

HHP Species Rich Grassland scorecard

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Herd number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of scoring: \_\_\_\_\_ Surveyor: \_\_\_\_\_  
HHP Field Number: \_\_\_\_\_

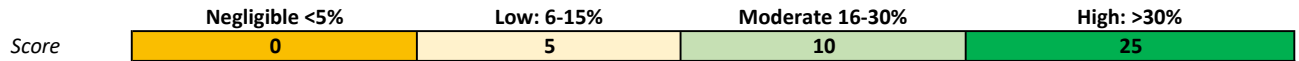
A. Ecological Integrity

A.1 What is the number of positive indicators in the field? Circle all positive indicators present below.

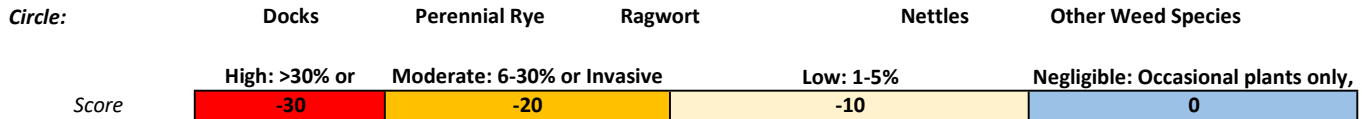


Code	Positive indicator	Insert "1" if present	Code	Positive indicator	Insert "1" if present
1	Birds-foot-trefoils (Common & Greater)		15	Mints - all species	
2	Forget-me-nots - all species		16	Ox-eye Daisy- also Dog Daisy ( <u>not</u> )	
3	Heathers - all species, total cover in grassland <25%		17	Orchids - all species	
4	Common Knapweed		18	Ragged Robin	
5	Small bedstraws (all species), Stichworts (Field & Marsh), Lady's		19	Scabious - Devils'-bit & Field	
6	Lady's Smock - also known as Cuckooflower		20	Sedges - all species	
7	Large Umbels - Angelica, Valerian & Common Hogweed		21	Selfheal and Bugle	
8	Lesser Spearwort		22	Small Rushes - Woodrushes, Spike	
9	Louseworts - Common & Marsh		23	Sorrel - Common & Sheep	
10	Marsh Cinquefoil & Marsh Marigold		24	Vetches/vetchlings - Meadow,	
11	Marsh Pennywort		25	Violets - all species; Harebell	
12	Meadowsweet		26	Yellow Composites - Cat's Ears,	
13	Meadow or Marsh Thistle		27	Yellow-rattle - also known as Hay Rattle	
14	Tormentil				

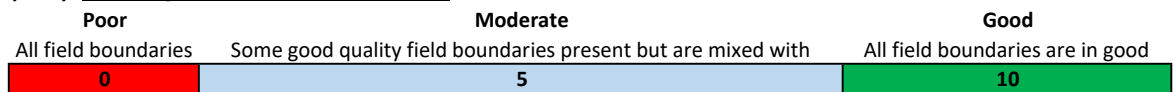
A.2. What is the cover of Positive Indicator Species.



A.3 What is the combined cover of negative indicator species &/or agricultural 'weeds' throughout the field.



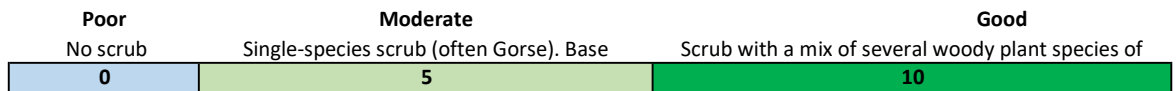
A.4 Field boundary quality. Refer to guidance document for details



A.5 Scrub Diversity and Structure. Note: Blocks of Scrub over 0.2 Ha should be dealt with as a separate field and scored with the

Name the Dominant Scrub species \_\_\_\_\_

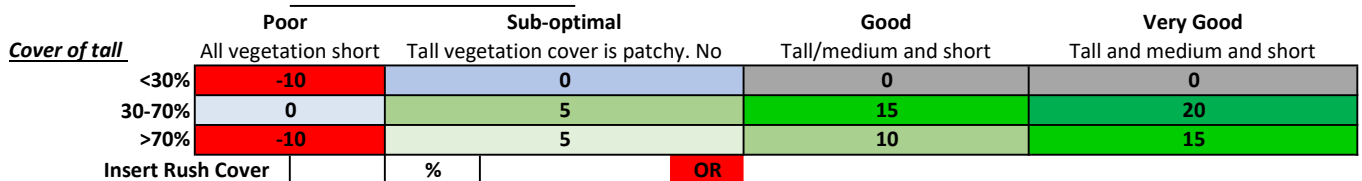
Describe Scrub Structure in the Field.



A.6a Vegetation Structure. Note: If grassland is primarily grazed use A.6a; if grassland is cut for hay or silage, use A.6b.

Field is used for Grazing only or used for hay/ silage with or without aftermath grazing.

Insert Answer \_\_\_\_\_



	Poor	Moderate	Good
<u>or A.6b</u>	No field margins present. Field topped right up to the field boundary line. No aftermath grazing. Little or no variation in sward height.	Narrow field margins present (~1m). Low number of flowering plants and vegetation structure within the field margin poor to moderate. Some aftermath grazing providing some structural variation	Wide field margins present (2m+) and or good headlands. Aftermath grazing takes place providing variations in height of sward; sward does not look uniform in appearance

Score	-10	10	20
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**B. Threats and Future Prospects**

**B.1 What is the cover of dense, dead plant litter?**

	Very High: >50%	High: 26-50%	Moderate: 11-25%	Low: <10%
Score	-20	-10	5	10

**B.2 What is the cover of encroaching scrub? Identify main species**

Identify Main Species \_\_\_\_\_

Encroaching scrub can be brambles; seedlings; scrub with stem diameter <10cm and generally lower than 1.5m height. Any trees/scrub which require felling licence to cut are not included

	Very High: >50%	High: 26-50%	Moderate: 11-25%	Low < 10%
Score	-30	-20	-10	0

**B.3 Are there any damaging activities to vegetation, soil or water?**

Describe the type of damaging activity \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the scale of the impact from damaging activities on the vegetation, soil and / or water in the field.

	Very High	High	Moderate	Low/None
Score	-40	-20	-10	0

**B.4 Is there damage due to supplementary feeding? Identify type (silage, concentrates etc)** \_\_\_\_\_

	High	Moderate	Low/None
Score	-30	-20	0

Total Score for Field