturbance	8	Moderate field layer
					9	Sparse field layer
					10	Grazed (moderate to heavy)

		Column A		Column B		Column C
C Semi-natural grassland and marsh	1	Chalk downland	1	Hedgerow with trees	1	Ungrazed
	2	Grass moor (unenclosed)	2	Hedgerow without trees	2	Cattle
	3	Grass moor mixed with heather (unenclosed)	3	Tree-line without hedge	3	Sheep
	4	Machair	4	Other field boundary (wall, ditch, etc.)	4	Horses
	5	Other dry grassland	5	Isolated group of 1-10 trees	5	Rabbits
	6	Watermeadow/ grazing marsh	6	No field boundary	6	Deer
	7	Reed swamp	7	Montane	7	Other grazers
	8	Other open marsh	8	High-medium disturbance from people	8	Extensive bracken
	9	Saltmarsh	9	Low disturbance	9	Hay

		Column A		Column B		Column C	
D Heathland and bogs	1	Dry heath	1	Montane	1	Ungrazed	
	2	Wet heath	2	Raised bog	2	Cattle	
	3	Mixed wet/ dry heath	3	Valley/ basin bog	3	Sheep	
	4	Bog	4	Blanket bog	4	Horses	
	5	Breckland	5	Heath mixed with rough grass	5	Rabbits	
	6	Drained bog	6	Heath with extensive bracken	6	Deer	
				7	Undetermined bog	7	Other grazers
				8	Isolated group of 1-10 trees	8	Ploughed
					High-medium disturbance from people	9	Burned
						10	Planted with saplings <0.5m tall

		Column A		Column B		Column C
E Farmland	1	Apparently improved grassland	1	Hedgerow with trees	1	Ungrazed
	2	Apparently unimproved grassland	2	Hedgerow without trees	2	Cattle
	3	Mixed grass/ tilled land	3	Tree-line without hedge	3	Sheep
	4	Tilled land	4	Other field boundary (wall, ditch, etc.)	4	Horses
	5	Orchard	5	Isolated group of 1-10 trees	5	Other stock

		Column A		Column B		Column C
	6	Other farming	6	Farmyard (active)	6	Bare earth
					7	Autumn cereal
					8	Spring cereal
					9	Root crops
					10	Other crops

		Column A		Column B		Column C
F Human Sites	1	Urban	1	Building	1	Industrial
	2	Suburban	2	Gardens	2	Residential
	3	Rural	3	Municipal parks/ recreational areas	3	Well-wooded
			4	Sewage works "urban"	4	Not well-wooded
			5	Near road (within 50m)	5	Large area of garden (more than 450m ²)
			6	Near active railway line (within 50m)	6	Medium area of garden (100-450m ²)
			7	Other	7	Small area of garden (less than 100m ²)
			8	Rubbish tip	8	Many shrubs
					9	Few shrubs

		Column A		Column B		Column C
G Water bodies	1	Pond (less than 50m ²)	1	Undisturbed/ disused	1	Eutrophic (green water)
(freshwater)	2	Small waterbody (50-450m ²)	2	Water sports (sailing etc)	2	Oligotrophic (clear water, few weeds)
	3	Lake/unlined reservoir	3	Angling (coarse or game)	3	Dystrophic (black water)
	4	Lined reservoir	4	Coarse angling	4	Marl (clear water, large water-weeds)
	5	Gravel pit, sand pit, etc	5	Game fishing	5	Slow-medium running
	6	Stream (less than 3m wide)	6	Industrial activity	6	Fast-running
	7	River (more than 3m wide)	7	Sewage processing 'rural'	7	Dredged
	8	Ditch with water (less than 2m wide)	8	Other disturbance	8	Undredged
	9	Small canal (2-5m wide)	9	Small island	9	Banks cleared
	10	Large canal (>5m wide)			10	Banks vegetated

		Column A		Column B		Column C
H Coastal	1	Marine-open shore	1	Mud or silt	1	Cliff vertical/ steeply sloping
	2	Marine shore - inlet/cove/loch	2	Sand	2	Dune
	3	Estuarine	3	Shingle	3	Flat/ gently sloping
	4	Brackish lagoon	4	Rocky	4	Small island
			5	Fully vegetated	5	Spit
			6	Sparse/ medium vegetation	6	Dune slack
			7	Inter-tidal	7	Sloping ground
			8	Below low-water mark	8	Undisturbed
					9	Disturbed

		Column A		Column B		Column C
I Inland rock	1	Cliff	1	Active	1	Bare rock
	2	Scree/boulder slope	2	Disused	2	Low vegetation present (mosses, liverworts etc)
	3	Limestone pavement	3	Montane	3	Grasses present
	4	Other rock outcrop	4	Non-montane	4	Scrub present
	5	Quarry	5	High disturbance from climbers/walkers etc.		
	6	Mine/spoil/slag heap	6	Medium disturbance		
	7	Cave	7	Low disturbance		

J Miscellaneous						
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