

Farmer ID:

Surveyor:

Plot number:

Survey date:

Total Score: /100  
(A+B+C)

Habitat type: Scrub  (Score A1)

Woodland  (Score A2)

Dense Bracken\*  \* If plot is dominated by dense bracken then assign a total score plot score of 5 above, no further assessment required.

Soil type:

Mineral soil

Peat soil

## A Ecological Integrity

Total points for Section A (score for A1 OR A2):

Total score A

Scrub / Woodland Species:

(tick all present)

\* = Non-native species

Typical scrub species:

1. Alder

2. Ash

3. Birch

4. Blackthorn

5. Bramble / Briars

6. Elder

7. European Gorse

8. Hazel

9. Whitethorn

10. Willow

Typical woodland species:

11. \*Beech

12. Holly

13. Oak

14. Rowan

15. Scot's Pine

16. \*Spruce

17. \*Sycamore

18. Other (list)

/50

### A1 For scrub dominated areas:

Describe the diversity & structure of the scrub present:	<b>Poor</b> Gorse dominated scrub. Score <b>0</b>	<b>Moderate</b> Two or more woody species present (see table above). Score <b>25</b>	<b>Good</b> Three or more woody species (excluding gorse) common throughout plot. Score <b>30</b>	<b>Very good</b> Four or more woody species (other than gorse) common. Variation in vegetation height and structure throughout. Score <b>50</b>
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OR

Score A1:

### A2 For woodland dominated areas - structure & diversity:

<b>A2.1</b> Describe the <b>canopy</b> layer:	<b>Poor</b> Native woodland with frequent conifers or frequent non-native (conifer or deciduous) trees present. Score <b>0</b>	<b>Moderate</b> Native woodland with very occasional conifers or occasional non-native (conifer or deciduous) trees present. Score <b>25</b>	<b>Good</b> Native woodland with no conifers or no non-native (conifer or deciduous) trees present. Score <b>30</b>
<b>A2.2</b> Describe the <b>shrub</b> layer:	<b>Poor</b> Shrub layer absent or consists of non-native species. Score <b>0</b>	<b>Moderate</b> Shrub layer present. Score <b>5</b>	<b>Good</b> Well developed shrub layer present. Score <b>10</b>
<b>A2.3</b> Describe the <b>field</b> layer:	<b>Poor</b> The field layer is absent or consists of non-native species. Score <b>0</b>	<b>Moderate</b> Field layer present with low species and structural diversity. Score <b>5</b>	<b>Good</b> Field layer supports good diversity of native species, with mosses, ferns and herbs present. Score <b>10</b>

Score A2:

## B Hydrological Integrity

**Total score B**  
(sum of B1 & B2):  
**/30**

<b>B1</b> Contribution to watercourses:	Dry site with no natural wet features Score <b>0</b>	Natural wet features/seepage zones present Score <b>10</b>	Natural wet features/seepage zones discharging to OSI mapped watercourse Score <b>20</b>	Score B1:

<b>B2</b> Artificial drainage features within plot:	<b>Drained woodland</b> Frequent widespread free flowing drains within plot affecting >20% plot. Score <b>-30</b>	<b>Partly drained</b> Free flowing drains within plot affecting <20% plot. Score <b>-15</b>	<b>Past drainage</b> Drains present but flow is impeded. Score <b>5</b>	<b>No drainage</b> No artificial drainage within plot. Score <b>10</b>	Score B2:

## C Threats to Site Integrity

**Total score C**  
(sum of C1 to C3):  
**/20**

<b>C1</b> Is there evidence of bare soil and erosion?	<b>High:</b> Areas of bare soil caused by livestock or machinery resulting in erosion. High levels of poaching and excessive areas of bare soil. Score <b>-20</b>	<b>Moderate:</b> Areas of bare soil caused by livestock or machinery, but not resulting in erosion. Score <b>0</b>	<b>Low:</b> Little or no man made bare soil observed and no evidence of erosion or poaching. Score <b>20</b>	Score C1:

<b>C2</b> What is the extent of damaging activities? <i>If any, list in comments below.</i>	<b>High:</b> Plot has been recently felled and / or there is presence of current dumping, burning, or other damaging activities. Score <b>-20</b>	<b>Moderate:</b> Some evidence of historic felling. Evidence of past dumping or other damaging activities, which are not currently taking place. Score <b>-10</b>	<b>Low:</b> No evidence of any damaging activities. Score <b>0</b>	Score C2:

<b>C3</b> Are there invasive species present in the area?	Yes Score <b>-20</b>	No Score <b>0</b>	Score C3:

Tick if present:

- Rhododendron  
 Japanese Knotweed  
 Himalayan Balsam  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Management advice / comments: