

Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006

Section 41: Habitats of Principal Importance in England

Broad habitat	Habitat name
Arable and horticulture	Arable field margins
Arable and horticulture	Traditional orchards
Boundary	Hedgerows
Coastal	Coastal saltmarsh
Coastal	Coastal sand dunes
Coastal	Coastal vegetated shingle
Coastal	Intertidal mudflats
Coastal	Maritime cliff and slopes
Coastal	Saline lagoons
Freshwater	Aquifer-fed naturally fluctuating water bodies
Freshwater	Eutrophic standing waters
Freshwater	Mesotrophic lakes
Freshwater	Oligotrophic and dystrophic lakes
Freshwater	Ponds
Freshwater	Rivers
Grassland	Lowland calcareous grassland
Grassland	Lowland dry acid grassland
Grassland	Lowland meadows
Grassland	Purple moor-grass and rush pastures
Grassland	Upland calcareous grassland
Grassland	Upland hay meadows
Heathland	Lowland heathland
Heathland	Mountain heaths and willow scrub
Heathland	Upland heathland
Inland rock	Calaminarian grasslands
Inland rock	Inland rock outcrop and scree habitats
Inland rock	Limestone pavements
Inland rock	Open mosaic habitats on previously developed land
Marine	Blue mussel beds
Marine	Estuarine rocky habitats
Marine	Fragile sponge and anthozoan communities on subtidal rocky habitats
Marine	Horse mussel beds
Marine	Intertidal boulder communities
Marine	Intertidal chalk
Marine	Maërl beds
Marine	Mud habitats in deep water
Marine	Peat and clay exposures
Marine	<i>Sabellaria alveolata</i> reefs
Marine	<i>Sabellaria spinulosa</i> reefs

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Marine	Seagrass beds
Marine	Sheltered muddy gravels
Marine	Subtidal chalk
Marine	Subtidal sands and gravels
Marine	Tide-swept channels
Wetland	Blanket bog
Wetland	Coastal and floodplain grazing marsh
Wetland	Lowland fens
Wetland	Lowland raised bog
Wetland	Reedbeds
Wetland	Upland flushes, fens and swamps
Woodland	Lowland beech and yew woodland
Woodland	Lowland mixed deciduous woodland
Woodland	Upland mixed ashwoods
Woodland	Upland oakwood
Woodland	Wet woodland
Woodland	Wood-pasture and parkland