



RBAPS Species-rich Floodplain Meadow Scorecard 2018

Landowner: _____
 Callow: _____

Surveyor: _____
 Plot: _____ Date: _____

Total Marks: Final Score:

A. Ecological integrity and species composition

A.1. Number of positive indicators present in the grassland (circle ALL present on list below)

No. of indicators:	6+	8+	10+	12+	14+	16+	20+
Marks	4	6	10	15	20	25	35

A.2 What proportion of the meadow are positive indicators ABSENT from?

ABSENT from:	>90%	75-90%	50-75%	25-50%	<25%
Marks	-10	5	15	25	35

A.3. What is the cover of DENSE Meadowsweet and/or DENSE grass in the sward?

DENSE COVER:	Very High (>90% cover)	High (70-90% cover)	Medium (35-70% cover)	Low (<35% cover)
Marks	-20	-10	0	10

A.4. Cover (total) of negative indicator species &/or agricultural 'weeds' (ignore docks on rise near riverbank if rest of meadow is fine)

Circle:	Rye grass	Nettles	Thistles	Docks	Bindweed	Other (specify): _____
COVER:	High: >50%	26-50%	11-25%	<10%	Negligible (<1%)	
Marks	-30	-20	-10	0	10	

B. Threats, pressures and future prospects

B.1. What is the level of dead vegetation (litter)?

Identify main rank/woody species: _____

LEVEL	High (rank veg., with briars & woody plants)	Med-High Dead vegetation thick throughout (not mown & collected last year)	Dead vegetation negligible (mown annually)
Marks	-20	0	10

B.2. Are there any damaging activities to vegetation, soil or water?

If yes, list all activities: _____

LEVEL	High	Med-High	Med/Low	None
Marks	-40	-20	-10	0

Comments:

No.	Positive indicator	No.	Positive indicator
1	Common Sorrel (slender dock, with coat-tailed leaves)	15	Orchids: Pyramidal, Spotted, Fragrant/Marsh, Twayblades, Early-Purple, Butterfly orchids, etc.
2	Eyebright (bright white, green leaves up the stem)	16	Ox-eye Daisy (aka Dog daisy; not the common daisy)
3	Forget-me-nots (small blue flower, yellow in centre)	17	Peas: Birds foot trefoil (yellow pea flower, clover-like leaf), Meadow Vetchling (yellow pea flower), Marsh Pea (large purple pea flower)
4	Horsetails (jointed stems)	18	Ragged Robin (raggedy pink flower)
5	Knapweeds (purple, with black below flower)	19	Rushes: Small rushes (Jointed, Sharp-flowered, Woodrushes & Spike Rush)
6	Ladies bedstraw (yellow flower, leaves in whorls)	20	Scabious' (Devil's bit & Field)
7	Lesser spearwort (buttercup like flower, long narrow leaves)	21	Sedges (3-sided stem; sedges have edges)
8	Loosestrife: Yellow & Purple	22	Small Bedstraws (tiny white flower; like stickyback) and Stitchworts (Lesser & Marsh; white star flower)
9	Louseworts (aka Red Rattle)	23	Tormentil (four yellow petals)
10	Marsh Cinquefoil & Water Avens (dark red flowers)	24	Umbels, large: Angelica, Valerian & Hogweed
11	Marsh Marigolds (shiny yellow flower, heart-shaped leaf)	25	Umbels, small: Yarrow, Sneezewort, Wild Carrot, Tubular Water Dropwort
12	Meadow rue (do not confuse with Meadowsweet!)	26	Yellow composites: Cat's Ear, Hawkweeds, Hawkbits, hawk's-beards (tall skinny dandelion-like plant, with smaller flowers)
13	Meadow thistle (white stems, wooly leaves)	27	Yellow Flag Iris
14	Mints (water & field/corn)	28	Yellow Rattle