

Natural Area: North York Moors

Mountain and Moorland Significance: Considerable

Description: The North York Moors stretch from the Vale of York in the west to the coast in the east. The underlying geology is of Jurassic sandstone and shale with a belt of limestone exposed along the southern edge. These rocks form an upland plateau which is dissected by numerous valleys. Open moorland largely dominated by dry heath extends across the upland plateau, while the valleys support a mosaic of grasslands, woodlands, fast-running rivers and bracken on the steeper slopes.

Habitat	NVC present	Extent in Natural Area (1-fragmented, 2-frequent, 3-extensive)	Significance (1-internationally scarce with U.K. representation, UK-well developed in U.K. but represented elsewhere, L-Widely developed in Europe)
Blanket mire and wet heath (including Bog pool and flush and valley mires).	M6c	2	I
	M10	1	UK
	M13	1	?
	M15, M15a	2	UK
	M16	2	I
	M20b	2	UK
	M21	2	L
	M22	1	?
	M23	1	I
	M25b	2	I
M27	1	?	
Dry heath	H9	3	UK
	H10	1	UK
	H12	2	UK
	H18	1	L
	H21a	1	I
Grassland and tall herb communities	U4	2	L
	U5	2	L
	U6	1	I
	U20, U20c	3	I
Scrub			

Nationally Rare and Scarce Plant Species:

None recorded

Key Issues	
Habitat	Issue
Blanket mire and wet heath	Burning, moor gripping/drainage?, adjacent forestry.
Dry heath	Access and recreation. Extent and frequency of burning. Bracken control. Pond creation for grouse management. Stock feeding and shepherding. Woodland regeneration.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Agricultural improvement? Afforestation/tree planting. Scrub encroachment and lack of traditional management.
Scrub	

Objective	
Habitat	Objective
Blanket mire and wet heath	Retain and enhance soil hydrology and hydrological features. Maintain and restore species composition and condition of dwarf shrub. Reduce or eliminate burning.
Dry heath	Maintain condition of dry heath communities and encourage mature heather through reduction of burning.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Ensure grassland communities are appropriately managed. Encourage development of a mosaic of dry heath and grasslands types.
Scrub	Encourage natural regeneration of gill woodland/scrub and development of scrub adjacent to moorland and woodland edge (especially as alternative to bracken control with herbicide).

Significance: Important for holding the largest continuous tract of heather moor in England and probably the largest continuous area of H9 in Britain. Also important for good examples of wet heath (M16) and valley mire (M21).

Natural Area: North Pennines

Mountain and Moorland Significance: Outstanding

Description: The North Pennines are a distinct upland block bordered by the Eden and Tyne valleys, the Durham lowlands and the Yorkshire Dales. The Natural Area is dominated by Carboniferous rocks including Millstone Grit, shale and limestone which form an open and rugged upland landscape. Intrusions of hard volcanic rock such as the Whin Sill produce distinctive 'vertical steps' in the landscape and have formed the largest waterfall in England at High Force. On much of the high Pennines a layer of peat blankets the bed rock and this supports extensive areas of moorland. Outcrops of limestone support calcareous grasslands and pavements.

Habitat	NVC present	Extent in Natural Area (1-fragmented, 2-frequent, 3-extensive)	Significance (I-internationally scarce with U.K. representation, UK-well developed in U.K. but represented elsewhere, L-Widely developed in Europe)
Montane	H13	1	I
	H18	2	L
	H22	1	UK
	U10a	2	UK
	U17	1	L
	M7	1	L
	M8	1	L
	M9b	1	L
	U7	1	L
Blanket mire and wet heath (including Bog pool and flush & valley mires)	M2b	2	
	M3	2	L
	M4	2	L
	M6a, M6b, M6c, M6d	3	I
	M10	2	UK
	M11b	1	UK
	M15, M15a, M15b	1	UK
	M16	1	I
	M17	1	I
	M18a, M18b	2	UK
	M19a, M19b, M19c	3	UK
	M20	3	UK
	M23	1	I
	M25, M25b	2	I
	M26b	1	I
	M32	1	L
	M35	1	L
	M37	2	L
M38	1	L	
Dry heath	H8	1	I
	H9	2	UK
	H10c, H10d	1	UK
	H12a, H12b	3	UK
	H18	1	L
	H19	2	L
	H21, H21a	1	I
Grassland and tall herb communities	U1	1	L
	U2	2	
	U4e	3	L
	U5a, U5b, U5c	3	L
	U6, U6a, U6d	2	I
	U16	1	UK
	U19	1	L
	U20, U20a, U20c	2	I
	U21	1	L
	CG9c, CG9d, CG9e	2	I
	CG10a, CG10c	3	UK
Scrub	W19a, W19b	2	L

Nationally Rare and Scarce Plant Species:

Alchemilla glomerulans, A.wichurae, Alopecurus borealis, Asplenium septentrionale, Bartsia alpina, Betula nana, Carex capillaris, C.magellanica, Circaea alpina, Dryas octapetala, Euphrasia rostkoviana, Juncus alpinoarticulatus, Kobresia simpliciuscula, Minuartia stricta, Myosotis alpestris*, M.stolonifera, Phleum alpinum, Poa alpina, Polygala amarella, Potentilla crantzii, P.fruticosa*, Saxifraga hirculus*, S.nivalis, Sedum villosum, Viola rupestris, Woodsia ilvensis*.*
(Carex ericetorum, C.ornithopoda, Crepis mollis, Dryopteris submontana, Equisetum pratense, Epipactis atrorubens, Equisetum variegatum, Gentiana verna, Gymnocarpium robertianum, Hammarbya paludosa, Helianthemum canum, Minuartia verna, Primula farinosa, Sesleria caerulea, Sorbus rupicola, Thlaspi caerulescens.)*

Key Issues	
Habitat	Issue
Montane	Overgrazing, recreation, acid deposition.
Blanket mire and wet heath	Overgrazing, gripping, burning, recreation, stock-feeding, Sphagnum harvesting, wind farms.
Dry heath	Overgrazing, burning, recreation, stock-feeding, bracken encroachment, woodland regeneration, wind farms.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Overgrazing, recreation, stock-feeding, woodland, regeneration, bracken encroachment.
Scrub	Overgrazing, regeneration

Objective	
Habitat	Objective
Montane	Restore dwarf shrub and bryophytes to summit heaths.
Blanket mire and wet heath	Retain and enhance soil hydrology and hydrological features. Maintain and restore species composition and condition of dwarf shrub. Reduce or eliminate burning.
Dry heath	Improve condition of dry heath communities by reducing grazing pressure. Extend dwarf shrub vegetation to limit of unenclosed land. Lengthen burning rotation.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Ensure grassland communities are appropriately managed. Encourage development of a mosaic of dry heath and grasslands types.
Scrub	Encourage natural regeneration of gill woodland/scrub and development of scrub adjacent to moorland and woodland edge. Restore and enhance areas of Juniper scrub.

Significance: The North Pennines Natural Area is second only to the Cumbrian Fells and Dales in terms of its range and extent of internationally rare and uncommon upland communities. As with Cumbria it is particularly important for montane communities and many of the nationally rare and scarce plant species associated with them. It is important for blanket mires (M18, M19) and species-rich flushes (M10), dry heath (especially H12) and particularly important for extensive areas of species-rich calcareous grassland (CG10). It also holds the largest extent of Juniper woodland in England.

Natural Area: Oswestry Uplands

Mountain and Moorland Significance: Negligible

Description: The Oswestry Uplands is one of the smallest Natural Areas and has affinities with areas in Wales. The Natural Area lies on Carboniferous rocks including limestone and millstone grits, along with coal measures and shales. The landscape is intricate and set in a complex of rolling hills and supports fragmented areas of mire and semi-natural grasslands.

Habitat	NVC present	Extent in Natural Area (1-fragmented, 2-frequent, 3-extensive)	Significance (1- internationally scarce with U.K. representation, UK-well developed in U.K. but represented elsewhere, L- Widely developed in Europe)
Blanket mire and wet heath (including Bog pool and flush and valley mires).	M9	1	L
	M22	1	?
	M27	1	?
Grassland and tall herb communities	CG2	1	?
	OV38	1	?
Scrub			

Nationally Rare and Scarce Plant Species:

(*Gymnocarpium robertianum*, *Hornungia petraea*, *Sorbus rupicola*.)

Key Issues	
Habitat	Issue
Small flushes and fens	Inappropriate grazing, lack of management, fragmentation and land reclamation for agriculture.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Inappropriate grazing, lack of management, quarrying, land improved for agriculture.
Scrub	

Objective	
Habitat	Objective
Small flushes and fens	Maintain and enhance through appropriate management. Reduce fragmentation through habitat restoration.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Maintain and enhance through appropriate management.
Scrub	Encourage gill woodland and scrub/woodland regeneration on land of low conservation interest.

Significance: This Natural Area does not hold significant areas of internationally and nationally important upland communities.

Natural Area: Shropshire Hills

Mountain and Moorland Significance: Some

Description: The Shropshire Hills Natural Area lies between the Midlands Plain to the east and the Welsh hills to the west. It has a more varied geology than any other area of comparable size in Britain which includes volcanic and sedimentary rocks. The latter have given rise to the characteristic hog-back hills and deeply dissected moorland plateau of Long Mynd. The Shropshire Hills hold extensive tracts of moorland and other upland habitats, often showing transitions between southern lowland and northern upland types, managed within a farming regime.

Habitat	NVC present	Extent in Natural Area (1-fragmented, 2-frequent, 3-extensive)	Significance (1-internationally scarce with U.K. representation, UK-well developed in U.K. but represented elsewhere, L-Widely developed in Europe)
Blanket mire and wet heath (including Bog pool and flush and valley mires).	M6a, M6b, M6c, M6d	1	I
	M10	1	UK
	M11b	1	UK
	M19	1	UK
	M20a	1	UK
	M23	1	I
	M25	1	I
	M29	1	I
	M32	1	L
	M35	1	L
M36	1	L	
Dry heath	H8	1	I
	H9	1	UK
	H10	1	UK
	H12	3	UK
	H18	2	L
	H21a	1	I
Grassland and tall herb communities	U1b, U1e	1	L
	U4, U4a	3	L
	U5	1	L
	U6	2	I
	U20, U20c	2	I
	CG10	1	UK
Scrub			

Nationally Rare and Scarce Plant Species: none recorded

Key Issues	
Habitat	Issue
Blanket mire and wet heath	Inappropriate grazing, inappropriate/excessive supplementary feeding, habitat fragmentation, land reclaimed for agriculture.
Dry heath	Inappropriate grazing, lack of burning, inappropriate/excessive supplementary feeding, habitat fragmentation, bracken invasion, land reclaimed for agriculture.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Inappropriate grazing, habitat improvement/reclaimed for agricultural purposes.
Scrub	

Objective	
Habitat	Objective
Blanket mire and wet heath	Enhance soil hydrology and hydrological features. Maintain and restore species composition and condition of dwarf shrub and extend dwarf shrub cover. Reduce or eliminate burning.
Dry heath	Improve condition of dry heath communities and extend dwarf shrub cover. Introduce long rotation burning to some areas. Reduce fragmentation through habitat restoration.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Ensure grassland communities are appropriately managed. Encourage development of a mosaic of dry heath and grasslands types.
Scrub	Encourage natural regeneration of gill woodland/scrub and development of scrub adjacent to moorland and woodland edge.

Significance: The most significant feature of the Shropshire Hills is the transitional mix of upland and lowland dry heath communities (H8, H9, H12, H18, H21), managed within the upland sheep regime. U4, U6 and U20 are also frequent.

Natural Area: Southern Pennines

Mountain and Moorland Significance: Considerable

Description: The Southern Pennines Natural Area is that part of the Pennines chain found between the Yorkshire Dales and the Peak District. The Millstone Grit series of coarse pebbly gritstones with finer grained flagstones gives the rock outcrops of this area their typical profile. The landscape is characterised by deeply incised river valleys and flat moorland plateaux which reach their highest point at 517 metres at Lad Law above Colnc.

Habitat	NVC present	Extent in Natural Area (1-fragmented, 2-frequent, 3-extensive)	Significance (1- internationally scarce with U.K. representation, UK-well developed in U.K. but represented elsewhere, L- Widely developed in Europe)
Blanket mire and wet heath (including Bog pool and flush & valley mires)	M2b	1	L
	M3	2	L
	M6a, M6c	2	I
	M10	2	UK
	M19b	3	UK
	M20a, M20b	3	UK
	M25, M25b	2	I
Dry heath	H9a, H9b, H9c, H9e	3	UK
	H12a	2	UK
	H18c	?	L
	CG9b	1	I
Grassland and tall herb communities	U2	2	L
	U4b	2	L
	U5d	2	L
	U6	1	I
	U20, U20a, U20c	3	I
Scrub			

Nationally Rare and Scarce Plant Species:

None recorded

Key Issues	
Habitat	Issue
Blanket mire and wet heath	Windfarms, access and recreation, gripping and burning.
Dry heath	Inappropriate grazing, burning, farm abandonment, access and gripping.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Overgrazing, bracken invasion, improvement, access and recreation.
Scrub	

Objective	
Habitat	Objective
Blanket mire and wet heath	Retain and enhance soil hydrology and hydrological features. Restore species composition and condition of dwarf shrub. Reduce or eliminate burning.
Dry heath	Improve condition of dry heath communities including range of species and structural diversity. Extend dwarf shrub vegetation to limit of unenclosed land. Lengthen burning rotation.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Ensure grassland communities are appropriately managed. Encourage development of a mosaic of dry heath and grasslands types.
Scrub	Encourage natural regeneration of gill woodland/scrub and development of scrub adjacent to moorland and woodland edge.

Significance: The Southern Pennines are of particular importance for their northern blanket bogs (nearing the edge of their range in the south) and dry heaths. They hold extensive areas of M19 and M20 along with large areas of the upland heathlands H9 and H12.

Natural Area: South West Peak

Mountain and Moorland Significance: Notable

Description: This Natural Area lies between the Cheshire Plain to the west and the outcropping limestone of the White Peak to the east. The geology is of Carboniferous millstone grit and coal measures. The landscape character is of open moorland separated by small, enclosed rush pastures and improved grasslands. The moorland holds blanket mire and dry heath.

Habitat	NVC present	Extent in Natural Area (1-fragmented, 2-frequent, 3-extensive)	Significance (1-internationally scarce with U.K. representation, UK-well developed in U.K. but represented elsewhere, L-Widely developed in Europe)
Blanket mire and wet heath (including Bog pool and flush and valley mires).	M2b	1	L
	M3	1	L
	M4	1	L
	M6c, M6d, M6a, M6b	3	I
	M9	1	L
	M10a	1	UK
	M15a, M15b, M15d	1?	UK
	M16	1	I
	M19, M19a, M19b	1	UK
	M20, M20a, M20b	3	UK
	M21b	1	L
	M23a, M23b	1	I
	M25b	2	I
M26b	1	I	
Dry heath	H8	1	I
	H9, H9a, H9b, H9c	3	UK
	H12,	2	UK
	H18	2	L
Grassland and tall herb communities	U2	2	L
	U4, U4a, U4b	3	L
	U5, U5a, U5b, U5c	2	L
	U6a, U6c	2	I
	U20, U20a, U20b, U20c	3	I
Scrub			

Nationally Rare and Scarce Plant Species:

Myosotis stolonifera.

(*Trichomanes speciosum.*)

Key Issues	
Habitat	Issue
Blanket mire and wet heath	Overgrazing, drainage, burning, improvement.
Dry heath	Bracken encroachment, overgrazing, burning.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Improvement, liming.
Scrub	

Objective	
Habitat	Objective
Blanket mire and wet heath	Enhance soil hydrology and hydrological features. Maintain and restore species composition and condition of dwarf shrub. Reduce or eliminate burning.
Dry heath	Reduce fragmentation through habitat creation. Encourage development of mature heather and extend cover of dwarf shrub to limit of unenclosed land.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Introduce appropriate grazing management and reduce invasive species.
Scrub	Encourage natural regeneration of gill woodland/scrub and development of scrub adjacent to moorland and woodland edge.

Significance: Although the extensive blanket bogs are largely of the degraded, species-poor form (M20), the South West Peak is notable for its extensive dry heath (H9, H12 and H18).

Natural Area: Staffordshire Uplands

Mountain and Moorland Significance: Considerable

Description: The Staffordshire uplands occupy the undulating, rising ground between the upper Trent Valley and the Pennines of the South West Peak. The Natural Area is located on the Carboniferous coal measures which are sandwiched between sandstones and millstone grits. The low-lying hills support areas of dry heathland and blanket bog.

Habitat	NVC present	Extent in Natural Area (1-fragmented, 2-frequent, 3- extensive)	Significance (I - internationally scarce with U.K. representation, UK -well developed in U.K. but represented elsewhere, L - Widely developed in Europe)
Blanket mire and wet heath (including Bog pool and flush and valley mires).	M6c	2	I
	M15	2	UK
	M16	2	I
	M19	3	UK
	M20	2	UK
	M25	2	I
Dry heath	H8 H9a, H9e	3	I UK
Grassland and tall herb communities	U4a, U4b	3	L
	U5	2	L
Scrub			

Nationally Rare and Scarce Plant Species:
None recorded

Key Issues	
Habitat	Issue
Blanket mire and wet heath	Inappropriate grazing, scrub invasion.
Dry heath	Inappropriate grazing & burning, land reclamation for agriculture, scrub and bracken invasion, habitat fragmentation.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Grazing and stock type, scrub and bracken invasion.
Scrub	

Objective	
Habitat	Objective
Blanket mire and wet heath	Enhance soil hydrology and hydrological features. Maintain and restore species composition and condition of dwarf shrub. Reduce or eliminate burning.
Dry heath	Reduce fragmentation through habitat creation. Encourage development of mature heather and extend cover of dwarf shrub to limit of unenclosed land.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Introduce appropriate grazing management and reduce invasive species.
Scrub	Encourage natural regeneration of gill woodland/scrub and development of scrub adjacent to moorland and woodland edge.

Significance: The Staffordshire uplands are important for the most southerly extensive area of northern blanket bog (M19) along with wet heath (M15, M16) and northern heath (H9).

Natural Area: White Peak

Mountain and Moorland Significance: Negligible

Description: This Natural Area lies at the southern end of the Pennine chain and is mostly within the Peak District National Park. The White Peak is one of the most important exposures of Carboniferous limestone in Britain. The landscape is formed by a plateau which is dissected by numerous valleys or dales. The plateau is dominated by improved pasture with only a vestige of semi-natural heathlands remaining. The dales hold unimproved calcareous grasslands, woodlands and limestone rivers.

Habitat	NVC present	Extent in Natural Area (1-fragmented, 2-frequent, 3-extensive)	Significance (1-internationally scarce with U.K. representation, UK-well developed in U.K. but represented elsewhere, L-Widely developed in Europe)
Dry heath	H8	1	I
	H9, H9c	1	UK
	H12	1	UK
Grassland and tall herb communities	U4b, U4c, U4e	2	L
	U5d	1	L
	CG2	2	?
	CG10a, CG10b	1	UK
	OV37	1	?
	OV38	1	?
	OV39	2	?
Scrub			

Nationally Rare and Scarce Plant Species:

Potentilla crantzii.

(*Carex ornithopoda*, *Draba muralis*, *Dryopteris submontana*, *Epipactis atrorubens*, *Gymnocarpium robertianum*, *Hornungia petraea*, *Minuartia verna*, *Potentilla neummanniana*, *Sesleria caerulea*, *Sorbus rupicola*, *Thlaspi caerulescens*.)

Key Issues	
Habitat	Issue
Dry heath	Overgrazing, improvement, bracken invasion, habitat fragmentation.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Lack of management, bracken invasion, inappropriate grazing (especially undergrazing), scrub invasion, fertiliser run-off, recreational pressure.
Scrub	

Objective	
Habitat	Objective
Dry heath	Reduce fragmentation through habitat creation. Encourage development of mature heather and extend cover of dwarf shrub to limit of unenclosed land.
Grassland and tall herb communities	Introduce appropriate grazing management and reduce invasive species.
Scrub	Encourage natural regeneration of gill woodland/scrub and development of scrub adjacent to moorland and woodland edge.

Significance: The White Peak has no significant areas of unenclosed internationally or nationally important upland communities.

Description: The Yorkshire Dales are located between the Forest of Bowland and the Cumbrian Fells to the west and the Vale of York to the east. The Natural Area comprises a glaciated upland landscape of rounded hills and moors separated by broad valleys cut into the Carboniferous strata of limestone, millstone grit and shale. To the north and east the hills are blanketed by peat, forming dry heath and bog. Further south there are extensive areas of limestone grassland and pavement.

Habitat	NVC present	Extent in Natural Area (1-fragmented, 2-frequent, 3-extensive)	Significance (1-internationally scarce with U.K. representation, UK -well developed in U.K. but represented elsewhere, L - Widely developed in Europe)
Montane	U7	1	L
	H18c	1	L
	H19	1	L
	U17	1	L
Blanket mire and wet heath (including Bog Pool and flush & valley mires)	M3	1	L
	M4	1	L
	M6, M6a, M6c, M6d	3	I
	M9	1	L
	M10, M10b	2	UK
	M17	1	I
	M18b	1	UK
	M19a, M19b, M19c	2	UK
	M20, M20a, M20b	3	UK
	M23	3	I
	M25, M25b	2	I
	M26	1	I
	M27	1	L
	M32	1	L
M37	1	L	
Dry heath	H9, H9c	2	UK
	H12a	2	UK
Grassland and tall herb communities	U2	1	L
	U4a, U4b, U4d U4e	3	L
	U5a, U5b, U5d, U5e	3	L
	U6	2	I
	U19	1	L
	U20, U20c	2	I
	U21	1	L
	OV37	2	?
	OV38	2	?
	OV39	2	?
	OV40	2	?
	CG9a, CG9b, CG9c	2	I
	CG10a	2	UK
	MG10	3	?
Scrub	W19a		L

Nationally Rare and Scarce Plant Species: *Alchemilla glomerulans*, *A. minima**, *A. wichurae*, *Arenaria norvegica anglica**, *Bartsia alpina*, *Carex capillaris*, *Circaea alpina*, *Dryas octopetala*, *Euphrasia rostkoviana*, *Juncus alpinoarticulatus*, *Ledum palustre groenlandicum*, *Myosotis stolonifera*, *Poa alpina*, *Polygala amarella*, *Potentilla crantzii*, *Saxifraga hirculus**, *Sedum villosum*.
(*Actaea spicata*, *Alchemilla glaucescens*, *Cardamine impatiens*, *Carex ornithopoda*, *Crepis mollis*, *Draba muralis*, *Dryopteris submontana*, *Equisetum pratense*, *Epipactis atrorubens*, *Equisetum variegatum*, *Gymnocarpium robertianum*, *Hornungia petraea*, *Minuartia verna*, *Orobanche alba*, *Polygonatum odoratum*, *Primula farinosa*, *Ribes spicatum*, *Sesleria caerulea*, *Sorbus rupicola*, *Thlaspi caerulescens*.)

Key Issues

Habitat	Issue
Montane	Overgrazing, pollution
Blanket mire and wet heath	Overgrazing, drainage, pollution
Dry heath	Overgrazing, burning, drainage, improvement
Grassland and tall herb communities	Removal of rock from pavements, quarrying, overgrazing (including rabbits), improvement.
Scrub	

Objective

Habitat	Objective
Montane	Restore dwarf shrub and bryophyte cover to summit heaths and reduce grazing pressure.
Blanket mire and wet heath	Enhance soil hydrology and hydrological features. Maintain and restore species composition and condition of dwarf shrub. Reduce or eliminate burning and grazing.
Dry heath	Encourage development of mature heather and extend cover of dwarf shrub to limit of unenclosed land.
Grassland, tall herb communities and limestone pavement	Maintain and enhance species-rich grasslands. Ensure no further loss of pavement, enhance through positive management and appropriate grazing management.
Scrub	Encourage natural regeneration of gill woodland/scrub and development of scrub adjacent to moorland and woodland edge.

Significance: The Yorkshire Dales has a wide range of important plant communities. The highest hills support small areas of montane vegetation, including communities that are probably at their most southerly location in England (H19, U7 and U17). There are also extensive areas of northern blanket bog (M19, M20) and dry heath (H9, H12) along with large allotments supporting the internationally important M23. That part of the Natural Area in Craven is important for areas of calcareous grassland (CG9 at the southern limit of its range, and CG10) and its limestone pavements. A large number of nationally scarce plants are associated with these communities.

Appendices

Appendix 1: UPLAND NVC COMMUNITIES IN ENGLAND

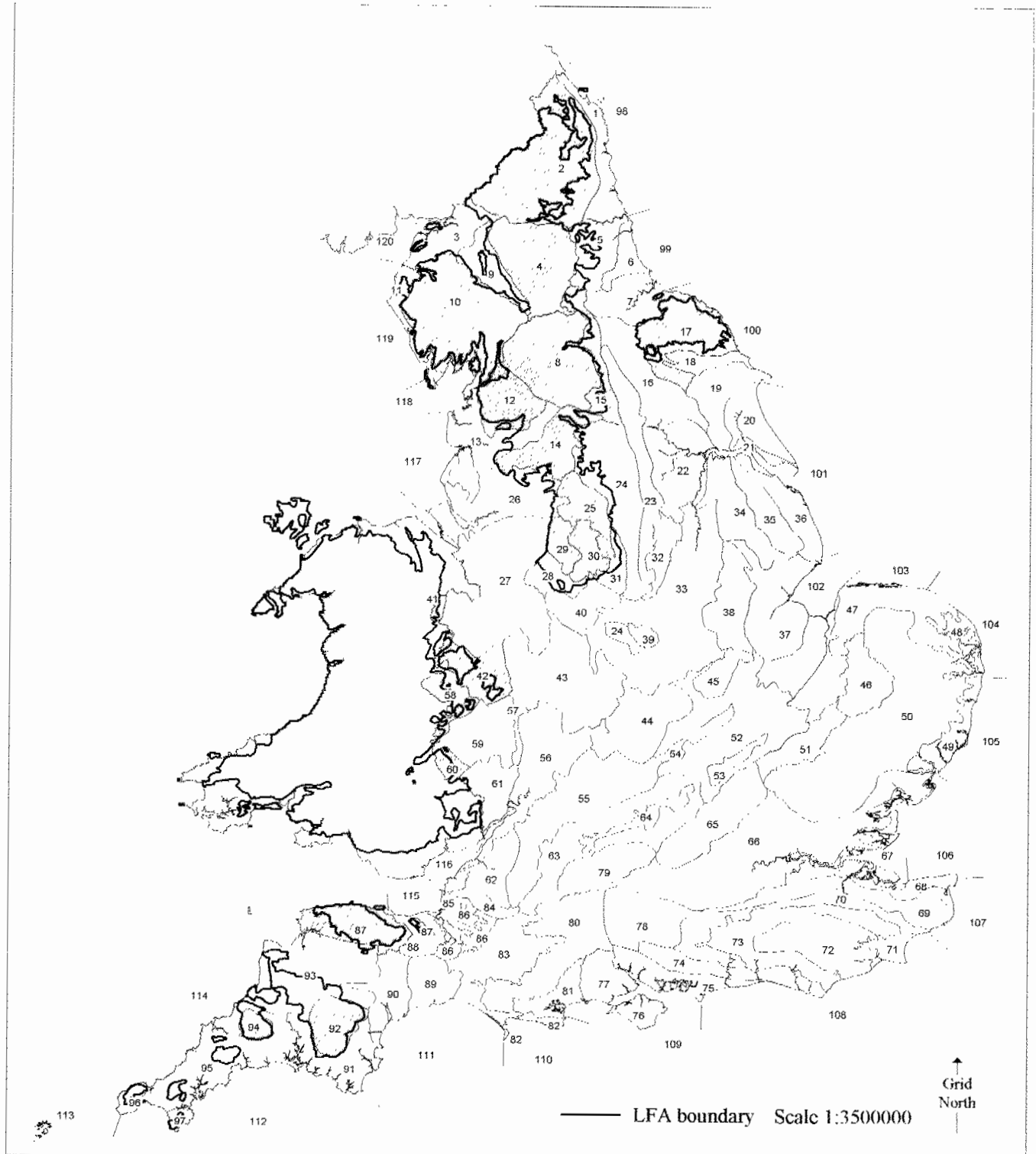
<p>MONTANE</p>	<p>H13 H18 H19 H22</p> <p>M7 M8 M31 M32</p> <p>U7 U10 U13 U15 U17</p> <p>CG11 CG14</p>	<p>Also submontane</p> <p>Also submontane Also submontane</p> <p>Largely montane Largely montane Largely montane in England Largely montane in England</p>
<p>DRY HEATH</p>	<p>H4 H8 H9 H10 H12 H16 H18 H21</p>	<p>Also montane</p>
<p>GRASSLAND, FERN AND ROCK COMMUNITIES</p> <p>Fern communities</p> <p>Rock communities</p>	<p>U1 U2 U3 U4 U5 U6 U16 CG2 CG9 CG10 OV37 MG10</p> <p>U19 U20 U21</p> <p>OV38 OV39 OV40</p>	

MIRES	Blanket Mires	M17 M18 M19 M20	
	Wet heaths	M15 M16	
	Bog pools	M1 M2 M3	
	Small sedge & bryophyte fens	M4 M5 M6 M9 M10 M11 M13	
	Valley mire	M21	
	Molinia and Juncus fens	M22 M23 M25 M26	
	Tall-herb fen	M27	
	Springs, flushes and soakways	M29 M31 M32 M35 M37 M38	Also montane Also montane
	SCRUB	W19 W20	

APPENDIX 2: NATIONALLY RARE AND SCARCE UPLAND PLANTS IN ENGLAND

		Upland species	Red Data	BAP	Bord Upld	Nth Pen.	York Dale	Dart moor	Ex moor	Osw	Wht Peak	SW Peak	Dark Peak	Bow Fell	Cu Fell
<i>Actaea spicata</i>	Baneberry						y								y
<i>Ajuga pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Bugle	y													y
<i>Alchemilla glaucescens</i>	Lady's Mantle		21				?								
<i>Alchemilla glomerulans</i>	Lady's Mantle	y			y	y	y								
<i>Alchemilla gracilis</i>	Lady's Mantle	y	22		?										
<i>Alchemilla minima</i>	Lady's Mantle	y	22	y			y								
<i>Alchemilla wichurae</i>	Lady's Mantle	y				y	y								y
<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>	Chives				y										
<i>Alopecurus borealis</i>	Alpine Foxtail	y			y	y									
<i>Arenaria norvegica anglica</i>	Arctic Sandwort	y	14	y			y								
<i>Asplenium septentrionale</i>	Forked Spleenwort					y		y							y
<i>Bartsia alpina</i>	Alpine Bartsia	y	43			y	y								y
<i>Betula nana</i>	Dwarf Birch	y			y	y									
<i>Cardamine impatiens</i>	Narrow-leaved Bitter-cre						y								y
<i>Carex atrata</i>	Black Alpine Sedge	y													y
<i>Carex capillaris</i>	Hair Sedge	y				y	y								?
<i>Carex ericetorum</i>	Rare Spring Sedge					y									y
<i>Carex magellanica</i>	Tall Bog Sedge	y			y	y									y
<i>Carex ornithopoda</i>	Bird's-foot Sedge		74			?	y				y				y
<i>Cerastium alpinum</i>	Alpine Mouse-ear	y													y
<i>Circaea alpina</i>	Alpine Enchanter's Nigh	y				y	y								y
<i>Crepis mollis</i>	Northern Hawk's-beard				y	y	y								y
<i>Diphasiastrum complanatum</i>	Issler's Clubmoss	y													
<i>Draba muralis</i>	Wall Whitlowgrass						y				y				
<i>Dryas octapetala</i>	Mountain Avens	y				y	y								y
<i>Dryopteris submontana</i>	Fraser-Jenkins Rigid Bu					y	y				y			y	y
<i>Epipactis atrorubens</i>	Dark-red Helleborine					y	y				y				y
<i>Equisetum pratense</i>	Shade Horsetail					y	y								
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>	Variegated Horsetail				y	y	y								?
<i>Euphrasia frigida</i>	Eyebright	y			y										y
<i>Euphrasia ostensfeldii</i>	Eyebright	y													y
<i>Euphrasia rivularis</i>	Snowden Eyebright	y	42	y											y
<i>Euphrasia rostkoviana</i>	Eyebright	y			y	y	y								y
<i>Euphrasia vigursii</i>	Eyebright	y	42	y				y							
<i>Gentiana verna</i>	Spring Gentian		36	y		y									
<i>Gymnocarpium robertianum</i>	Limestone Fern					y	y			y	y				y
<i>Hammarbya paludosa</i>	Bog Orchid			y	y	y		y							y
<i>Helianthemum canum</i>	Hoary Rock-rose					y									y
<i>Hornungia petraea</i>	Hutchinsea						y			y	y				y
<i>Juncus alpinoarticulatus</i>	Alpine Rush	y				y	y								
<i>Koebresia simpliciuscula</i>	False Sedge	y	73			y									
<i>Lychnis alpina</i>	Alpine Champion	y	10	y											y
<i>Lycopodiella inundata</i>	Marsh Clubmoss			y				y							y
<i>Lycopodium annotinum</i>	Interrupted Clubmoss	y													y
<i>Minuartia stricta</i>	Teesdale Sandwort	y	13	y		y									
<i>Minuartia verna</i>	Spring Sandwort				y	y	y				y				y
<i>Myosotis alpestris</i>	Alpine Forget-me-not	y	38	y		y									
<i>Myosotis stolonifera</i>	Pale Forget-me-not	y			y	y	y					y			y
<i>Orobancha alba</i>	Thyme Broomrape						y								
<i>Phleum alpinum</i>	Alpine Cat's-tail	y				y									y
<i>Poa alpina</i>	Alpine Meadow-grass	y				y	y								y
<i>Poa glauca</i>	Glaucous Meadow-gras	y													y
<i>Polygala amara</i>	Bitter Milkwort	y	8			y	y								y
<i>Polygonatum odoratum</i>	Angular Solomon's-seal						y								y
<i>Potentilla crantzii</i>	Alpine Cinquefoil	y				y	y				y				y
<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	Shrubby Cinquefoil	y	21	y		y									y
<i>Primula farinosa</i>	Bird's-eye Primrose					y	y								y
<i>Ribes spicatum</i>	Downy Currant					y	y								y
<i>Salix lapponum</i>	Downy Willow	y													y
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>	Yellow Bog Saxifrage		25	y		y	y								
<i>Saxifraga nivalis</i>	Alpine Saxifrage	y				y									y
<i>Sedum villosum</i>	Hairy Stonecrop	y			y	y	y								r
<i>Sesleria caerulea</i>	Blue Moor-grass				y	y	y				y				y
<i>Sorbus rupicola</i>	Rock Whitebeam					y	y		y	y	y				y
<i>Spiranthes romanzoffiana</i>	Irish Lady's-tresses	y						y							
<i>Thlaspi caerulescens</i>	Alpine Penny-cress				?	y	y				y				
<i>Trichomanes speciosum</i>	Killarney Fern		1	y											y
<i>Viola rupestris</i>	Teesdale Violet	y	7			y									
<i>Woodsia ilvensis</i>	Oblong Ilvensis	y	2	y		y									y

Appendix 3: Revised map showing upland Natural Areas within LFA



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| 1 North Northumberland Coastal Plain | 11. West Cumbria Coastal Plain | 21. Humber Estuary | 31. Derbyshire Peak Fringe and Lower Derwent | 41. Oswestry Uplands | 51. East Anglian Chalk |
| 2. Border Uplands | 12. Forest of Bowland | 22. Humberhead Levels | 32. Sherwood | 42. Shropshire Hills | 52. West Anglian Plain |
| 3. Solway Basin | 13. Lancashire Plain and Valleys | 23. Southern Magnesian Limestone | 33. Trent Valley and Rises | 43. Midlands Plateau | 53. Bedfordshire Greensand Ridge |
| 4. North Pennines | 14. Southern Pennines | 24. Coal Measures | 34. North Lincolnshire Coversands and Clay Vales | 44. Midland Clay Pastures | 54. Yardley-Whittlewood Ridge |
| 5. Northumbria Coal Measures | 15. Pennine Dales Fringe | 25. Dark Peak | 35. Lincolnshire Wolds | 45. Rockingham Forest | 55. Cotswolds |
| 6. Durham Magnesian Limestone Plateau | 16. Vale of York Moors and Mowbray | 26. Urban Mersey Basin | 36. Lincolnshire Coast and Marshes | 46. Breckland | 56. Severn and Avon Vales |
| 7. Tees Lowlands | 17. North York Moors and Hills | 27. Mosses and Meres | 37. The Fens | 47. North Norfolk | 57. Malvern Hills and Tenre Valley |
| 8. Yorkshire Dales | 18. Vale of Pickering | 28. Potteries and Charmet Valley | 38. Lincolnshire and Rutland Limestone | 48. The Broads | 58. Clun and North West Herefordshire Hills |
| 9. Eden Valley | 19. Yorkshire Wolds | 29. South West Peak | 39. Churnwood | 49. Suffolk Coast and Heaths | 59. Central Herefordshire |
| 10. Cumbria Fells and Dales | 20. Holderness | 30. White Peak | 40. Needwood and South Derbyshire Claylands | 50. East Anglian Plain | 60. Black Mountains and Golden Valley |
| 61. Dean Plateau and Wye Valley | 71. Romney Marshes | 81. Dorset Heaths | 91. South Devon | 101. Bridlington to Skegness | 111. Lyme Bay |
| 62. Bristol, Avon Valleys and Ridges | 72. High Weald | 82. Isles of Portland and Purbeck | 92. Dartmoor | 102. The Wash | 112. Start Point to Land's End |
| 63. Thames and Avon Vales | 73. Low Weald and Pevensey | 83. Wessex Vales | 93. The Culm | 103. Old Hunstanton to Sheringham | 113. Isles of Scilly |
| 64. Midvale Ridge | 74. South Downs | 84. Mendip Hills | 94. Bodmin Moor | 104. Sheringham to Lowestoft | 114. Land's End to Muehead |
| 65. Chilterns | 75. South Coast Plain and Hampshire Lowlands | 85. Somerset Levels and Moors | 95. Cornish Killas and Granites | 105. Suffolk Coast | 115. Bridgewater Bay |
| 66. London Basin | 76. Isle of Wight | 86. Mid Somerset Hills | 96. West Penwith | 106. North Kent Coast | 116. Severn Estuary |
| 67. Greater Thames Estuary | 77. New Forest | 87. Exmoor and the Quantocks | 97. The Lizard | 107. East Kent Coast | 117. Liverpool Bay |
| 68. North Kent Plain | 78. Hampshire Downs | 88. Vale of Taunton and Quantock Fringes | 98. Northumberland Coast | 108. Folkstone to Selsey Bill | 118. Morecambe Bay |
| 69. North Downs | 79. Yorkshire and Marlborough Downs | 89. Blackdowns | 99. Tyne to Tees Coast | 109. Solent and Poole Bay | 119. Cumbrian Coast |
| 70. Wealden Greensand | 80. South Wessex Downs | 90. Devon Redlands | 100. Saltburn to Bridlington | 110. South Dorset Coast | 120. Selway Firth |