

Appendix 7
Phase I Habitat Survey Report

**A68 SOUTRA SOUTH TO OXTON
ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

PHASE I HABITAT SURVEY

Final Report

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 As part of the proposed road improvement works on the A68 between Soutra South and Oxtou, a desk study to obtain ecological baseline information was completed in May 2004 as part of a Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Stage 1 Environmental Assessment. Subsequent to this, as the proposed scheme options were developed, a DMRB Stage 2 Environmental Assessment was then completed in January 2005, the ecological aspects of which were based on the findings of an Extended Phase I Habitat Survey undertaken in April 2004.
- 1.1.2 A preferred scheme has now been identified and proposed, therefore during July and October 2005 the study area (500m boundary around the preferred scheme option) was re-visited to ground-truth and update the previous Extended Phase I Habitat Survey as part of a DMRB Stage 3 Environmental Assessment. At this time, elements of the preferred scheme that had been added to the scheme after the previous stage of assessment were also surveyed.
- 1.1.3 This report presents information on the results of the Extended Phase I Habitat surveys, which form part of the baseline conditions described within the Environmental Statement.

2. SURVEY METHODOLOGY

2.1 Phase 1 Habitat Survey

- 2.1.1 The site was surveyed, following the methods in the standard guidance *Handbook for Phase 1 Habitat Survey* (JNCC, 2003 reprint). Habitats, species and dominant plant community types present were described and recorded on a suitably scaled map of the site. Target notes linked to the Phase 1 habitat map were prepared to provide greater detail on specific habitats or features that have particular ecological interest. A list of plant species recorded during the survey was also prepared (higher plant species nomenclature follows Stace, 1997 and lower plant species nomenclature follows Watson, 1995).

3. BASELINE CONDITIONS

3.1 Introduction

- 3.1.1 A Phase I habitat map has been produced and is included as Figure 8.2 of the Environmental Statement. Table 1 provides details of the Target Notes shown in Figure 8.2, while a list of floral species recorded during the extended Phase I habitat survey are presented in Table 2.

3.2 Statutory/Non-Statutory Designated Sites

River Tweed Special Area of Conservation (SAC)/ Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

- 3.2.1 The watercourses within the survey area are the Headshaw Burn, Mountmill Burn, Kelphope Burn and the Leader Water. The Headshaw Burn and Mountmill Burn are header tributaries of the Leader Water and the confluence of these burns is located approximately 300m north west of Oxtou, where they meet to form the Leader Water. Kelphope Burn joins the Leader Water approximately 1km to the south east of Oxtou.
- 3.2.2 The Leader Water, which flows into the River Tweed approximately 19km south of Oxtou, is designated as part of the River Tweed SSSI for its biological interest. All are either included within, or flow into, the River Tweed Special Area of Conservation (SAC) / Site of

Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The primary reasons for the selection of the River Tweed as a SAC are its habitat quality as a watercourse of plain to montane levels with *Ranunculion fluitantis* and *Callitriche-Batrachion* vegetation communities; for its large and high quality Atlantic Salmon *Salmo salar* population and for its value for otters *Lutra lutra*. Species that are present but are not a primary reason for site selection are the fish, river lamprey *Lampetra fluviatilis*, brook lamprey *Lampetra planeri* and sea lamprey *Petromyzon marinus*.

- 3.2.3 The Leader Water and Headshaw Burn are both located close to the proposed road improvements. The Headshaw Burn passes underneath the existing A68 immediately east of the D47/5 junction to Carfrae and also beneath the D47/5 itself. The Leader Water runs closest to the scheme extent between Netherhowden, where it passes under the C84, and Riggsyde.
- 3.2.4 There are no other statutory designated sites within or adjacent to the A68 Scheme, except for Airhouse Wood SSSI, which is approximately 1.3 km away from the scheme. This SSSI is not anticipated to be affected by the scheme due to its distance from the scheme proposals. Designated Woodland
- 3.2.5 There are no designated Ancient Woodlands within the survey area or the vicinity of the proposed scheme. The only Inventory Woodland (i.e. listed on the Scottish Natural Heritage Inventory of Ancient, Long-Established and Semi-Natural Woodland) present is an area of Long-Established plantation (see Environmental Statement, Figure 8.1), the majority of which is also Airhouse Wood SSSI, close to the disused quarries South of Kirktonhill, west of Airhouse. This woodland is located along the southern bank of the Mountmill Burn and will not be affected by the proposed scheme. It is therefore not further considered within this report. It is therefore not further considered within this report.

3.3 Habitats and Vegetation

- 3.3.1 The results of the extended Phase I habitat survey area given below. Habitat descriptions should be read in conjunction with Figure 8.2 of the Environmental Statement.

General Character of the Site

- 3.3.2 The survey area comprises a mixture of habitat types and land use. Woodland occurs across the area, in both coniferous and mixed stands, though deciduous woodland does occur in one small area. Wooded habitats offer both foraging and burrowing opportunity for badger *Meles meles*, fox *Vulpes vulpes* and also squirrel *Sciurus* species. Agricultural land forms the majority of the habitat, with a mixture of arable and grazing land forming potential habitat for a range of species, including a number of farmland birds, such as the small passerine species e.g. the finches *Carduelis sp.* The headwater streams within the area, of which there are several burns of high quality in terms of both aquatic and riparian habitat, and are shown to support a varied fish biology with salmonids, lamprey and cottis species present.

Habitats Associated with Agricultural Land Use

- 3.3.3 As shown in Figure 8.2 of the Environmental Statement, the majority of the land that lies adjacent to the existing A68 and along Hillhouse Road consists of intensively farmed land, mainly improved grassland. Areas of arable land are mainly located around Headshaw Farm to the north of the scheme extent with a small area near Mountmill and Netherhowden, to the north and the south of the A68. These areas could offer potentially suitable habitat for breeding wader species, depending on crop sowing times. Semi-improved grassland occurs along the road from Carfraemill Roundabout to Hillhouse, mainly to the east and dominated

by Yorkshire-fog *Holcus lanatus*, with abundant creeping thistle *Cirsium arvense*, lesser stitchwort *Stellaria graminea* and yarrow *Achillea millefolium*.

- 3.3.4 Modern post and wire fencing encloses the majority of the lowland farmland in the area, with a single stretch of dry stone wall, north of Netherhowden. Hedgerows of hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna* and/or beech *Fagus sylvatica* and with scattered mature trees are abundant throughout the area. Some are in a poor state of repair and at present, represent low biodiversity value, including the hawthorn hedge adjacent to the A68 between the D47/5 junction and the avenue of common lime (*Tilia x vulgaris*) trees at the southern end of the scheme between Netherhowden and Carfraemill Roundabout.
- 3.3.5 There are two areas of set-aside within the survey area. The first (Target Note A1) is bounded to the east by the minor road D47/5 and is fenced to the west and north, consisting mainly of bare earth and stubble, it is dominated by red dead-nettle *Lamium purpureum* with abundant common chickweed *Stellaria media* and Yorkshire-fog, with other species such as wavy bitter-cress *Cardamine flexuosa* and ribwort plantain *Plantago lanceolata*. At the time of survey there was also a ploughed arable field immediately north of this field and east of Headshaw Farm by the D47/5 to Carfrae, which provides suitable breeding habitat for lapwing and oystercatcher.
- 3.3.6 The second set-aside area (Target Note A8) is surrounded on two sides by conifer plantation, located between Headshaw and Carfrae. This area is dominated by broad-leaved dock *Rumex obtusifolius*, with frequent red dead-nettle, creeping buttercup *Ranunculus repens*, common chickweed, common couch *Elytrigia repens* and occasional greater plantain *Plantago major* and Yorkshire-fog.

Woodland

- 3.3.7 Small areas of mainly coniferous and mixed woodland are present throughout the survey area, although generally not directly alongside the existing A68. The woodland areas are fairly fragmented and on the whole, do not represent significant wildlife corridors, though hedgerows connect some areas of woodland. The largest area of mixed woodland lies south of Kirktonhill in the southwest extreme of the study area, alongside the Mountmill Burn and dismantled railway. Other areas of mixed woodland are present north of Netherhowden (Target Note A12) including a woodland shelterbelt edged with a mix of mature beech, hawthorn and a mix of young and mature coniferous and deciduous trees including beech, sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus*, hawthorn, Sitka spruce *Picea sitchensis*, wild cherry *Prunus avium* and ash *Fraxinus excelsior*. The woodland also has patches of bracken *Pteridium aquilinum*, regeneration and some open areas. The ground layer is dominated by Yorkshire-fog with hogweed *Heracleum sphondylium*, common nettle *Urtica dioica*, cleavers *Galium aparine*, raspberry *Rubus idaeus*, common dog-violet *Viola riviniana*, creeping soft-grass *Holcus mollis*, common comfrey *Symphytum officinalis*, common knapweed *Centaurea nigra*, field forget-me-not *Myosotis arvensis*, common field-speedwell *Veronica persica* and dandelion *Taraxacum officinale*. Mixed woodland and plantation was found adjacent to the road from Carfraemill Roundabout to Hillhouse, with conifer plantation being around 5 years old.
- 3.3.8 Individual mature trees (beech) are located within the area at Hillhouse and there are many individual beech trees located along the edge of the D47/5 Hillhouse Road.
- 3.3.9 A coniferous woodland shelterbelt (Target Note A11) south of the A68 and Netherhowden is dominated by Sitka spruce with a mixed deciduous edge of occasional hawthorn, beech, elder *Sambucus nigra*, hazel *Corylus avellana* and sycamore.

- 3.3.10 A mature deciduous woodland strip (Target Note A7) dominated by ash and wych elm *Ulmus glabra* with frequent standing dead elm is situated to the south east of the D47/5 and leads into a woodland block of abundant Sitka spruce, frequent European larch *Larix decidua* and elm and occasional Scots pine *Pinus sylvestris* and sycamore. The Sitka plantation understory is dominated by raspberry, common nettle, Yorkshire-fog, common couch, cleavers, bracken and hard-fern *Blechnum spicant* while the deciduous strip has a mainly open canopy with areas dominated by creeping soft-grass and common bent *Agrostis capillaris*. Within both areas the ground layer is grazed and therefore species poor.
- 3.3.11 There is an area of rough ground at Henry's Wood (Target Note A4) by Headshaw Burn, adjacent to the A68, with an area of deciduous planting. The trees are approximately 11 years old with a mix of oak *Quercus* species, alder *Alnus glutinosa*, rowan *Sorbus aucuparia*, ash, holly *Ilex aquifolium*, hawthorn, wych elm and sycamore. The ground layer is dominated by Yorkshire-fog, common nettle, a moss *Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus* and ribwort plantain, with abundant rosebay willowherb *Chamerion angustifolium*, occasional gorse *Ulex europaeus*, water avens *Geum rivale*, cat's-ear *Hypochaeris radicata*, creeping thistle and small amounts of hogweed and colt's-foot *Tussilago farfara*.
- 3.3.12 An avenue of common lime trees is situated at the southern end of the scheme extents and adjacent to the A68. Mature lime trees provide suitable feeding habitat for bat species, together with suitable roosting opportunities, where there are cracks, rot holes and crevices.

River Habitats

- 3.3.13 Within the survey area, the watercourses are generally natural in character, with no obvious engineering of the river channel such as artificial banks or weirs, except for bank protection works (stone walls) at Headshaw Bridge and a weir on the Leader Water (Appendix 8, Target Note 16). The Leader Water is formed at the confluence of the Headshaw Burn and the Mountmill Burn and flows in a southerly direction through Lauderdale and the settlements of Lauder, Birkhill and Earlston before joining the River Tweed at Leaderfoot, 2 miles (3 km) east of Melrose, approximately 19 km from the extent of the scheme. The Kelphope Burn feeds into the Leader Water by the existing A68 south east of Netherhowden, though this area will not be directly affected by the proposal. The Headshaw Burn is a relatively fast flowing watercourse, of varying depth, averaging 2m in width, with a gravel and silt substrate and abundant riffles, pools and small rapids, and a single waterfall. There is also a small burn running parallel to the D47/5, which feeds into the Headshaw Burn. The Mountmill Burn, which merges with the Headshaw Burn (Target Note A6), is approximately 1-2m wide and has a gravel bed with deep pools.
- 3.3.14 SEPA has advised that the Water Quality Classification of Mountmill Burn is Class A1 (excellent) and that of the Leader Water below the confluence of the Mountmill Burn is Class A2 (very good). The Leader Water upstream of the Mountmill Burn confluence is not classified but SEPA indicates that the water quality is likely to be A1/A2. SEPA has advised that, in terms of the Water Framework Directive criteria, given the high water quality and the remoteness of the watercourses from population centres, they must be assumed to be of high/pristine status.
- 3.3.15 There is a specific Habitat Action Plan (HAP) for rivers and streams in the Scottish Borders Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP), which principally aims to maintain and enhance the ecology of river habitats. The River Tweed SAC system is included as one of its key sites. This HAP integrates with the Species Action Plan (SAP) for protected species that depend on river and stream habitats, most notably otter and water vole. Habitat evaluation of the survey

area suggests that it provides suitable otter habitat for feeding, the creation of holts and suitable habitat for water vole.

- 3.3.16 With regard to the botanical interest of the river habitats within the survey area, primrose (*Primula vulgaris*) was recorded by the Headshaw Burn, with water mint (*Mentha aquatica*), brooklime (*Veronica beccabunga*), butterbur (*Petasites hybridus*), lesser celandine (*Ranunculus ficaria*), broad-leaved dock (*Rumex obtusifolius*), rosebay willowherb, common nettle, colt's-foot, garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), water avens, creeping soft-grass, viola species, lady's-mantle (*Alchemilla vulgaris*), spear thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*) and marsh-marigold (*Caltha palustris*).

Locally Important / Nationally Important Species

- 3.3.17 No locally or nationally important plant species were recorded during surveys. However, juniper (*Juniperus communis*) appears on SBBRC records (at NT4854 in 1999) by the Mountmill Burn and is included on the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. Other species of conservation concern recorded in the vicinity of the proposed scheme by SBBRC comprise greater tussock-sedge (*Carex paniculata*) close to the Mountmill Burn at NT4854 and a lichen (*Bacidia incompta*) at Oxtou (NT4954).
- 3.3.18 No invasive plant species were noted during the Phase 1 habitat survey, nor have any such species been previously recorded within the survey area by SBBRC.

Habitats Associated with Built Structures

- 3.3.19 The survey area contains several road bridges, which provide potential habitat for bat species. A stone bridge over the Headshaw Burn, close to the existing D47/5 junction to Carfrae may provide suitable roosting habitat for bats though the water level is likely to rise to roof level in high flow conditions. The Annfield Bridge (carrying the Headshaw Burn under the existing A68) may support bats and the stone bridge over the Mountmill Burn on the minor road between Mountmill and Oxtou provides some cracks and crevices suitable for roosting bats. Another that spans the Hillhouse Burn also shows potential for bat species. An old stone tunnel adjacent to the unnamed burn flowing through Oxtou into the Leader Water may provide shelter to wildlife. The dry stone wall located directly west of the minor road from Carfraemill Roundabout to Hillhouse may provide shelter for small mammals. The dismantled railway located in the south west of the survey area, close to the Leader Water in the Oxtou area and alongside the Mountmill Burn south of Kirktonhill, may provide additional habitat and is likely to act as a habitat link between sites. Hillhouse and nearby buildings are a complex of old and new structures which are of high value with regard to potential for bat roosts. Riggsyde, adjacent to the existing A68, also has potential for bat species.

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Table 1. Phase 1 Habitat Survey - Target Notes.

Target Note	Description
A1	NT4952855148. Fenced, stubble, set-aside field with a good diversity of plants dominated by red dead-nettle with abundant chickweed and Yorkshire-fog with other species including wavy bitter-cress and ribwort plantain and a lot of bare earth.
A2	NT4934154629. Small burn running parallel with the D47/5 to Carfrae. Well-vegetated channel with abundant creeping buttercup and brooklime. It is up to 20 cm deep with a silt, stone and gravel substrate and rocky/stony banks dominated by butterbur, with abundant hedge bedstraw. It joins Headshaw Burn at the bridge.
A3	Headshaw Burn is about 2 m wide and more than 100 cm deep with a rocky substrate and steep banks. It is fast flowing with abundant riffles, pools and small rapids and a waterfall with a 60 cm drop. The stream contains water crowfoot, with sweet-grass, water mint and water forget-me-not. The banks are dominated by butterbur and rosebay willowherb. There are varying grassy strips to 5 m either side of the burn with creeping buttercup and soft-rush. Two large field drains enter the burn opposite Channelkirk Hill. This was the only burrow found along the Headshaw Burn. There was evidence of field and bank voles, but not of water voles. An oystercatcher, lapwing and pied wagtail were recorded.
A4	NT4926854659. Rough ground in Henry's Wood with deciduous tree planting. The trees are approximately 11 years old with a mix of species, including silver birch, willow species and horse chestnut. The rough grassland is dominated by Yorkshire-fog, ribwort plantain, common nettle and <i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i> .
A5	NT4918454413. 1 m wide road verge dominated by creeping soft-grass, bent species and Yorkshire-fog with other species including hedge bedstraw and cow parsley. There is a mature, well-managed hedgerow with potential for nesting birds and rabbit burrows. Fox droppings were recorded.
A6	NT4931854189. Mountmill Burn joins Headshaw Burn at this point. Mountmill Burn has a gravel substrate with deep pools, which are more than 1 m deep, and is about 1-2 m wide with abundant brooklime. There is an area of rough ground between the two burns with dominant common reed and abundant meadowsweet. There is a stone-built bridge with some potential for roosting bats.
A7	NT4951254674. Mature mixed woodland strip, mainly deciduous with some Scots pine, a sporadic understorey and a lot of dead wood. It is dominated by ash and elm with a small amount of beech. There is a long strip which leads into a woodland block which contains abundant Sitka spruce, frequent larch and elm, occasional Scots pine and small amounts of sycamore. The open canopy areas are grazed, are species-poor with no herbs and are dominated by creeping soft-grass and bent species. There is a dense Sitka plantation with the ground layer including raspberry, common nettle, bracken and soft-rush. There is a mixed wood shelterbelt with ash, hawthorn, Sitka spruce, beech, fir species, snowberry and sycamore. There is a rookery in the wood. Rabbit burrows, a hare and a roe deer were also recorded.
A8	Field in set-aside with many rank species, including dominant broad-leaved


Target Note	Description
	dock and frequent red dead-nettle, creeping buttercup and chickweed.
A9	Mixed woodland shelterbelt south of Hillhouse Burn, surrounded by improved grassland, with hawthorn hedge at south west edge. A pair of buzzard <i>Buteo buteo</i> was observed.
A10	Sheep grazed rush pasture on low land adjacent to burn with large pebble beach area adjacent to the bridge. The rush pasture has an area of planted trees at NT5015153599 and a variety of species including white clover and <i>Rhytidadelphus squarrosus</i> . The pebble beach contains abundant common nettle and broad-leaved dock and frequent to occasional amounts of other species, including cow parsley and chickweed. There is a very steep bank up to the track area with sheep grazing leaving exposed soil. This area extends along parallel to the A68 to the roundabout with mixed stands of gorse and hawthorn. Burrows were recorded on the banks, but no sign suggesting presence of water voles. Rabbits were also recorded. The burn is very good habitat for salmonids.
A11	Conifer woodland shelterbelt dominated by Sitka spruce with a mixed deciduous edge. It is very dense with no understorey, leaf litter on the ground with a few patches of common nettle.
A12	Mixed woodland shelterbelt with beech, sycamore, hawthorn and Sitka spruce seedlings with the ground layer dominated by Yorkshire-fog. There are areas of mature and newly planted Sitka spruce and mature Scots pine and larch plantation edged by mature beech and hawthorn. There are various open areas within the Sitka plantation.
A13	<p>NT4945554429. Headshaw Burn with fast flowing water, varying depths, a gravel and rock substrate and a lot of riffles. The species on the banks include water mint, brooklime, butterbur, lesser celandine and sweet-grass. There is a steep, improved grassland bank on one side with sporadic hawthorn and ash.</p> 

Table 2. Phase I Flora Species List.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Alder	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
Ash	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
Bracken	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>
Broad-leaved dock	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>
Broad-leaved willowherb	<i>Epilobium montanum</i>
Brooklime	<i>Veronica beccabunga</i>
Bur Chervil	<i>Anthriscus caucalis</i>
Butterbur	<i>Petasites hybridus</i>
Buttercup species	<i>Ranunculus</i> sp.
Cat's-ear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>
Cleavers	<i>Galium aparine</i>
Clover	<i>Trifolium</i>
Cock's-foot	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>
Colt's-foot	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>
Common bistort	<i>Persicaria bistorta</i>
Common chickweed	<i>Stellaria media</i>
Common chickweed	<i>Stellaria media</i>
Common comfrey	<i>Symphytum officinale</i>
Common dog-violet	<i>Viola riviniana</i>
Common knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>
Common mouse-ear	<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>
Common nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>
Common-reed	<i>Phragmites australis</i>
Common sorrel	<i>Rumex acetosa</i>
Common couch	<i>Elytrigia repens</i>
Cow parsley	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>
Crane's-bill species	<i>Geranium</i> sp.
Creeping bent	<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>
Creeping buttercup	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>
Creeping soft-grass	<i>Holcus mollis</i>
Creeping thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
Crested dog's-tail	<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>
Crosswort	<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>
Daisy	<i>Bellis perennis</i>
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum</i>
Elder	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>
Elm species	<i>Ulmus</i> sp.
Fennel	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>
Field forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>
Field pansy	<i>Viola arvensis</i>
Field-speedwell	<i>Veronica persica</i>
Garlic mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
Germander speedwell	<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>
Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
Greater plantain	<i>Plantago major</i>
Ground elder	<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Hard-fern	<i>Blechnum spicant</i>
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
Hazel	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
Hedge bedstraw	<i>Galium mollugo</i>
Hedge woundwort	<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>
Henbit dead-nettle	<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>
Hogweed	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>
Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
Horse chestnut	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>
Sea-kale	<i>Crambe maritima</i>
Lady's-mantle	<i>Alchemilla vulgaris</i>
Large bitter-cress	<i>Cardamine amara</i>
Large white buttercup	<i>Ranunculus plataniflorus</i>
Lesser celandine	<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>
Marsh-marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>
Meadow buttercup	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>
Meadowsweet	<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>
Oak species	<i>Quercus</i> sp.
Opposite-leaved golden-saxifrage	<i>Chrysosplenium oppositifolium</i>
Parsley-piert	<i>Alchemilla arvensis</i>
Pineappleweed	<i>Matricaria discoidea</i>
Primrose	<i>Primula vulgaris</i>
Raspberry	<i>Rubus idaeus</i>
Red dead-nettle	<i>Lamium purpureum</i>
Ribwort plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>
Rosebay willowherb	<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i>
Rowan	<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>
Sea plantain	<i>Plantago maritima</i>
Silver birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>
Sneezewort	<i>Achillea ptarmica</i>
Soft-rush	<i>Juncus effusus</i>
Spear thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
Water avens	<i>Geum rivale</i>
Water forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis scorpiodes</i>
Water mint	<i>Mentha aquatica</i>
Wavy bitter-cress	<i>Cardamine flexuosa</i>
White clover	<i>Trifolium repens</i>
White dead-nettle	<i>Lamium album</i>
Wild carrot	<i>Daucus carota</i>
Wild cherry (Gean)	<i>Prunus avium</i>
Willow species	<i>Salix</i> sp.
Willowherb	<i>Epilobium</i> sp.
Yorkshire-fog	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>
Moss	<i>Pleurozium schreberi</i>
Moss	<i>Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus</i>