

HERONRIES CENSUS

BTO HABITAT CODING SCHEME

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
A WOODLAND	1 Broadleaved	1 Mixed age or semi-natural	1 Dense shrub layer*	E FARMLAND	1 Improved grassland	1 Hedgerow with trees	1 Ungrazed
	2 Coniferous	2 Coppice with standards	2 Moderate shrub layer		2 Unimproved grassland	2 Hedgerow without trees	2 Cattle
	3 Mixed (10% of each)	3 Coppice without standards	3 Sparse shrub layer		3 Mixed grass/tilled land	3 Tree-line without hedge	3 Sheep
	4 Broadleaved waterlogged	4 Mature plantation (taller than 10m, with closed canopy)	4 Dense field layer**		4 Tilled land	4 Other field boundary (wall, ditch, etc.)	4 Horses
	5 Coniferous waterlogged	5 Young plantation (5-10m, open canopy)	5 Moderate field layer		5 Orchard	5 Isolated group of trees	5 Other stock
	6 Mixed waterlogged	6 Parkland (scattered trees and grassy areas)	6 Sparse field layer		6 Other farming	6 Farmyard (active)	6 Bare earth/plough
		7 High-medium disturbance from people	7 Grazed (moderate to heavy)			7 Near road (within 50m)	7 Autumn cereal
		8 Low disturbance	8 Lightly grazed			8 No field boundary	8 Spring cereal
		9 Near road (within 50m)	9 Dead wood present				9 Root crops (specify)
		10 Dead wood absent			10 Other crops (specify)		
					11 Oilseed rape		
					12 Other brassicas (specify)		
					13 Stubble (clean)		
					14 Stubble (weedy)		
					15 Unown/fallow		
				F HUMAN SITES	1 Urban	1 Building	1 Industrial
					2 Suburban	2 Gardens	2 Residential
					3 Rural	3 Municipal parks/mown grass/golf courses/recreational areas	3 Well-wooded
						4 Area of large gardens	4 Not well-wooded
						5 Area of large gardens	5 Area of large gardens
						6 Area of medium gardens	6 Area of medium gardens
						7 Area of small gardens	7 Area of small gardens
						8 Many shrubs	8 Many shrubs
						9 Few shrubs	9 Few shrubs
						10 Disused	10 Disused
B SCRUBLAND (or young woodland less than 5m tall)	1 Regenerating natural or semi-natural woodland	1 Broadleaved	1 Predominantly tall (3-5m)	G WATER-BODIES (freshwater)	1 Pond (less than 50m ²)	1 Undisturbed/dised	1 Eutrophic (green water)
	2 Downland (chalk)	2 Coniferous	2 Predominantly low (1-3m)		2 Small water-body (50-450m ²)	2 Water sports (sailing etc)	2 Oligotrophic (clear water, few weeds)
	3 Heath scrub	3 Mixed (10% of each)	3 Dense shrub layer*		3 Lake/unlined reservoir	3 Angling (coarse or game)	3 Dystrophic (black water)
	4 Young coppice	4 Broadleaved swamp scrub	4 Moderate shrub layer		4 Lined reservoir	4 Coarse angling	4 Marl (clear water, large water-weeds)
	5 New plantation	5 Coniferous swamp scrub	5 Sparse shrub layer		5 Gravel pit, sand pit, etc	5 Game fishing	5 Slow-medium-running
	6 Clear-felled woodland, with or without new saplings	6 Mixed swamp scrub	6 Extensive bracken		6 Stream (less than 3m wide)	6 Industrial activity	6 Fast-running
	7 Other	7 High-medium disturbance from people	7 Dense field layer**		7 River (more than 3m wide)	7 Sewage processing (rural)	7 Dredged
	8 Low disturbance	8 Moderate field layer	8 Ditch with water (less than 2m wide)	8 Other disturbance (specify)	8 Undredged		
	9 Near road (within 50m)	9 Sparse field layer	9 Small canal (2-5m wide)	9 Small island	9 Banks cleared		
		10 Grazed (moderate to heavy)	10 Large canal (more than 5m wide)	10 Boat traffic relatively light	10 Banks vegetated		
				11 Boat traffic medium-heavy			
C SEMI-NATURAL GRASSLAND /MARSH	1 Chalk downland	1 Hedgerow with trees	1 Ungrazed	H COASTAL	1 Marine open shore	1 Mud or silt	1 Cliff, vertical-steeply sloping
	2 Grass moor (unenclosed)	2 Hedgerow without trees	2 Cattle		2 Marine shore inlet/cove/loch	2 Sand	2 Dune
	3 Grass moor mixed with heather (unenclosed)	3 Tree-line without hedge	3 Sheep		3 Estuarine	3 Shingle	3 Flat-gently sloping
	4 Machair	4 Other field boundary (wall, ditch, etc.)	4 Horses		4 Brackish lagoon	4 Rocky	4 Small island
	5 Other dry grassland	5 Isolated group of 1-10 trees	5 Rabbits		5 Open sea	5 Fully vegetated	5 Spit
	6 Water-meadow/grazing marsh	6 No field boundary	6 Deer			6 Sparse-medium vegetation	6 Dune slack
	7 Reed swamp	7 Montane	7 Other grazers			7 Intertidal	7 Sloping ground
	8 Other open marsh	8 High-medium disturbance from people	8 Extensive bracken			8 Below low-water mark	8 Undisturbed
	9 Saltmarsh	9 Low disturbance	9 Hay				9 Disturbed
	10 Near road (within 50m)						
D HEATHLAND AND BOGS	1 Dry heath	1 Montane	1 Ungrazed	I INLAND ROCK	1 Cliff	1 Active	1 Bare rock
	2 Wet heath	2 Raised bog	2 Cattle		2 Scree/boulder slope	2 Disused	2 Low vegetation present (mosses, liverworts, etc)
	3 Mixed heath	3 Valley/basin bog	3 Sheep		3 Limestone pavement	3 Montane	3 Grasses present
	4 Bog	4 Blanket bog	4 Horses		4 Other rock outcrop	4 Non-montane	4 Scrub present
	5 Breckland	5 Heath mixed with rough grass	5 Rabbits		5 Quarry	5 High disturbance from climbers/walkers etc	
	6 Drained bog	6 Heath with rough grass	6 Deer		6 Mine/spoil/slag heap	6 Medium disturbance	
	7 Bare peat	7 Heath without grass	7 Other grazers			7 Low disturbance	
		8 Heath with extensive bracken	8 Ploughed				
		9 Heath with isolated group of 1-10 trees	9 Burned				
		10 High-medium disturbance from people	10 Planted with saplings less than 0.5m tall				
		11 Low disturbance					
		12 Near road (within 50m)					

* *Shrub layer* comprises woody plants less than 5m tall.
 ** *Field layer* comprises herbaceous, non-woody plants.

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