

Assessing whether created or restored grassland is a BAP Priority Habitat

Table B G02 – Semi-improved grassland

Soils and topography	Wildflower indicator species	Species abundance threshold	Typical grasses (do not count as indicator species)
<p>Found on a wide range of soil types and conditions, often derived from species-rich grassland following agricultural improvement.</p> <p>Moderately species-rich, with typically 8-15 species/m². Total cover of wildflowers and sedges usually less than 30%, excluding white clover, creeping buttercup and injurious weeds. Rye-grass cover generally less than 25%.</p>	<p>Autumn hawkbit Black medick Cuckoo flower Bulbous buttercup Common cat's-ear Common sorrel Field wood-rush Germander speedwell Lesser trefoil Ribwort plantain Meadow buttercup Red clover Selfheal Yarrow</p>	<p>At least four occasional in the sward.</p> <p>A limited number of indicator species from BAP grassland habitats may be present, and may be only rare or localised in the sward. Can substitute for semi-improved indicator if at least occasional.</p>	<p>Cock's-foot Common bent Crested dog's-tail Creeping bent False oat-grass Meadow fescue Meadow foxtail Red fescue Sweet vernal grass Timothy Tufted hair-grass Yorkshire fog</p>