

Year	Species Richness (No. of Species)
1978	17.1
1990	16.5
1998	16.2
2007	15.7

Table 1 – Changes in species richness in Great Britain 1978-2007

Broad Habitat	Great Britain									
	1978		1984		1990		1998		2007	
	'000s ha	% area of GB	'000s ha	% area of GB	'000s ha	% area of GB	'000s ha	% area of GB	'000s ha	% area of GB
Broadleaved Mixed and Yew Woodland	995	4.3	1317	5.6	1343	5.8	1328	5.7	1406	6.0
Coniferous Woodland	1413	6.1	1243	5.3	1239	5.3	1386	5.9	1319	5.7
Boundary and Linear Features	364	1.6	491	2.1	581	2.5	511	2.2	496	2.1
Arable and Horticulture	5105	21.9	5283	22.7	5025	21.6	5067	21.7	4608	19.8
Improved Grassland	5188	22.3	5903	25.3	4619	19.8	4251	18.2	4494	19.3
Neutral Grassland	1442	6.2	467	2.0	1669	7.2	2007	8.6	2176	9.3
Calcareous Grassland	53	0.2	75	0.3	78	0.3	61	0.3	57	0.2
Acid Grassland	1786	7.7	1476	6.3	1821	7.8	1502	6.4	1589	6.8
Bracken	258	1.1	439	1.9	272	1.2	315	1.3	260	1.1
Dwarf Shrub Heath	1677	7.2	1388	6.0	1436	6.2	1299	5.6	1343	5.8
Fen, Marsh, Swamp	231	1	428	1.8	427	1.8	425	1.8	392	1.7
Bog	2004	8.6	2303	9.9	2050	8.8	2222	9.5	2232	9.6
Standing Open Waters and Canals	360	1.5	284	1.2	200	0.9	196	0.8	204	0.9
Rivers and Streams	75	0.3	70	0.3	70	0.3	65	0.3	58	0.2
Montane	n/a	n/a	41	0.2	n/a	n/a	41	0.2	42	0.2
Inland Rock	190	0.8	38	0.2	76	0.3	111	0.5	101	0.4
Built Up Areas and Gardens	1441	6.2	1268	5.4	1266	5.4	1279	5.5	1323	5.7
Other land	249	1.1	n/a	n/a	659	2.8	762	3.3	731	3.1
Unsurveyed urban land	482	2.1	n/a	n/a	482	2.1	482	2.1	482	2.1
Total area	23313		23313		23313		23313		23313	

Table 2 - Estimated area ('000s ha) and percentage of land area of Broad Habitats in Great Britain from 1978 to 2007. *Note that because of changes in definitions that have been applied retrospectively, the estimates from 1990 and more especially 1984 and 1978 are not in all cases directly comparable with later surveys.*