



BRIDE Project EIP

Results-based Payments (RBP) Habitat Scorecards

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Farming with Nature - RBP Scorecard
Habitat No. 8
FIELD MARGIN (Max Score = 100)
Date checked: July each year

1. Margin Width (metres) (average of 3 sample points)	0.5 - 1 m	1.1 - 2 m	> 2 m
	10	30	50

2. % Encroachment

< 25%	25 - 75%	> 75%
Autofill	10	30

3. Free from Disturbance

Yes	No
10	0

4. % Cover of Invasive Species

< 10%	10 - 24%	25 - 50%	> 50%
10	5	2	0

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Habitat No. 19
POND (Max Score = 100)

1. Pond Size - Minimum 10m ²	No	Yes
	0	50

2. Buffer Size - Minimum 2 metres

No	Yes
0	20

3. Suitable Depth & Gradient

No	Yes
0	10

4. Free from Negative Indicators

No	Yes
0	10

5. Shade/Encroachment (%)

> 10%	< 10%
0	10

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HEDGEROW NATIVE (existing) (Max Score = 100)
Date checked: Summer

1. Last Topped	1 - 4 years	5 years +
	30	50

2. % Gaps (ground level)

> 70% gaps	10 - 70% gaps	< 10% gaps
Autofill	8	20

3. Free from Disturbance

No	Yes
0	10

4. Cover of Invasive Species

< 10%	10 - 24%	25 - 50%	> 50%
10	5	2	0

Farming with Nature

Introduction

Farmers have a key role to play in improving biodiversity and water quality on their own farms and within their wider community. Correct farm and habitat management can also have a significant positive impact on the ability of the farm to reduce its carbon footprint and maximise its environmental potential.

These scorecards are designed to rate different farmland habitats based on their ecological quality. The scores gained from an annual assessment will be converted to a financial payment that incentivises the farmer to maintain the habitat in a way that will improve biodiversity. They are designed to send a signal to farmers as to how best they can manage and improve their farmland habitats and thus biodiversity, water quality and carbon footprint. They reward farmers for environmental improvement through higher payments for higher quality habitats.

The habitats included in this booklet are general habitats, natural, semi-natural and artificial that are found in the Bride valley and in most areas of the country.

While the cards are based mainly on the quality of the habitat, some are specifically designed to manage the habitat for particular species e.g., skylark, lapwing and other ground nesters. In all cases where native ground-nesting birds are in a suitable breeding habitat, expert advice from an ecologist should be sought to get more targeted guidance to maintain the sensitive area that these species use for breeding.

Grasslands by their complex nature are difficult to score and will require a tailored Grassland Management Plan (sample plan on page 32) to suit specific target species.

It is hoped that farm advisers and ultimately farmers themselves will be able to use these scorecards to evaluate the habitats on Irish farms.

Rare habitats such as natural or semi natural wet and dry grasslands that contain sensitive botanical species will need further guidance from an ecologist in order to maintain them in a good ecological condition. This will mean using certain botanical indicator species to determine their quality.

The scorecards are not definitive and will need ongoing tweaking to ensure best habitat management practice and quality are maintained in the years ahead.

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Habitat No. 1

ANNUAL BIODIVERSITY PLOT (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : July (yr.1) & March 31st (yr. 2)

1. % Cover of Sown Species Present		
<30%	30-80%	>80%
Autofail	30	50

2. Minimum of 0.1ha	
No	Yes
Autofail	20

3. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
See below	20

4. Cover of Negative Indicators (%)		
>50%	11 - 50%	<10%
Autofail	5	10

Negative Indicators
Bramble
Bracken
Docks
Grass

Sown Species List
Linseed
Gold of Pleasure
White Millet
Red Clover
Phacelia
Field Poppy
Common Vetch

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Pesticide Application	Autofail *
Machinery Damage	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Livestock Access	Autofail **

* Unless under the guidance of an ecologist

** Acceptable April 1st until setting

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Habitat No. 2

BIENNIAL BIODIVERSITY PLOT (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : July (yr.1 & yr.2) & March 31st (yr.2 & yr.3)

1. % Cover of Brassicas		
<30%	30-50%	>50%
Autofail	30	50

2. Minimum of 0.1ha	
No	Yes
Autofail	20

3. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
See below	20

4. Cover of Negative Indicators (%)		
>50%	11 - 50%	<10%
Autofail	5	10

Negative Indicators
Bramble
Bracken
Docks
Grass

Sown Species List
Linseed
Gold of Pleasure
White Millet
Red Clover
Mustard
Forage Rape
Phacelia
Field Poppy
Common Vetch

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Livestock Access	Autofail *
Machinery Damage	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Pesticide Application	Autofail **

* Acceptable in year 2 - April 1st until setting

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Habitat No. 3

BEE SCRAPE (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : July each year

1. Present and Visible	
No	Yes
Autofail	40

2. <50% Encroachment of Vegetation	
No	Yes
10	40

3. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
Autofail	20

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Pesticide Application	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail

[See *BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines* for more detailed information]



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Habitat No. 4

BOG (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **July each year**

1. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
<i>See below</i>	100

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Drainage / Reclamation	Autofail
Peat removal	Autofail
Burning	Autofail*
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Pesticide Application	Autofail

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[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]

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Habitat No. 5

DERELICT BUILDING (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **Annually**

1. Roofed / partially roofed	
No	Yes
Autofail	50

2. No. of suitability measures for Barn Owls / Bats	
1 - 2	3 - 4
20	50

Suitability Measures
1. Access for bats/Barn Owls
2. Roosting/nesting suitability for Barn Owls
3. Roosting suitability for bats
4. No Livestock Access

[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]

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Habitat No. 6

EXPOSED ROCK (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : Summer

1. % Encroachment		
>50%	10 - 50%	<10%
Autofail	40	70

2. Suitable grazing / cutting management plan *	
No	Yes
0	20

3. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
Autofail	10

Encroachment
Bramble
Whitethorn
Bracken
Gorse
Blackthorn

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Pesticide Application	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Fertiliser Application	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail

*Grazing / Cutting Management Plan
Lightly grazed between March 15th and Aug 15th
In consultation with the farmer

[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]



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Habitat No. 7

FARMYARD (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : Summer

1. No. of Bird Boxes Erected in Suitable Location		
0	1	2+
0	10	20

2. No. of Bird Boxes Suitably Maintained		
0	1	2+
0	10	20

3. No. of Bat Boxes Erected in Suitable Location		
0	1	2+
0	10	20

4. Free from Rodenticide*	
No	Yes
0	40

* Farmer Consultation

Suitable Location	Suitably Maintained
Safe from cats and other predators	Cleaned out in late Autumn
Secured properly	No toxic paints/varnishes
Suitable height for particular species	
Correct location for particular species	
Species access	

[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]

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Habitat No. 8
FIELD MARGIN (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **July each year**

1. Margin Width (metres) (average of 3 sample points)			
< 0.5 m	0.5 - 1 m	1.1 - 2 m	> 2 m
0	10	30	50

2. % Encroachment		
> 75%	25 - 75%	<25%
Autofail	10	30

3. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
See below	10

4. % Cover of Invasive Species			
> 50%	25 - 50%	10 - 24%	<10%
0	2	5	10

Invasive Species
Giant Hogweed
Himalayan Balsam
Japanese Knotweed
Travellers Joy
Bracken

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Livestock Access	Autofail *
Pesticide Application	Autofail **
Cutting Mar - Sept	Autofail ***
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Fertiliser Application	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail

* Unless on passageway or field not used for livestock

** Unless under the guidance of an ecologist

*** Unless immediately under electric fence wire (max 30cm into margin)

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Habitat No. 9

GRASSLAND HAY MEADOW (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **July 1st**

1. Less than 25% PRG	
No	Yes
0	60

2. Suitable Cutting Management Plan *	
No	Yes
<i>See below</i>	30

3. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
0	10

* Cutting Management Plan
In consultation with the farmer
Cutting after July 1st

Disturbance	
Pesticide Application	Autofail **
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail

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Habitat No. 10

GRASSLAND MULTI-SPECIES (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **July/August**

1. Sown Species Present (no. of species)			
<3	3-4	5-6	>6
0	20	40	60

2. % PRG		
>60%	30-60%	<30%
Autofail	10	20

3. Area >1 ha	
No	Yes
Autofail	10

4. Free from Pesticide	
No	Yes
Autofail	10

Sown Species List (or similar)	
Alsike Clover	Ribwort Plantain
Black Medic	Smooth meadow-
Cocksfoot	grass
Meadow Fescue	Timothy
PRG	White Clover
Red Clover	Yarrow
Red Fescue	

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Habitat No. 11

GRASSLAND NESTING (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **March - August**

1. Sward Height	
High	Low - Medium
Autofail	50

2. Sward Structure	
Uniform	Variable
0	20

3. Suitable grazing / cutting management plan *	
No	Yes
0	20

4. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
Autofail	10

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Pesticide Application	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail

* Grazing/Cutting Management Plan
In consultation with the farmer
Lightly grazed between March 15th and Aug 15th
Cutting/Topping only after Aug 15th
Appropriate use of machinery during nesting season

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Habitat No. 12

GRASSLAND - ROUGH (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : Summer

1. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
Autofail	60

2. Suitable Grazing / Cutting Management Plan *	
No	Yes
0	40

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Slurry Application	Autofail
Fertiliser Application	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Pesticide Application	Autofail

* Grazing/Cutting Management Plan
In consultation with the farmer
Lightly grazed between March 15th and Aug 15th
Cutting / topping only after Aug 15th
Appropriate use of machinery during nesting season

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Habitat No. 13

GRASSLAND SPECIES-RICH (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : May - August

1. Positive Indicator Species Present (no. species)			
<3	3-4	5-6	>6
0	10	30	50

2. Suitable grazing / cutting management plan *	
No	Yes
0	20

3. Negative Indicator Species Present (no. species)		
4+	2-3	0-1
0	5	10

4. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
Autofail	10

5. Area >1 ha	
No	Yes
0	10

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Re-seeding	Autofail
Pesticide Application	Autofail
Fertiliser Application	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Machinery disturbance	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail

* Suitable Grazing/Cutting Management Plan
In consultation with the farmer
Lightly grazed between March 15th and Aug 15th
Cutting/Topping only after Aug 15th
Appropriate use of machinery during nesting season

Positive Indicator Species List (most common)	
Birds-foot Trefoils	White Clover
Yellow Rattle	Red Clover
Knapweeds	Yellow composites
Eyebrights	Bedstraws
Large & small Umbels	Sorrel
Scabious	Self-Heal, Bugle
Plantain	Oxeye Daisy

Negative Indicator Species List (most common)	
Perennial Rye Grass	Ragwort
Docks	Nettles
Creeping Thistle	Bracken
Spear Thistle	

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Habitat No. 14

GRASSLAND WET (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : March - August

1. Sward Height	
High	Low - Medium
Autofail	30

2. % Cover of Rushes and Tussocks		
>70%	31 - 70%	30% (min.)
Autofail	10	20

3. Presence of damp ground and scrapes	
No	Yes
0	20

4. Suitable grazing / cutting management plan *	
No	Yes
0	20

5. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
Autofail	10

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Pesticide Application	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Drainage / Reclamation	Autofail
Machinery disturbance	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail

* Grazing/Cutting Management Plan
In consultation with the farmer
Lightly grazed between March 15th and Aug 30th
Cutting/Topping only after Aug 15th
Appropriate use of machinery during nesting season

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Habitat No. 15

HEDGEROW NATIVE (existing) (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **Summer**

1. Last Topped		
<1 year	1 - 4 years	5 years +
10	30	60

2. % Gaps (ground level)		
> 70 % gaps	10 - 70 % gaps	<10 % gaps
Autofail	8	20

3. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
<i>See below</i>	10

4. Cover of Invasive Species			
> 50%	25 - 50%	10 - 24%	<10%
0	2	5	10

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Pesticide Application	Autofail *
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Livestock Access	Autofail

Invasive Species	
Laurel	Japanese Knotweed
Travellers Joy	Snowberry
Bracken	Giant Hogweed
Himalayan Balsam	

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[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]



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Habitat No. 16

HEDGEROW (new) (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **March - August**

1. Plant Survival Rate (%)		
<50%	50 - 90%	>90%
10	30	50

2. Number of Native Species Present			
<3	3 - 4	5-6	>6
5	10	20	30

3. Correct Plant Spacing	
No	Yes
0	10

4. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
See below	10

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Pesticide Application	Autofail *
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Livestock Access	Autofail

Correct Plant Spacing
3 plants / metre (staggered)
1 metre buffer either side of hedgerow

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[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]

Farming with Nature - RBP Scorecard
Habitat No. 17
MARSH (Max Score = 100)

 Date checked : **Summer**

1. % Encroachment		
>50%	10 - 50%	<10%
Autofail	40	60

2. Suitable grazing / cutting management plan *	
No	Yes
0	20

3. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
Autofail	10

4. Suitable Grazing Management	
No	Yes
0	10

Encroachment Species
Bramble
Rushes
Willow
Gorse
Whitethorn
Blackthorn

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Drainage / Reclamation	Autofail
Pesticide Application	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Fertiliser Application	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail

* Grazing / Cutting Management
In consultation with the farmer
Lightly grazed in suitable ground conditions

*[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]*



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Habitat No. 18

NETTLE PATCH (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **July each year**

1. Minimum Size of 1m ²	
No	Yes
0	60

2. Correct Seasonal Management	
No	Yes
0	20

3. Free from Pesticide	
No	Yes
Autofail	20

Correct Seasonal Management
Topped 25-30th June, if no caterpillars present

[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]

Farming with Nature - RBP Scorecard

Habitat No. 19

POND (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : Summer

1. Pond Size - Minimum 10m ²	
No	Yes
0	50

2. Buffer Size - Minimum 2 metres	
No	Yes
0	20

3. Suitable Depth & Gradient	
No	Yes
0	10

4. Free from Negative Indicators	
No	Yes
0	10

5. Shade/Encroachment (%)		
>60%	10 - 60%	<10%
Autofail	0	10

6. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
Autofail	0

Negative Indicators
New Zealand pygmyweed
Parrot's feather
Curly Leaved Waterweed
Floating pennywort
Canadian Pondweed
Other invasives that may occur

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Pollution	Autofail
Pesticide Application	Autofail
Livestock Access	Autofail
Spoil / Dumping	Autofail

Suitable Depth & Gradient
Saucer shaped with no steep banks

[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]



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Habitat No. 20

QUARRY (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **July each year**

1. Free from Disturbance

No	Yes
<i>See below</i>	100

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Livestock Access - April to Nov	Autofail *
Burning	Autofail
Fertiliser Application	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail
Quarrying	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Pesticide Application	Autofail

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[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]

Farming with Nature - RBP Scorecard

Habitat No. 21

REED BED (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **Annually**

1. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
Autofail	80

2. Correct Management	
No	Yes
0	20

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Drainage /Reclamation	Autofail
Fertiliser Application	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Pesticide Application	Autofail

Correct Management
Periodic cutting, if possible, will prevent the Reed Bed from drying out

[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]



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Habitat No. 22

RIPARIAN BUFFER (Bride river) (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **Annually**

1. % of Buffer 3+ metres			
<30%	30-60%	61-90%	>90%
0	10	30	70

2. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
See below	20

3. Cover of Invasive Species (%)			
> 50%	25 - 50%	10 - 24%	<10%
0	2	5	10

Invasive Species
Giant Hogweed
Himalayan Balsam
Japanese Knotweed
Laurel
Travellers Joy
Bracken

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Livestock Access	Autofail
Farmyard Runoff	Autofail
Pesticide Application	Autofail*
Fertiliser Application	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail
Dumping/Spoil	Autofail

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[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]



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Habitat No. 23

RIPARIAN BUFFER (tributary/drain) (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **Annually**

1. % of Buffer 2+ metres			
<30%	30 - 60%	61 - 90%	>90%
0	10	30	70

2. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
See below	20

3. Cover of Invasive Species (%)			
> 50%	25 - 50%	10 - 24%	<10%
0	2	5	10

Invasive Species
Giant Hogweed
Himalayan Balsam
Japanese Knotweed
Laurel
Travellers Joy
Bracken

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Livestock Access	Autofail
Farmyard Runoff	Autofail
Pesticide Application	Autofail*
Fertiliser Application	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail
Dumping/Spoil	Autofail

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[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]



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Habitat No. 24

SCRUB/WASTEGROUND (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : Summer

1. Free from Disturbance

No	Yes
Autofail	100

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Livestock Access	Autofail
Burning	Autofail
Fertiliser Application	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail
Cutting (March - September)	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Pesticide Application	Autofail

[See *BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines* for more detailed information]



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Farming with Nature - RBP Scorecard

Habitat No. 25

STONE WALL / GRASS BANK (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : Summer

1. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
Autofail	100

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Livestock Access	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Pesticide Application	Autofail

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Habitat No. 26

TREE-LINE (new) (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : Summer

1. Plant Survival Rate (%)		
<50%	50 - 90%	>90%
10	30	70

2. Native Species	
No	Yes
Autofail	10

3. Correct Plant Spacing	
No	Yes
0	10

4. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
Autofail	10

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Pesticide Application	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Livestock Access	Autofail

Correct Plant Spacing
• Tree every 5 metres
• 1 metre buffer either side of tree-line

[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]



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Habitat No. 27

TREE-LINE (existing) (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **Annually**

1. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
<i>See below</i>	100

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Livestock Access	-50
Pesticide Application	Autofail
Tree Removal	Autofail

*[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]*

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Habitat No. 28

WINTER STUBBLE (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **March 1st, March 15th & March 31st**

1. Green Cover (%)			
<10%	10 - 40%	41 - 70%	>70%
Autofail	10	30	40

2. Bare Ground (%)			
>70%	50 - 70%	20 - 49%	<20%
Autofail	10	30	40

3. Area - 4 ha or greater	
No	Yes
Autofail	10

4. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
Autofail	10

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Livestock Access	Autofail
Burning	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail
Pesticide Application	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Machinery Damage	Autofail

[See **BRIDE Project Habitat Management Guidelines** for more detailed information]

Farming with Nature - RBP Scorecard

Habitat No. 29

WOODLAND Coniferous (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **Annually**

1. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
Autofail	60

2. Cover of Negative Indicators			
>50%	25 - 50%	10 - 24%	<10%
Autofail	10	20	40

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Pesticide Application	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail
Livestock Access	Autofail

Negative Indicators
Laurel
Rhododendron

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Habitat No. 30

WOODLAND Native (new) (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **Summer**

1. Plant Survival Rate (%)			
<50%	50 - 70%	71 - 90%	>90%
Autofail	10	30	50

2. Number of different native woodland species planted			
<3	3 - 4	5 - 6	>6
5	10	20	30

3. Correct Plant Count (160 / 0.1 hectare)		
<100	100 - 139	140 - 160
Autofail	5	20

4. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
<i>See below</i>	0

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Pesticide Application	Autofail *
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail
Livestock Access	Autofail

* Unless under the guidance of an ecologist

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Habitat No. 31

WOODLAND Mixed (Max Score = 100)

Date checked : **Annually**

1. Free from Disturbance	
No	Yes
Autofail	60

2. Cover of Negative Indicators			
>50%	25 - 50%	10 - 24%	<10%
Autofail	10	20	40

Disturbance	Point Deduction
Pesticide Application	Autofail
Dumping / Spoil	Autofail
Slurry Application	Autofail
Livestock Access	Autofail

Negative Indicators
Laurel
Rhododendron

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Grassland Grazing / Cutting Management Plan

Farmer Details	
Name:	Joe Farmer
BRIDE Ref. No.	BR1234

Field Details	
Field No.	10
Field Size	4 hectares

Grassland Habitat Type (tick 1)	
Hay Meadow	
Multi-species	
Nesting	✓
Rough	
Species-rich	
Wet	

Species Suitability (tick all relevant)	
Pollinators	
Butterflies	
Small Mammals	
Ground Nesters	✓
Invertebrates	✓

Contract Plan	
<p>Overview: This field contains the above habitat and is suitable for the species indicated. It should be managed according to the plan below</p> <p>Grazing: Field can be lightly grazed any time of the year but with no more than 20 (5 Lu/Ha) animals on it during the ground nesting season from March 15th to Aug. 15th. Animals should be taken off the sward once the optimum sward management has been achieved according to the habitat scorecard.</p> <p>Cutting: Cutting should only be carried out after Aug. 15th</p>	
<p>Farmer Signature: _____</p> <p>BRIDE Signature : _____</p>	<p>Date: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>

