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Short title: Non-natives increase floral diversity

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Abstract

Plants are commonly listed as invasive species, presuming that they cause harm at both global and regional scales; ~40% of species listed as invasive within Britain are plants. Yet invasive plants are rarely linked to the national or global extinction of native plant species. The possible explanation is that competitive exclusion takes place slowly, and that invasive plants will eventually eliminate native species (the 'time-to-exclusion hypothesis'). Using the extensive British Countryside Survey Data, we find that changes to plant occurrence and cover between 1990 and 2007 at 479 British sites do not differ between native and non-native plant species. Over 80% of the plant species that are widespread enough to be sampled are native species, and hence total cover changes have been dominated by native species (total cover increases by native species are over nine times greater than those by nonnative species). This implies that factors other than plant 'invasions' are the key drivers of vegetation change. We also find that the diversity of native species is increasing in locations where the diversity of non-native species is increasing, suggesting that high diversities of native and non-native plant species are compatible with one another. We reject the 'time-to-exclusion hypothesis' as the reason why extinctions have not been observed, and suggest that non-native plant species are not a threat to floral diversity in Britain. Further research is needed in island-like environments, but we question whether it is appropriate that over three-quarters of taxa listed globally as invasive species are plants.

Significance (120 words)

Non-native plants dominate global lists of invasive (harmful) species, yet plants introduced to Britain are less widespread than native species, are not increasing any more than native plants, and changes to native and non-native plant diversity are positively associated. The hypothesis that competitive exclusion will eventually enable introduced plants to drive native species extinct receives no support, based on analysis of extensive British data. A more parsimonious explanation is that both native and introduced plants are responding predominantly to other drivers of environmental change. Negative impacts of non-native plants on British biodiversity have been exaggerated, and may also have been exaggerated in other parts of the world.

Introduction

The Global Invasive Species Database (1) lists 3163 plant (Plantae) and 820 animal (Animalia) species as invasive because they "threaten native biodiversity and natural ecosystems" in the regions to which they have been introduced. Given the relative numbers of animal and plant species that have been described (2–4), this implies that the per-species likelihood of being listed as invasive is approximately 25 times higher for plants than for animals. For the United Kingdom, 49 out of 125 species (39%) categorised as invasive in the same database are plants (1), and a more detailed analysis included 102 plants in a list of 244 non-native species (~42%, depending on taxonomic designations) that have negative ecological or human impacts in Great Britain (5, 6). These numbers imply that non-native plants must be key threats to biodiversity both globally and in Britain. It is surprising, therefore, that examples of regional-scale or species-level extinctions associated with invasive plants are apparently rare (7–12).

Most extinctions associated with introduced species have been caused by invasive predators and diseases encountering 'naïve' prey and host species in distant and isolated parts of the world (13–19). Putative examples of competitive exclusion in the invasive species literature have usually turned out to be examples of apparent competition, whereby the invading species is more resistant than native species to a shared pathogen (17–19), rather than traditional interference or exploitative competition. The difference between the impacts of invasive plants and invasive predators and diseases could, however, simply be a function of time. If non-native plants spread slowly but inexorably, relatively short-term increases could drive regional or global extinctions on centennial or millennial time scales. Introduced plants have certainly contributed to vegetation change in many isolated environments, such as the Hawaiian islands and the ecologically-distinct fynbos vegetation in South Africa (10, 20–22). They can also become abundant in some continental regions, and hence they have the potential to alter ecosystems and exclude native species over long periods of time (23–26). We refer to the proposition that ongoing increases in the distributions and abundances of non-native plants will cause long-term competitive exclusion of native plant species as the 'time-to-exclusion hypothesis'.

However, short-term and local gains by non-native species do not automatically result in long-term and large-scale extinctions of native species. Competition may be insufficient as a mechanism to drive many or any native plant species extinct, other than at a local scale (27, 28). A failure of competition to exclude native species at regional or global scales could arise because introduced plants deplete the resources they initially thrive on and accumulate herbivores and diseases, which together apply density-dependent control on introduced species before they can exclude the native plants. In addition, native plants may have the capacity to out-compete or co-exist with the invaders, at least in some local environments (29–33).

The time-to-exclusion hypothesis is difficult to test because regional-scale and global exclusions are predicted to take place far into the future. However, it is possible to evaluate two conditions that need to be met if past introductions are likely to cause future extinctions. First, non-native plant species that established in the past should be continuing to increase more than native species. By contrast, if cover changes of native species are larger than those of the non-natives, it implies that other environmental drivers feature more strongly than biological invasions in altering the composition of communities. Second, although individual non-native species may fail to cause exclusion, this may be achieved through an increasing diversity of aliens, leading to the prediction that changes in native diversity will be negatively correlated with changes in the number of non-native species. Britain provides an excellent testbed for these predictions, partly because plant species have been introduced for several thousand years, providing opportunities for non-native species to spread and increase in numbers, and partly because an extensive stratified random sample of plant species in Britain (the British Countryside Survey) provides robust data to address these two key issues.

Results

<u>Plant distribution sizes</u>. Native plant species dominate Countryside Survey samples of the British flora: native species constituted 83% of the 636 plant species that were recorded in at least one of the 479 study sites in 1990 (native = 529 species; archaeophytes introduced up to 1500 = 60 species;

neophytes introduced after 1500 = 47) and 82% of the 677 species recorded in 2007 (native = 553, archaeophyte = 68, neophyte = 56). The apparent differences in species totals between years mainly reflect rare species only recorded in one site in one of the years (Dataset S1). Native species formed 85% of the 531 species that were recorded in at least one site in both years (native = 450, archaeophyte = 51, neophyte = 30), and 89% of the 217 species recorded in at least ten sites in both years (native = 193, archaeophyte = 16, neophyte = 8).

The 50 most-widespread plant species – measured by frequency of occurrence in sites in 2007 – were all native species, and only seven non-native species were in the top 100 (Figure 1). Of these seven non-natives, three were neophytes (*Veronica persica*, *Acer pseudoplatanus*, *Brassica napus*), and four were archaeophytes (*Capsella bursa-pastoris*, *Alopecurus myosuroides*, *Geranium dissectum* and *Viola arvensis*). The most-widespread native species *Holcus lanatus* (present in 330 sites in 2007) was much more widespread than either the most-widespread neophyte *Veronica persica* (86 sites in 2007) or archaeophyte *Capsella bursa-pastoris* (62 sites in 2007) (Dataset S1). Native species and archaeophytes were more widespread than neophytes, although native species and archaeophytes did not differ significantly (Figure 2A, Table 1).

Changes in numbers of occupied sites between 1990 and 2007 were numerically dominated by the native species; the largest absolute changes were by native species (Figure 3A), which might have been expected given that over 80% of the species considered were native (above). The frequencies of occurrence of some species increased and others decreased over time, such that there were no significant differences between the three plant categories in the change in number of occupied sites $(\chi 2 \ (2) = 4.29, p = 0.11;$ Figure 3A, Dataset S1).

<u>Plant cover</u>. Eleven non-native plant species were in the top 100 by plant cover, of which eight were the more recently introduced neophytes (Figure 1B, Dataset S1). The most abundant native species *L. perenne* had a higher mean percentage cover per site (mean cover in 2007 = 11.09%) than the most abundant neophyte (*Picea sitchensis*; 2.36%) or the most abundant archaeophyte *Castanea sativa* (0.17%); *C. sativa* only ranked 74th (six neophytes ranked ahead of it: *P. sitchensis*, *B.napus*, *A. pseudoplatanus*, *Lolium multiflorum*, *Picea abies* and *Pinus contorta*; Figure 1B, Dataset S1). The median cover per neophyte species was significantly greater than that of archaeophytes in both years, and of native species in 2007 (Figure 2B, Table S1, Table S2); native species were more abundant than archaeophytes in both surveys (Figure 2B, Table S1, Table S2). Nonetheless, almost all species of all three categories had very low cover (<<1%; Dataset S1).

The majority of species (60%; n = 130; native = 114, archaeophyte = 10, neophyte = 6) increased in cover between the two time periods, 48 species showed no change in cover (22%; native = 43, archaeophyte = 5, neophyte = 0), and the cover of 39 species declined (18%; native = 36, archaeophyte = 1, neophyte = 2). The largest declines and increases were of native grasses: *L. perenne* (-1.88%) and *Nardus stricta* (-0.28%), *Poa trivialis* (+1.32%) and *H. lanatus* (+2.91%) (Dataset S1).

There were no significant differences between native species, archaeophytes, and neophytes in terms of changes in plant cover between 1990 and 2007 (Figure 3B; $\chi 2$ (2) = 2.44, p = 0.30). Summed across <u>increasing</u> plant species, 9.6 times as much cover change is associated with increased cover of native species compared to non-natives (sum cover change per quadrat per site of natives = 17.47%, archaeophytes = 0.36%, neophytes = 1.46%). Native species continue to form the clear majority of widespread and abundant species (Figure 1, Figure 2), and dominate changes in abundance (Figure 3B).

<u>Diversity changes</u>. There was a significant positive relationship between changes in the diversity (richness) of native and non-native species in each site, between 1990 and 2007 (Figure 4), suggesting no loss of native diversity with increasing non-native diversity. Non-native species could potentially still contribute to declines in native diversity in the subset of 235 sites that exhibited a net loss of native species, and so we repeated some of the above analyses for this subset of sites. Within these sites, 73 species (65 natives, 5 neophytes and 3 archaeophytes – out of 155 species that were recorded

in 10 or more sites in both survey years) increased in cover between surveys, and could potentially contribute to declines in native plant diversity. As in the data set as a whole, the cover changes per species were not significantly different between the three plant categories (χ^2 (2) = 5.33, p = 0.07). The greatest absolute cover increases in these 235 sites were again by native species. The top five native species that increased in cover were: *H. lanatus* (+2.71%), *P. trivialis* (+1.11%), *Molinia caerulea* (+0.94%), *Trichophorum cespitosum* (+0.81%) and *Juncus effusus* (+0.67%). The three archaeophytes which increased in percentage cover between the two surveys were: *Avena fatua* (+0.13%), *Anisantha sterilis* (+0.07%) and *G. dissectum* (+0.02%). The five neophytes that increased were: *P. sitchensis* (+1.14%), *B. napus* (+0.60%), *A. pseudoplantus* (+0.15%), *V. persica* (+0.05%) and *L. multiflorum* (+0.04%). For these 'increasing' species in these 235 sites, the sum of cover increases for natives was 12.3% (n = 65 species), archaeophytes was 0.22% (n = 3 species) and neophytes 1.98% (n = 5 species), indicating that total increases by native species were 5.6 times greater than total increases by non-native species.

Discussion

The 'time-to-exclusion hypothesis' requires species that were introduced a long time ago to continue to expand and become more abundant over time, such that they might eventually drive regional-scale extinctions of native species by competitive exclusion. This was not the case in the present study. Changes in the frequencies of occurrence (distribution) and average plant cover (abundance) in a large, stratified random sample of the British countryside provide no evidence that non-native plant species continue to expand and increase in abundance, relative to native species. Furthermore, native plant species diversity increased in places where non-native plant diversity increased, providing no support for the hypothesis that communities of non-native species will eventually out-compete native plants. This parallels the finding that increased numbers of non-native plant species have established in the USA in locations with high native species richness (34). Non-native species have also increased in locations where humans have created novel environments, particularly in urban environments (35), which were not included in the Countryside Survey. For Britain, at least, the non-native species have supplemented rather than excluded the native flora.

Using repeat census field survey data for British plants from 1990 and 2007, we find that the sum total of area changes of native plant species is an order of magnitude greater than the changes to the abundances of non-native species, indicating that native rather than non-native plant species dominate vegetation changes. This strong influence of native species arises because there are more native plant species (85% of the 531 plant species recorded in at least one site in both surveys) and they tend to be more widespread (Figure 1A, Figure 2A), rather than because there were any fundamental differences in the population trajectories of plants that arrived in Britain at different times in the past. These same quadrats only detected 81 (<5%) non-native plant species, present in both survey years, out of a total of 1728 non-native plant species in the flora (36); emphasising that most non-native species remain too localised to have national-scale impacts on other species.

The behaviour of neophytes and archaeophytes was indistinguishable from that of native species, measured as changes in numbers of sites occupied and in changes in percentage cover (Figure 3, Table 1). Some archaeophytes have continued to spread, as required by the 'time-to-exclusion hypothesis', but others have contracted and declined in abundance (Dataset S1). Nonetheless, there were two differences between the three groups of species. Native species and archaeophytes were more widespread than neophytes, suggesting that increased time may provide opportunities for range expansion (37), despite the fact that recent rates of change do not differ (Figure 3A, Table 1). Secondly, the more recently-established neophytes were more abundant than archaeophytes and native species, in terms of mean plant cover per species. The difference between neophytes and native species can be attributed to direct management. Five of the six most abundant neophytes are actively planted for wood products (*P. sitchensis*, *P.abies*, *P. contorta*), vegetable oil (*B. napus*), and grass forage (*L. multiflorum*), and hence their high abundances are associated with continuing forestry and farming interventions, rather than being cases of biological invasion following their initial introduction.

When these five neophytes were excluded, native species and neophytes no longer differed significantly in their average cover (p = 0.05 for 1990, p = 0.26 for 2007), although the remaining neophytes still had significantly greater cover than archaeophytes in 2007 (p = 0.05 for 1990, p = 0.005 for 2007; the native/archaeophyte analysis was unaffected; Table S1). Excluding these five neophytes, there were still no significant differences between the three groups of plants in their changes in abundance or distribution (Table S2). These results indicate that there are some differences in the histories and management of the three groups of plants (which is clearly true, given their different times of arrival in Britain), but that their recent performances (distribution and abundance changes) have not differed.

Although the changes in frequencies of occurrence and abundances were only recorded over a period of 17 years, this duration was sufficient to detect a significant positive correlation between diversity changes of native and non-native species, the opposite of what might have been expected if non-native species were in general causing declines in native diversity. Of course, some non-native species become common in some locations and thereby alter the local flora (and there may be local implications for conservation), but we find no evidence that non-native species drive such changes at a national scale, or that they do so any more than native species. In fact, we find the reverse – cover increases by native plants were greater than cover increases by non-native plants.

Whether our conclusions will apply to isolated and endemic-rich floras requires further examination. The glacial history of northern Europe may have resulted in incomplete saturation of the present-day flora (38, 39), and hence an increased capacity to assimilate new introduced species without driving native species extinct. However, Britain is not exceptional in this. A considerable portion of the world's land surface has undergone major vegetation change since the last glacial maximum (40, 41), and the new vegetation of many regions may not have become saturated with species in the Holocene. The tendency for plant introductions to increase regional diversity, even on oceanic islands (which are also unlikely to be saturated) (27), and for biotic exchanges to increase net diversity on geological time scales (42, 43) suggests that other regions may also be able to assimilate large additional floras without (many) losses. We do not dispute that major vegetation changes associated with invasive plants can arise when new plant functional types arrive in regions that lack them (e.g., 44, 45). However, we suggest that they are not representative of changes over much of the Earth's land surface.

If interspecific competition has been contributing to changes to the composition of British plant communities in recent decades, then it is helpful to consider which species might be responsible. The largest absolute changes, in terms of numbers of sites and cover, were by native rather than by non-native species. Summed across species, over nine times as great a total cover increase was achieved by all native species, compared to increases by all non-native plants (combining neophytes and archaeophytes). Native species also dominated abundance changes in the subset of sites where native species diversity declined. Thus, any competitive effects must predominantly have been caused by species that are longstanding members of the native flora, rather than by introduced plant species.

The lack of significant differences in abundance and distribution trajectories of introduced and native plants – some increasing and some decreasing – implies that factors other than date of introduction have been more important determinants of the fates of each species over the past few decades. Changes to the abundances and frequencies of occurrence of plants in the countryside, of which there are many, predominantly represent species-specific responses to environmental drivers, such as nitrogen deposition, changed land management and climate change (46–49), rather than to invasion. We suggest, therefore, that the prominence of non-native plants in lists of invasive species is likely to be out of proportion to the real threat that they pose to other species.

Materials and Methods

Data acquisition and species classification

Countryside Survey (CS) data were downloaded from www.countrysidesurvey.org.uk (accessed 27/08/2014). The CS comprises field surveys in 1km² sites in England, Wales and Scotland – sites

were selected to provide a representative sample of environmental types in Great Britain (GB) (49). Within each site, detailed surveys of vegetation are carried out. We use data collected from the large 'main' quadrats (200m^2) , which are randomly placed within each site (50); the number of these quadrats per site averaged 4.81 ± 0.61 SD across the two surveys (49). We use CS data from sites visited in both 1990 and 2007, which covers a sufficient period and number of repeat-sampled sites (n = 479 sites) that we could calculate changes in vegetation cover and species' occurrence.

Species were classified as native ('natural' post-glacial invasion), archaeophytes (introduced up to 1500) and neophytes (introduced after 1500) (35-37, 51); 782 species, classified as native (n = 632 species), archaeophyte (n = 77 species) or neophyte (n = 73 species), were included in the analyses, representing the species that were sufficiently widespread and abundant in Britain to be recorded in the random CS main quadrats. We only considered higher plant species for which field recording was reliable and consistent between time periods. Therefore, we excluded from analysis a further 248 other higher plant 'species' because they were taxonomically ambiguous, leading to identification issues for field workers, or if there was ambiguity over the dates of arrival. Excluded 'species' included genus-only aggregates (n = 42), genus only records (n = 163), 'sensu latu' records (n = 14), 'native hybrids' (n = 4), 'native aliens' for which part of their GB range was through introduction (n = 13), and 'alien hybrids' (n = 2). We also excluded marine species (n = 2) for which the survey plots were not appropriate, 'alien casuals' (n = 8) that are not thought to be naturalised, and two introduced species (n = 163) and 'Alien hybrids' (n = 163) and 'Chenopodium quinoa) whose classifications as neophytes or archaeophytes were uncertain.

Data analysis

The absolute changes in the frequency of occurrence (number of 1km² sites), and in the percentage cover (per quadrat per site, including zeros) of each species, between 1990 and 2007, were calculated. When calculating the latter, we included only those species that were recorded in at least 10 sites in both survey years (n = 217 species). To calculate mean percentage cover of each species (per quadrat per site) in 1990 and in 2007, we calculated the mean percentage cover per quadrat in each site (i.e. sum of percentage cover in a site divided by the number of quadrats in that site), summed these values, and then divided by the total number of sites surveyed in both years (n = 479 sites). We included the cover of the excluded species (aggregates etc., see previous section) and of bare ground as part of total cover, in the denominator. Absolute changes in the percentage cover and in the frequency of occurrence (number of sites) of each species were calculated by taking the values in 1990 from the values in 2007. Differences between native, archaeophyte and neophyte species in their percentage cover and in their frequency of occurrence were analysed using Kruskal-Wallis tests, given the non-normality of the response variables. Absolute change in the number of native species (max = 632) and the number of non-native species (max = 150, comprised of archaeophytes plus)neophytes) recorded in each of the 479 sites between 1990 and 2007 was calculated; a generalised linear model was used to investigate the relationship between change in the diversity of native and of non-native species, using a 'TF' error distribution in GAMLSS package in R. All analysis was conducted using R (52).

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Response	Species groups	Test statistic
	All groups	$\chi^2(2) = 30.27, p < 0.0001$
Number of sites (1990)	Native vs. neophyte Native vs. archaeophyte Archaeophyte vs. neophyte	$\chi 2$ (1) = 27.50, $p < 0.0001$ $\chi 2$ (1) = 4.50, p = 0.03 $\chi 2$ (1) = 7.43, p = 0.006
	All groups	$\chi 2 (2) = 25.60, p < 0.0001$
Number of sites (2007)	Native vs. neophyte Native vs. archaeophyte Archaeophyte vs. neophyte	$\chi 2$ (1) = 24.39, $p < 0.0001$ $\chi 2$ (1) = 2.04, p = 0.15 $\chi 2$ (1) = 9.31, p = 0.002
	All groups	$\chi 2 (2) = 16.79, p < 0.001$
Cover (1990)	Native vs. neophyte Native vs. archaeophyte Archaeophyte vs. neophyte	$\chi 2 (1) = 4.45, p = 0.03$ $\chi 2 (1) = 11.68, p < 0.001$ $\chi 2 (1) = 12.24, p < 0.001$
	All groups	$\chi 2 (2) = 13.85, p < 0.001$
Cover (2007)	Native vs. neophyte Native vs. archaeophyte Archaeophyte vs. neophyte	$\chi 2 (1) = 6.52, p = 0.01$ $\chi 2 (1) = 6.30, p = 0.01$ $\chi 2 (1) = 14.97, p < 0.001$
Change in number of sites	All groups	$\chi 2(2) = 4.29, p = 0.11$
Change in cover	All groups	$\chi 2 (2) = 2.44, p = 0.30$

Figure 1. The number of sites (A) and mean percentage cover per site (B) of the most widespread (A) and most abundant (B) native species (white polygon with black outline), archaeophytes (grey bars) and neophytes (black bars), recorded during the Countryside Survey in 2007. In (A), 250 species (native = 221, archaeophytes = 21, neophytes = 8) are shown. In (B), 100 species (native = 92, archaeophytes = 2, neophytes = 6) are shown. Note that x-axes have been truncated: in (A), a further 427 species (native = 332, archaeophytes = 47, neophytes = 48) were recorded in Countryside Survey sites in 2007 – these species were all recorded in ≤ 11 sites; in (B), a further 171 species (native = 101, archaeophytes = 14, neophytes = 2) recorded in at least 10 sites had mean cover of over 0% in Countryside Survey sites in 2007 – mean cover of each of these species, per site, was $\leq 0.088\%$.

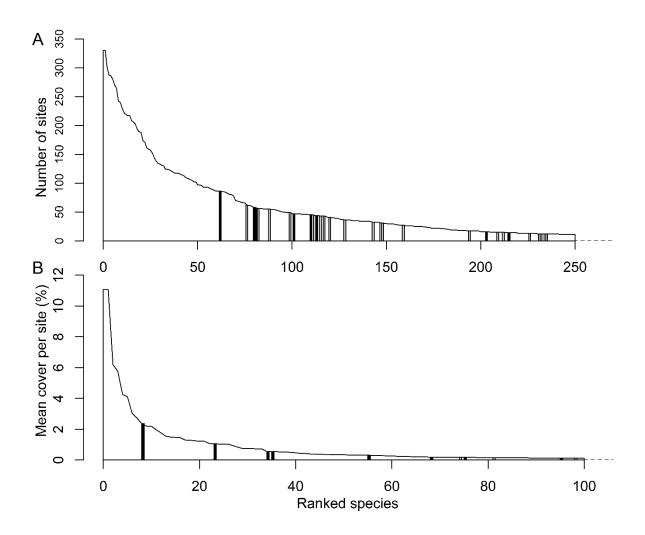


Figure 2. The frequency of occurrence (A) and mean percentage cover per site (B) of native species, archaeophytes and neophytes in 1990 (grey boxes, left hand box of each species group) and 2007 (white boxes, right hand box of each species group). Only species recorded in at least ten sites in each survey year are included in each panel. Sample sizes (numbers of species) are provided at the top of each box. Medians are represented by the horizontal black lines; the top and bottom of each box are the 75th and 25th percentiles, respectively; outliers are represented by hollow dots; and whiskers represent data within 1.5*inter-quartile range of the upper and lower quartiles.

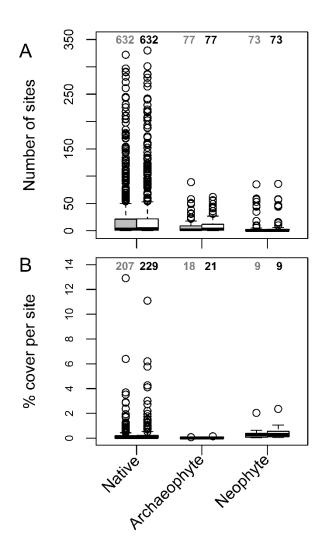


Figure 3. Changes in the frequency of occurrence (A) and mean percentage cover per site (B) of native species, archaeophytes and neophytes in 1990 (grey boxes, left hand box of each species group) and 2007 (white boxes, right hand box of each species group). Only species recorded in at least ten sites in both survey years are included in each panel. Sample sizes (numbers of species) are provided at the top of each box. Medians are represented by the horizontal black lines; the top and bottom of each box are the 75th and 25th percentiles, respectively; outliers are represented by hollow dots; and whiskers represent data within 1.5*inter-quartile range of the upper and lower quartiles.

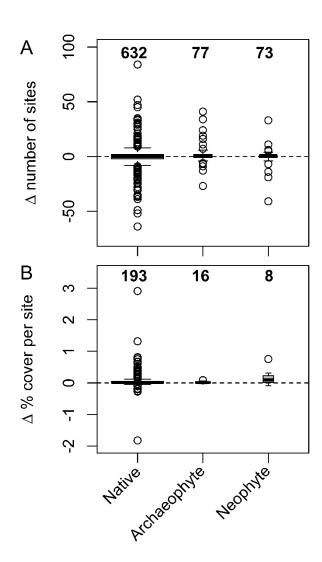
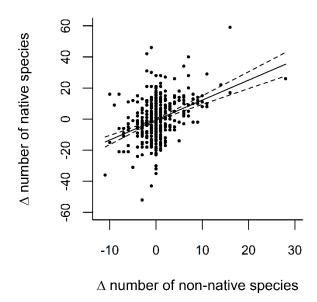


Figure 4. Changes in numbers of native plant species as a function of changes in the number of non-native plants species (comprised of neophytes plus archaeophytes) in Countryside Survey plots between 1990 and 2007. Each point represents a site (n = 479 sites). There was a significant positive relationship (line \pm 95% CI) between changes in the diversity of native and non-native species (y = -0.58 + 1.28x, $R^2 = 0.14$, p < 0.0001).



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Table S1. The median (interquartile range) number of, and changes in, percentage cover (per quadrat per site) and number of sites of native species, neophytes, and archaeophytes, before and after exclusion of 5 neophytes, which are actively planted for wood products (*P. sitchensis*, *P.abies*, *P. contorta*), vegetable oil (*B. napus*), and grass forage (*L. multiflorum*).

Response		Archaeophyte	Native	Neophyte
Number of sites (1990)	All species Minus managed species	2 (8)	3 (20.25)	1 (2.00) 1 (2.00)
Number of sites (2007)	All species Minus managed species	3 (11)	4 (21)	1 (2.00) 1 (2.25)
Cover (1990)	All species Minus managed species	0.02 (0.02)	0.06 (0.17)	0.26 (0.33) 0.05 (0.12)
Cover (2007)	All species Minus managed species	0.03 (0.04)	0.06 (0.20)	0.31 (0.43) 0.12 (0.10)
Change in number of sites	All species Minus managed species	1 (3)	0 (4)	1 (2.00) 1 (2.00)
Change in cover	All species Minus managed species	0.01 (0.03)	0.01 (0.05)	0.10 (0.16) 0.09 (0.11)

Table S2. Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared tests comparing the number of, and changes in, percentage cover (per quadrat per site) and number of sites between native species, neophytes, and archaeophytes, after exclusion of 5 neophytes, which are actively planted for wood products (*P. sitchensis*, *P.abies*, *P. contorta*), vegetable oil (*B. napus*), and grass forage (*L. multiflorum*). Significant differences between groups are highlighted in bold; Bonferroni thresholds for p-values for 3-group comparisons and for pairwise comparisons were 0.025 (repeated tests in 1990 and 2007) and 0.0167 (three pairwise comparisons), respectively.

Response	Species groups	Test statistic
	All groups	$\chi 2 (2) = 39.44, p < 0.0001$
Number of sites (1990)	Native vs. neophyte Native vs. archaeophyte Archaeophyte vs. neophyte	$\chi 2 (1) = 36.72, p < 0.0001$ $\chi 2 (1) = 4.50, p = 0.03$ $\chi 2 (1) = 12.32, p < 0.001$
	All groups	$\chi 2 (2) = 32.87, p < 0.0001$
Number of sites (2007)	Native vs. neophyte Native vs. archaeophyte Archaeophyte vs. neophyte	$\chi 2 (1) = 31.58, p < 0.0001$ $\chi 2 (1) = 2.04, p = 0.15$ $\chi 2 (1) = 13.97, p < 0.001$
	All groups	$\chi 2 (2) = 11.90, p = 0.003$
Cover (1990)	Native vs. neophyte Native vs. archaeophyte Archaeophyte vs. neophyte	$\chi 2 (1) = 0.04, p = 0.05$ $\chi 2 (1) = 11.68, p < 0.001$ $\chi 2 (1) = 3.84, p = 0.05$
	All groups	$\chi 2 (2) = 8.14, p = 0.02$
Cover (2007)	Native vs. neophyte Native vs. archaeophyte Archaeophyte vs. neophyte	$\chi 2 (1) = 1.27, p = 0.26$ $\chi 2 (1) = 6.30, p = 0.01$ $\chi 2 (1) = 8.01, p = 0.005$
Change in number of sites	All groups	$\chi 2 (2) = 4.57, p = 0.10$
Change in cover	All groups	$\chi 2 (2) = 1.04, p = 0.60$

Dataset S1. Number of sites and percentage cover per site for 782 species (native = 632, archaeophyte = 77, neophyte = 73) recorded in the Countryside Survey of 1990 and 2007. The absolute changes (i.e. values for 2007 minus values for 1990) in the number of sites and percentage cover per site of each species (for those which were present in at least ten sites in 1990 and in 2007) are also provided.

		Numbe	er of unio	que sites	3	Percentag	e cover per q	uadrat per site
Status	Latin name	1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Native	Acer campestre	24	11	15	4	0.02	0.03	0.01
Native	Achillea millefolium	174	150	119	-31	0.19	0.19	0.00
Native	Achillea ptarmica	38	29	19	-10	0.02	0.01	0.00
Native	Adoxa moschatellina	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Agrimonia eupatoria	14	7	12	5	0.00	0.01	
Native	Agrostis canina	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Agrostis capillaris	360	297	286	-11	3.69	4.11	0.42
Native	Agrostis curtisii	5	5	4	-1	0.05	0.03	
Native	Agrostis stolonifera	339	272	270	-2	1.93	2.73	0.80
Native	Agrostis vinealis	29	0	29	29	0.00	0.10	
Native	Aira caryophyllea	4	1	3	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Aira praecox	44	36	22	-14	0.06	0.01	-0.05
Native	Ajuga reptans	32	20	19	-1	0.01	0.02	0.01
Native	Alchemilla alpina	8	8	7	-1	0.01	0.01	
Native	Alchemilla vulgaris	17	15	7	-8	0.01	0.00	
Native	Alchemilla xanthochlora	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Alliaria petiolata	12	7	6	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Allium ursinum	2	1	2	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Allium vineale	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Alnus glutinosa	25	13	18	5	0.10	0.18	0.08
Native	Alopecurus geniculatus	72	43	45	2	0.04	0.10	0.06
Native	Alopecurus pratensis	102	78	61	-17	0.17	0.34	0.17
Native	Ammophila arenaria	5	4	4	0	0.04	0.04	
Native	Anacamptis pyramidalis	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
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		Number of unique sites				D			
		Numbe	Percentage cover per quadrat per site						
Status	Latin name	1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover	
Native	Anagallis arvensis	73	35	50	15	0.04	0.04	-0.01	
Native	Anagallis tenella	18	15	9	-6	0.01	0.01		
Native	Andromeda polifolia	1	1	1	0	0.00	0.00		
Native	Anemone nemorosa	23	19	13	-6	0.01	0.01	0.00	
Native	Angelica sylvestris	38	23	22	-1	0.02	0.03	0.01	
Native	Antennaria dioica	8	7	4	-3	0.00	0.00		
Native	Anthoxanthum odoratum	271	226	230	4	1.17	1.54	0.37	
Native	Anthriscus caucalis	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Anthriscus sylvestris	81	49	54	5	0.06	0.07	0.01	
Native	Anthyllis vulneraria	4	3	2	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Aphanes arvensis	13	0	13	13	0.00	0.01		
Native	Apium nodiflorum	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00		
Native	Arabidopsis thaliana	3	2	1	-1	0.00	0.02		
Native	Arctostaphylos alpinus	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	12	8	8	0	0.01	0.00		
Native	Arenaria serpyllifolia	5	2	3	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Armeria maritima	12	9	11	2	0.01	0.02		
Native	Arrhenatherum elatius	136	75	109	34	0.22	1.04	0.82	
Native	Artemisia campestris	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Arum maculatum	13	5	9	4	0.00	0.00		
Native	Asparagus officinalis	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Asperula cynanchica	5	3	5	2	0.00	0.00		
Native	Aster tripolium	6	4	5	1	0.03	0.01		
Native	Athyrium filix-femina	39	27	21	-6	0.03	0.04	0.01	
Native	Atriplex glabriuscula	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Atriplex littoralis	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Atriplex patula	34	14	26	12	0.01	0.04	0.02	

		Numbe	Number of unique sites					Percentage cover per quadrat per site		
Status	Latin name	1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δ <i>n</i> sites	1990	2007	Δ cover		
Native	Atriplex portulacoides	4	1	4	3	0.08	0.05			
Native	Atropa belladonna	1	1	1	0	0.00	0.00			
Native	Barbarea vulgaris	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00			
Native	Bellis perennis	201	175	123	-52	0.24	0.14	-0.10		
Native	Beta vulgaris	27	22	15	-7	0.05	0.39	0.34		
Native	Beta vulgaris subsp.maritima	3	0	3	3	0.00	0.01			
Native	Betula pendula	34	0	34	34	0.00	0.35			
Native	Betula pubescens	25	0	25	25	0.00	0.17			
Native	Bidens cernua	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00			
Native	Blackstonia perfoliata	4	3	3	0	0.00	0.00			
Native	Blechnum spicant	111	87	90	3	0.08	0.10	0.02		
Native	Botrychium lunaria	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00			
Native	Brachypodium pinnatum	6	3	4	1	0.00	0.06			
Native	Brachypodium sylvaticum	38	27	29	2	0.07	0.09	0.02		
Native	Briza media	15	13	6	-7	0.01	0.01			
Native	Bromopsis erecta	9	7	6	-1	0.03	0.05			
Native	Bromopsis ramosa	4	4	1	-3	0.00	0.00			
Native	Bromus commutatus	11	5	6	1	0.01	0.00			
Native	Bromus hordeaceus	82	48	54	6	0.12	0.13	0.01		
Native	Bromus racemosus	6	0	6	6	0.00	0.01			
Native	Bryonia dioica	3	3	0	-3	0.00	0.00			
Native	Buxus sempervirens	2	2	0	-2	0.02	0.00			
Native	Calamagrostis epigejos	2	1	2	1	0.05	0.06			
Native	Calluna vulgaris	189	175	173	-2	6.39	6.19	-0.20		
Native	Caltha palustris	13	10	7	-3	0.02	0.02			
Native	Calystegia sepium	18	7	13	6	0.00	0.01			
Native	Calystegia soldanella	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00			

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Status	Latin name	1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Native	Campanula glomerata	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Campanula rotundifolia	50	40	35	-5	0.02	0.02	0.00
Native	Campanula trachelium	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Cardamine amara	4	1	3	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Cardamine flexuosa	15	7	9	2	0.00	0.01	
Native	Cardamine hirsuta	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Cardamine impatiens	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Cardamine pratensis	114	76	82	6	0.05	0.06	0.01
Native	Carduus crispus	7	6	1	-5	0.01	0.00	
Native	Carduus nutans	7	4	3	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex acuta	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex acutiformis	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.02	
Native	Carex arenaria	4	3	2	-1	0.01	0.01	
Native	Carex bigelowii	7	5	4	-1	0.00	0.01	
Native	Carex binervis	124	105	85	-20	0.14	0.18	0.04
Native	Carex caryophyllea	14	3	13	10	0.00	0.01	
Native	Carex curta	4	1	3	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex diandra	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex dioica	9	6	6	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex disticha	3	1	2	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex echinata	124	94	93	-1	0.16	0.24	0.08
Native	Carex flacca	59	38	35	-3	0.04	0.06	0.02
Native	Carex hirta	23	14	17	3	0.01	0.05	0.04
Native	Carex hostiana	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex humilis	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex laevigata	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex limosa	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00	

	Latin name	Numbe	er of unio	que sites	}	Percentage cover per quadrat per site		
Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Native	Carex muricata	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex nigra	130	106	85	-21	0.23	0.20	-0.04
Native	Carex otrubae	4	1	3	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex ovalis	44	31	26	-5	0.02	0.03	0.01
Native	Carex pallescens	4	1	4	3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex panicea	137	113	114	1	0.28	0.29	0.01
Native	Carex paniculata	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex pauciflora	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex pendula	6	1	6	5	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex pilulifera	63	38	40	2	0.04	0.03	-0.01
Native	Carex pulicaris	36	28	20	-8	0.04	0.02	-0.02
Native	Carex remota	13	9	7	-2	0.02	0.02	
Native	Carex riparia	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex rostrata	8	5	4	-1	0.02	0.03	
Native	Carex spicata	3	2	2	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex strigosa	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex sylvatica	12	9	6	-3	0.01	0.01	
Native	Carex vesicaria	2	1	2	1	0.00	0.01	
Native	Carex viridula subsp.brachyrrhyncha	7	2	5	3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carex viridula subsp.oedocarpa	80	69	34	-35	0.09	0.04	-0.05
Native	Carex viridula subsp.viridula	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carlina vulgaris	3	1	2	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Carpinus betulus	9	6	7	1	0.01	0.06	
Native	Carum verticillatum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Catabrosa aquatica	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Catapodium rigidum	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Centaurea nigra	72	57	43	-14	0.07	0.08	0.01

	Latin name	Numbe	er of unio	que sites	Percentage cover per quadrat per site				
Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover	
Native	Centaurea scabiosa	5	4	2	-2	0.00	0.00		
Native	Centaurium erythraea	15	8	9	1	0.00	0.01		
Native	Centaurium pulchellum	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Cerastium arvense	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Cerastium fontanum	294	245	264	19	0.29	0.36	0.07	
Native	Cerastium glomeratum	38	21	18	-3	0.01	0.02	0.01	
Native	Cerastium pumilum	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Cerastium semidecandrum	3	3	0	-3	0.00	0.00		
Native	Ceratocapnos claviculata	3	3	0	-3	0.00	0.00		
Native	Chaerophyllum temulum	3	0	3	3	0.00	0.00		
Native	Chamerion angustifolium	81	55	47	-8	0.10	0.15	0.05	
Native	Chenopodium album	130	104	55	-49	0.08	0.09	0.00	
Native	Chenopodium rubrum	3	2	1	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Chrysosplenium oppositifolium	13	4	12	8	0.01	0.01		
Native	Circaea lutetiana	24	16	18	2	0.02	0.03	0.01	
Native	Cirsium acaule	5	5	4	-1	0.01	0.01		
Native	Cirsium arvense	300	231	240	9	0.47	0.72	0.24	
Native	Cirsium dissectum	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Cirsium eriophorum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Cirsium heterophyllum	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00		
Native	Cirsium palustre	136	91	108	17	0.09	0.16	0.07	
Native	Cirsium vulgare	278	198	189	-9	0.18	0.21	0.04	
Native	Clematis vitalba	11	9	9	0	0.02	0.01		
Native	Clinopodium vulgare	4	1	4	3	0.00	0.01		
Native	Cochlearia anglica	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Coeloglossum viride	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Conopodium majus	34	26	19	-7	0.01	0.02	0.01	
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		Numbe	Number of unique sites					Percentage cover per quadrat per site			
Status	Latin name	1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover			
Native	Convallaria majalis	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00				
Native	Convolvulus arvensis	60	48	36	-12	0.08	0.05	-0.03			
Native	Cornus sanguinea	10	2	10	8	0.00	0.01				
Native	Cornus suecica	3	2	3	1	0.00	0.00				
Native	Corylus avellana	49	32	38	6	0.30	0.34	0.04			
Native	Crataegus monogyna	98	73	67	-6	0.20	0.23	0.02			
Native	Crepis biennis	3	0	3	3	0.00	0.00				
Native	Crepis capillaris	36	12	25	13	0.01	0.02	0.02			
Native	Crepis paludosa	4	1	3	2	0.00	0.00				
Native	Crithmum maritimum	1	1	1	0	0.00	0.00				
Native	Cruciata laevipes	7	3	7	4	0.00	0.02				
Native	Cryptogramma crispa	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00				
Native	Cuscuta epithymum	1	1	1	0	0.00	0.00				
Native	Cynoglossum officinale	2	1	2	1	0.00	0.00				
Native	Cynosurus cristatus	211	174	171	-3	0.95	1.30	0.35			
Native	Cystopteris fragilis	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00				
Native	Cytisus scoparius	18	16	10	-6	0.03	0.05	0.02			
Native	Dactylis glomerata	286	243	219	-24	1.05	1.25	0.20			
Native	Dactylorhiza fuchsii	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00				
Native	Dactylorhiza maculata	53	39	37	-2	0.03	0.07	0.04			
Native	Dactylorhiza majalis	4	4	0	-4	0.00	0.00				
Native	Dactylorhiza purpurella	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00				
Native	Danthonia decumbens	72	55	41	-14	0.04	0.05	0.01			
Native	Daucus carota	20	11	16	5	0.01	0.02	0.01			
Native	Deschampsia cespitosa	157	127	115	-12	0.51	0.71	0.20			
Native	Deschampsia flexuosa	185	169	152	-17	1.14	1.22	0.09			
Native	Digitalis purpurea	83	61	66	5	0.05	0.05	0.00			

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Status	Latin name	1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover	
Native	Diphasiastrum alpinum	10	8	6	-2	0.01	0.00		
Native	Drosera intermedia	13	7	9	2	0.00	0.01		
Native	Drosera rotundifolia	70	61	56	-5	0.06	0.06	0.00	
Native	Dryopteris aemula	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00		
Native	Dryopteris affinis	22	6	17	11	0.01	0.05		
Native	Dryopteris carthusiana	6	1	5	4	0.00	0.00		
Native	Dryopteris dilatata	88	3	87	84	0.00	0.22		
Native	Dryopteris expansa	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Dryopteris filix-mas	83	49	55	6	0.06	0.09	0.03	
Native	Dryopteris remota	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Echium vulgare	4	2	2	0	0.00	0.00		
Native	Eleocharis multicaulis	5	1	4	3	0.00	0.01		
Native	Eleocharis palustris	9	5	5	0	0.00	0.01		
Native	Eleocharis quinqueflora	4	3	1	-2	0.01	0.00		
Native	Eleocharis uniglumis	6	6	0	-6	0.01	0.00		
Native	Elymus caninus	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Elytrigia atherica	6	5	5	0	0.04	0.14		
Native	Elytrigia juncea	1	1	1	0	0.01	0.00		
Native	Elytrigia repens	177	144	80	-64	0.58	0.32	-0.26	
Native	Empetrum nigrum	95	79	78	-1	0.25	0.33	0.08	
Native	Epilobium hirsutum	50	19	36	17	0.03	0.03	0.00	
Native	Epilobium lanceolatum	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Epilobium montanum	55	34	27	-7	0.03	0.02	0.00	
Native	Epilobium obscurum	13	3	11	8	0.00	0.04		
Native	Epilobium palustre	62	39	37	-2	0.02	0.02	0.00	
Native	Epilobium parviflorum	23	1	22	21	0.00	0.03		
Native	Epilobium tetragonum	18	6	13	7	0.00	0.01		
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Status	Latin name	1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover	
Native	Epipactis helleborine	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Equisetum arvense	43	28	21	-7	0.02	0.03	0.01	
Native	Equisetum fluviatile	10	5	6	1	0.01	0.01		
Native	Equisetum palustre	15	11	8	-3	0.01	0.01		
Native	Equisetum pratense	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Equisetum sylvaticum	5	2	4	2	0.00	0.00		
Native	Equisetum telmateia	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Erica cinerea	124	112	93	-19	0.29	0.27	-0.02	
Native	Erica tetralix	136	124	121	-3	0.57	0.52	-0.05	
Native	Eriophorum angustifolium	125	119	112	-7	0.79	1.03	0.24	
Native	Eriophorum vaginatum	123	110	102	-8	1.17	1.45	0.28	
Native	Erodium cicutarium	6	5	4	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Erodium maritimum	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Euonymus europaeus	5	2	4	2	0.00	0.00		
Native	Eupatorium cannabinum	7	3	6	3	0.00	0.01		
Native	Euphorbia amygdaloides	4	4	1	-3	0.00	0.00		
Native	Euphorbia paralias	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Euphrasia officinalis	87	70	55	-15	0.05	0.05	0.00	
Native	Fagus sylvatica	44	32	34	2	0.32	0.47	0.15	
Native	Festuca arundinacea	27	17	17	0	0.10	0.08	-0.01	
Native	Festuca filiformis	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Festuca gigantea	11	8	3	-5	0.00	0.00		
Native	Festuca ovina agg.	178	154	117	-37	1.14	0.93	-0.21	
Native	Festuca pratensis	45	25	23	-2	0.06	0.06	0.00	
Native	Festuca rubra	294	210	222	12	1.28	1.96	0.68	
Native	Festuca vivipara	61	54	46	-8	0.15	0.11	-0.04	
Native	Filago minima	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00		
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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Native	Filago vulgaris	4	1	3	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Filipendula ulmaria	46	35	34	-1	0.07	0.11	0.04
Native	Filipendula vulgaris	2	1	2	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Fragaria vesca	11	7	4	-3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Fraxinus excelsior	109	70	86	16	0.36	0.83	0.48
Native	Fumaria bastardii	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Fumaria capreolata	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Fumaria muralis	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Galeopsis bifida	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Galeopsis tetrahit	35	25	15	-10	0.02	0.01	-0.01
Native	Galium aparine	171	101	134	33	0.14	0.18	0.05
Native	Galium mollugo	14	8	11	3	0.00	0.01	
Native	Galium palustre	61	39	46	7	0.03	0.03	0.00
Native	Galium pumilum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Galium saxatile	196	185	157	-28	0.61	0.50	-0.11
Native	Galium uliginosum	7	4	3	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Galium verum	34	29	25	-4	0.03	0.03	0.00
Native	Genista anglica	4	4	1	-3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Gentianella amarella	2	1	2	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Gentianella campestris	3	3	0	-3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Geranium molle	88	50	56	6	0.04	0.06	0.03
Native	Geranium pratense	6	3	3	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Geranium pusillum	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Geranium robertianum	39	24	29	5	0.02	0.02	0.00
Native	Geranium sanguineum	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Geum rivale	5	4	1	-3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Geum urbanum	47	27	34	7	0.02	0.04	0.02

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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Native	Glaux maritima	4	2	3	1	0.00	0.02	
Native	Glechoma hederacea	41	27	28	1	0.13	0.05	-0.08
Native	Glyceria declinata	4	0	4	4	0.00	0.00	
Native	Glyceria fluitans	14	5	10	5	0.00	0.04	
Native	Glyceria maxima	4	3	2	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Glyceria notata	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Gnaphalium supinum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Gnaphalium uliginosum	9	7	2	-5	0.00	0.00	
Native	Goodyera repens	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Gymnocarpium dryopteris	3	3	0	-3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Hedera helix	61	40	49	9	0.22	0.26	0.05
Native	Helianthemum nummularium	3	3	2	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Helictotrichon pratense	5	3	3	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Helictotrichon pubescens	8	5	5	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Heracleum sphondylium	127	73	89	16	0.09	0.10	0.00
Native	Hippocrepis comosa	2	1	2	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Holcus lanatus	370	322	330	8	2.86	5.77	2.91
Native	Holcus mollis	124	98	59	-39	0.32	0.36	0.05
Native	Honckenya peploides	6	5	4	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Hordeum secalinum	17	13	13	0	0.11	0.10	-0.02
Native	Huperzia selago	37	25	25	0	0.03	0.02	-0.01
Native	Hyacinthoides non-scripta	57	40	40	0	0.08	0.08	0.00
Native	Hydrocotyle vulgaris	17	17	9	-8	0.02	0.02	
Native	Hypericum hirsutum	7	3	5	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Hypericum humifusum	10	7	4	-3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Hypericum maculatum	6	3	3	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Hypericum montanum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	

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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Native	Lathyrus pratensis	67	38	46	8	0.03	0.03	0.01
Native	Lavatera arborea	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Lemna minor	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Leontodon autumnalis	110	63	66	3	0.04	0.07	0.03
Native	Leontodon hispidus	32	8	26	18	0.01	0.04	
Native	Leontodon saxatilis	7	1	6	5	0.00	0.01	
Native	Lepidium heterophyllum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Leucanthemum vulgare	20	12	10	-2	0.01	0.01	0.00
Native	Leymus arenarius	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.01	
Native	Ligustrum vulgare	6	5	4	-1	0.02	0.03	
Native	Limonium humile	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Limonium vulgare	3	1	2	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Linaria vulgaris	5	3	3	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Linum bienne	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Linum catharticum	21	16	10	-6	0.01	0.01	0.00
Native	Listera cordata	26	18	14	-4	0.01	0.01	-0.01
Native	Listera ovata	2	2	1	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Lithospermum officinale	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Littorella uniflora	3	3	0	-3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Lobelia dortmanna	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Loiseleuria procumbens	2	2	1	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Lolium perenne	316	290	287	-3	12.91	11.09	-1.82
Native	Lonicera periclymenum	38	34	27	-7	0.06	0.05	-0.02
Native	Lotus corniculatus	126	93	96	3	0.09	0.12	0.03
Native	Lotus glaber	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Lotus pedunculatus	61	38	44	6	0.04	0.05	0.01
Native	Lotus subbiflorus	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00	
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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Native	Luzula pilosa	23	17	11	-6	0.01	0.01	0.00
Native	Luzula spicata	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Luzula sylvatica	45	32	28	-4	0.09	0.10	0.02
Native	Lychnis flos-cuculi	18	12	12	0	0.01	0.01	0.00
Native	Lycopodium clavatum	3	2	2	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Lycopus europaeus	3	1	2	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Lysimachia nemorum	32	22	15	-7	0.01	0.01	0.00
Native	Lysimachia nummularia	8	2	6	4	0.00	0.00	
Native	Lysimachia vulgaris	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Lythrum portula	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Lythrum salicaria	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Malus sylvestris	3	3	0	-3	0.01	0.00	
Native	Malva moschata	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Medicago arabica	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Medicago lupulina	37	18	24	6	0.02	0.03	0.01
Native	Medicago sativa	4	3	1	-2	0.03	0.03	
Native	Melampyrum pratense	7	5	4	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Melampyrum sylvaticum	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Melica uniflora	3	2	2	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Mentha aquatica	10	6	6	0	0.01	0.00	
Native	Mentha arvensis	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Menyanthes trifoliata	6	5	4	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Mercurialis perennis	23	22	17	-5	0.19	0.17	-0.03
Native	Milium effusum	3	2	2	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Moehringia trinervia	9	6	5	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Molinia caerulea	158	147	144	-3	3.51	4.26	0.75
Native	Montia fontana	24	11	18	7	0.01	0.01	0.00

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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Native	Myosotis discolor	9	5	4	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Myosotis laxa	6	4	2	-2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Myosotis scorpioides	7	6	2	-4	0.00	0.00	
Native	Myosotis secunda	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Myosoton aquaticum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Myrica gale	41	38	35	-3	0.21	0.25	0.04
Native	Nardus stricta	157	143	130	-13	1.77	1.49	-0.28
Native	Narthecium ossifragum	102	98	92	-6	0.20	0.32	0.12
Native	Odontites vernus	17	9	14	5	0.01	0.03	
Native	Oenanthe crocata	5	0	5	5	0.00	0.01	
Native	Ononis repens	4	1	4	3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Ononis spinosa	1	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Ophioglossum vulgatum	5	2	4	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Ophrys apifera	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Orchis mascula	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Oreopteris limbosperma	23	15	16	1	0.01	0.01	0.00
Native	Origanum vulgare	2	2	1	-1	0.02	0.02	
Native	Ornithopus perpusillus	4	4	2	-2	0.00	0.01	
Native	Orobanche minor	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Oxalis acetosella	78	65	61	-4	0.14	0.15	0.01
Native	Parapholis strigosa	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Parietaria judaica	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Vative	Parnassia palustris	5	4	2	-2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Pastinaca sativa	8	2	7	5	0.00	0.05	
Native	Pedicularis palustris	13	4	9	5	0.00	0.01	
Native	Pedicularis sylvatica	76	64	54	-10	0.06	0.07	0.02
Native	Persicaria amphibia	8	5	3	-2	0.00	0.00	
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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Native	Persicaria bistorta	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.01	
Native	Persicaria hydropiper	9	8	1	-7	0.00	0.00	
Native	Persicaria maculosa	94	59	53	-6	0.03	0.06	0.03
Native	Persicaria vivipara	3	2	1	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Petasites hybridus	6	2	4	2	0.01	0.00	
Native	Petroselinum segetum	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Phalaris arundinacea	12	5	9	4	0.00	0.02	
Native	Phegopteris connectilis	6	5	1	-4	0.00	0.00	
Native	Phleum bertolonii	33	14	25	11	0.03	0.11	0.08
Native	Phragmites australis	3	1	3	2	0.04	0.07	
Native	Phyllitis scolopendrium	9	5	7	2	0.01	0.02	
Native	Phyteuma orbiculare	2	2	1	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Picris hieracioides	3	0	3	3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Pilosella officinarum	33	24	17	-7	0.01	0.02	0.00
Native	Pimpinella saxifraga	13	9	9	0	0.00	0.01	
Native	Pinguicula lusitanica	10	4	7	3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Pinguicula vulgaris	57	46	47	1	0.04	0.04	-0.01
Native	Pinus sylvestris	41	34	30	-4	0.70	0.52	-0.18
Native	Plantago coronopus	15	14	8	-6	0.02	0.02	
Native	Plantago lanceolata	219	169	159	-10	0.28	0.31	0.04
Native	Plantago major	213	153	138	-15	0.11	0.11	0.00
Native	Plantago maritima	30	26	21	-5	0.05	0.04	-0.01
Native	Plantago media	11	5	9	4	0.00	0.00	
Native	Poa angustifolia	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.01	
Native	Poa annua	324	261	242	-19	0.65	1.03	0.37
Native	Poa compressa	4	1	3	2	0.00	0.01	
Native	Poa humilis	3	0	3	3	0.00	0.00	

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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Native	Poa nemoralis	18	9	10	1	0.04	0.02	
Native	Poa trivialis	280	170	217	47	0.44	1.76	1.32
Native	Polygala calcarea	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Polygonatum multiflorum	1	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Polygonum aviculare	176	129	93	-36	0.11	0.16	0.05
Native	Polygonum nodosum	7	4	3	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Polystichum aculeatum	3	2	1	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Polystichum setiferum	5	1	5	4	0.00	0.00	
Native	Populus tremula	3	0	3	3	0.00	0.02	
Native	Potamogeton natans	3	0	3	3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Potamogeton polygonifolius	12	4	11	7	0.00	0.03	
Native	Potentilla anglica	5	3	2	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Potentilla anserina	42	33	23	-10	0.08	0.08	0.00
Native	Potentilla erecta	222	204	193	-11	0.46	0.54	0.07
Native	Potentilla palustris	10	9	6	-3	0.01	0.01	
Native	Potentilla reptans	63	46	34	-12	0.03	0.03	0.00
Native	Potentilla sterilis	26	18	12	-6	0.01	0.01	0.00
Native	Primula veris	10	4	8	4	0.00	0.00	
Native	Primula vulgaris	35	31	14	-17	0.02	0.01	-0.01
Native	Prunella vulgaris	175	130	124	-6	0.12	0.12	0.00
Native	Prunus avium	16	4	12	8	0.01	0.03	
Native	Prunus padus	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Prunus spinosa	40	16	29	13	0.03	0.04	0.01
Native	Pteridium aquilinum	132	113	117	4	2.39	2.19	-0.20
Native	Puccinellia maritima	4	3	3	0	0.13	0.12	
Native	Pulicaria dysenterica	13	5	11	6	0.00	0.06	
Native	Quercus petraea	16	0	16	16	0.00	0.39	
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Percentage cover per quadrat per site 1990 2007 Δ cover
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	Latin name	Numbe	er of unio	Percentage cover per quadrat per site					
Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover	
Native	Rumex crispus	147	111	86	-25	0.08	0.09	0.01	
Native	Rumex longifolius	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Rumex maritimus	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Rumex obtusifolius	264	205	217	12	0.25	0.42	0.17	
Native	Rumex pulcher	4	2	2	0	0.00	0.00		
Native	Rumex rupestris	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Ruscus aculeatus	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00		
Native	Sagina apetala	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00		
Native	Sagina procumbens	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00		
Native	Salix atrocinerea	3	3	0	-3	0.05	0.00		
Native	Salix aurita	11	9	3	-6	0.02	0.01		
Native	Salix caprea	18	8	11	3	0.01	0.03		
Native	Salix cinerea	14	4	10	6	0.01	0.01		
Native	Salix herbacea	2	2	1	-1	0.01	0.00		
Native	Salix reticulata	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00		
Native	Sambucus nigra	52	35	36	1	0.13	0.13	0.00	
Native	Samolus valerandi	1	1	1	0	0.00	0.00		
Native	Sanguisorba major	2	2	1	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Sanguisorba minor	11	9	9	0	0.03	0.02		
Native	Sanicula europaea	3	3	1	-2	0.00	0.00		
Native	Sarcocornia perennis	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Saxifraga aizoides	3	2	1	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Saxifraga hypnoides	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Saxifraga oppositifolia	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00		
Native	Scabiosa columbaria	5	2	4	2	0.00	0.00		
Native	Schoenus nigricans	15	13	13	0	0.02	0.02	0.00	
Native	Scilla autumnalis	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		

	Latin name	Numbe	er of unio	que sites	3	Percentage cover per quadrat per site		
Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Native	Scilla verna	4	1	4	3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Scrophularia auriculata	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Scrophularia nodosa	7	3	4	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Scutellaria galericulata	2	1	1	0	0.01	0.00	
Native	Scutellaria minor	8	6	5	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Sedum acre	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Sedum anglicum	13	11	8	-3	0.01	0.01	
Native	Sedum rosea	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Selaginella selaginoides	31	22	15	-7	0.01	0.01	0.00
Native	Senecio aquaticus	8	5	4	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Senecio erucifolius	13	3	12	9	0.00	0.02	
Native	Senecio jacobaea	159	100	106	6	0.08	0.11	0.03
Native	Senecio sylvaticus	7	3	4	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Senecio vulgaris	137	66	97	31	0.04	0.16	0.11
Native	Seriphidium maritimum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Serratula tinctoria	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Sesleria caerulea	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Sherardia arvensis	18	9	14	5	0.01	0.02	
Native	Silaum silaus	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Silene acaulis	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Silene dioica	34	28	22	-6	0.03	0.03	0.01
Native	Silene uniflora	2	2	2	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Silene vulgaris	4	1	3	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Sison amomum	3	0	3	3	0.00	0.02	
Native	Solanum dulcamara	11	0	11	11	0.00	0.01	
Native	Solidago virgaurea	5	2	3	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Sonchus arvensis	34	13	24	11	0.01	0.03	0.02

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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Native	Sonchus asper	134	57	102	45	0.03	0.14	0.10
Native	Sonchus oleraceus	99	59	47	-12	0.03	0.04	0.01
Native	Sonchus palustris	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Sorbus aria	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Sorbus aucuparia	96	63	70	7	0.09	0.12	0.04
Native	Sorbus torminalis	1	1	1	0	0.01	0.02	
Native	Sparganium angustifolium	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Spartina anglica	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.01	
Native	Spergula arvensis	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.01	
Native	Spergularia marina	4	3	2	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Spergularia media	3	1	2	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Spergularia rubra	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Spergularia rupicola	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Stachys officinalis	9	8	2	-6	0.00	0.00	
Native	Stachys palustris	3	2	1	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Stachys sylvatica	35	27	12	-15	0.02	0.02	0.00
Native	Stellaria graminea	57	28	39	11	0.02	0.03	0.00
Native	Stellaria holostea	23	13	16	3	0.01	0.02	0.01
Native	Stellaria media	280	218	188	-30	0.29	0.28	0.00
Native	Stellaria nemorum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Stellaria palustris	4	3	1	-2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Stellaria uliginosa	62	36	39	3	0.04	0.03	0.00
Native	Suaeda maritima	5	3	2	-1	0.01	0.00	
Native	Suaeda vera	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Succisa pratensis	101	87	84	-3	0.12	0.14	0.02
Native	Symphytum officinale	3	2	2	0	0.01	0.00	
Native	Tamus communis	13	7	9	2	0.00	0.00	

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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover	
Native	Tanacetum vulgare	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Taxus baccata	7	3	7	4	0.04	0.08		
Native	Teucrium scorodonia	40	31	26	-5	0.04	0.03	-0.01	
Native	Thalictrum alpinum	3	2	2	0	0.00	0.00		
Native	Thalictrum minus	5	3	3	0	0.00	0.00		
Native	Thesium humifusum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Thymus polytrichus	47	42	30	-12	0.05	0.04	-0.01	
Native	Thymus serpyllum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Tilia cordata	2	1	1	0	0.01	0.00		
Native	Tilia platyphyllos	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.01		
Native	Tofieldia pusilla	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Torilis japonica	17	9	11	2	0.02	0.00		
Native	Torilis nodosa	1	1	1	0	0.01	0.00		
Native	Tragopogon pratensis	7	5	3	-2	0.00	0.00		
Native	Trichophorum cespitosum	119	109	105	-4	1.69	2.20	0.51	
Native	Trientalis europaea	21	11	20	9	0.01	0.01	0.00	
Native	Trifolium arvense	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.01		
Native	Trifolium campestre	10	5	6	1	0.01	0.01		
Native	Trifolium dubium	62	30	42	12	0.02	0.04	0.02	
Native	Trifolium incarnatum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Trifolium medium	7	5	2	-3	0.00	0.01		
Native	Trifolium micranthum	5	2	3	1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Trifolium pratense	170	123	117	-6	0.16	0.19	0.03	
Native	Trifolium repens	327	291	301	10	2.90	3.02	0.11	
Native	Trifolium striatum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00		
Native	Triglochin maritimum	6	3	5	2	0.00	0.01		
Native	Triglochin palustre	10	10	1	-9	0.01	0.00		
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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover		
Native	Trisetum flavescens	29	13	22	9	0.02	0.05	0.03		
Native	Tussilago farfara	17	12	9	-3	0.01	0.00			
Native	Typha latifolia	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00			
Native	Ulex europaeus	45	32	32	0	0.19	0.28	0.09		
Native	Ulex gallii	18	10	14	4	0.12	0.15	0.04		
Native	Ulmus glabra	5	0	5	5	0.00	0.03			
Native	Umbilicus rupestris	3	2	2	0	0.00	0.00			
Native	Urtica dioica	259	177	202	25	0.41	0.74	0.33		
Native	Utricularia minor	3	3	0	-3	0.00	0.00			
Native	Vaccinium myrtillus	144	134	133	-1	0.80	1.22	0.42		
Native	Vaccinium oxycoccos	8	6	6	0	0.00	0.01			
Native	Vaccinium uliginosum	1	1	1	0	0.00	0.00			
Native	Vaccinium vitis-idaea	38	29	32	3	0.04	0.12	0.08		
Native	Valeriana officinalis	12	7	7	0	0.00	0.01			
Native	Verbascum thapsus	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00			
Native	Veronica arvensis	95	61	45	-16	0.04	0.03	-0.01		
Native	Veronica beccabunga	7	5	3	-2	0.00	0.00			
Native	Veronica chamaedrys	139	96	97	1	0.06	0.09	0.03		
Native	Veronica montana	33	23	13	-10	0.01	0.02	0.01		
Native	Veronica officinalis	57	41	33	-8	0.02	0.02	-0.01		
Native	Veronica scutellata	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00			
Native	Veronica serpyllifolia	126	79	80	1	0.05	0.04	0.00		
Native	Viburnum lantana	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00			
Native	Viburnum opulus	4	2	2	0	0.01	0.00			
Native	Vicia cracca	28	18	18	0	0.02	0.02	0.00		
Native	Vicia hirsuta	6	4	3	-1	0.00	0.00			
Native	Vicia sativa	28	11	19	8	0.01	0.02	0.01		

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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Native	Vicia sepium	22	13	9	-4	0.01	0.00	
Native	Vicia sylvatica	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Native	Vicia tetrasperma	10	1	9	8	0.00	0.01	
Native	Viola canina	4	4	1	-3	0.00	0.00	
Native	Viola hirta	6	5	5	0	0.01	0.00	
Native	Viola lutea	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Native	Viola odorata	6	5	1	-4	0.00	0.00	
Native	Viola palustris	95	70	69	-1	0.06	0.07	0.02
Native	Viola reichenbachiana	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Viola riviniana	35	0	35	35	0.00	0.05	
Native	Viola tricolor	16	12	5	-7	0.02	0.00	
Native	Viscum album	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Vulpia bromoides	6	4	2	-2	0.00	0.00	
Native	Wahlenbergia hederacea	2	2	1	-1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Aegopodium podagraria	6	3	4	1	0.00	0.01	
Archaeophyte	Agrostis gigantea	16	6	12	6	0.06	0.07	
Archaeophyte	Alopecurus myosuroides	67	22	56	34	0.01	0.07	0.06
Archaeophyte	Anchusa arvensis	7	4	4	0	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Anisantha sterilis	64	32	43	11	0.03	0.12	0.08
Archaeophyte	Anthemis cotula	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Apera spica-venti	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Armoracia rusticana	4	2	2	0	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Artemisia vulgaris	18	9	12	3	0.01	0.04	
Archaeophyte	Avena fatua	72	49	36	-13	0.07	0.16	0.09
Archaeophyte	Ballota nigra	5	2	3	1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Borago officinalis	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Brassica rapa	15	11	5	-6	0.06	0.07	

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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Archaeophyte	Capsella bursa-pastoris	128	89	62	-27	0.08	0.09	0.01
Archaeophyte	Castanea sativa	10	6	7	1	0.16	0.17	
Archaeophyte	Chaenorhinum minus	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Chelidonium majus	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Chenopodium bonus-henricus	6	4	2	-2	0.01	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Chenopodium ficifolium	4	3	1	-2	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Chenopodium polyspermum	4	1	3	2	0.00	0.01	
Archaeophyte	Chrysanthemum segetum	7	6	3	-3	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Cichorium intybus	1	1	0	-1	0.01	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Conium maculatum	5	4	2	-2	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Coronopus squamatus	22	6	17	11	0.00	0.01	
Archaeophyte	Descurainia sophia	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Diplotaxis tenuifolia	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Erysimum cheiranthoides	3	2	1	-1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Euphorbia exigua	5	1	4	3	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Euphorbia helioscopia	20	10	12	2	0.01	0.01	0.00
Archaeophyte	Euphorbia peplus	4	3	1	-2	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Fallopia convolvulus	69	38	43	5	0.03	0.05	0.03
Archaeophyte	Fumaria officinalis	19	11	9	-2	0.01	0.01	
Archaeophyte	Galeopsis speciosa	3	1	2	1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Geranium dissectum	74	31	55	24	0.02	0.06	0.04
Archaeophyte	Hordeum murinum	13	6	9	3	0.02	0.02	
Archaeophyte	Kickxia elatine	7	3	4	1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Kickxia spuria	8	2	7	5	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Lactuca serriola	7	0	7	7	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Lamium album	21	9	12	3	0.00	0.01	
Archaeophyte	Lamium amplexicaule	6	4	2	-2	0.00	0.00	

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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Archaeophyte	Lamium hybridum	5	2	3	1	0.00	0.01	
Archaeophyte	Lamium purpureum	75	51	44	-7	0.04	0.03	0.00
Archaeophyte	Legousia hybrida	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Lepidium campestre	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Lithospermum arvense	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Malus domestica	6	0	6	6	0.00	0.07	
Archaeophyte	Malva sylvestris	12	8	4	-4	0.01	0.01	
Archaeophyte	Matricaria recutita	28	14	15	1	0.01	0.01	0.00
Archaeophyte	Melilotus altissimus	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Mercurialis annua	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Myosotis arvensis	49	25	32	7	0.01	0.03	0.01
Archaeophyte	Papaver dubium	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Papaver rhoeas	23	14	13	-1	0.01	0.01	0.00
Archaeophyte	Petroselinum crispum	1	1	0	-1	0.02	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Picris echioides	35	12	31	19	0.01	0.02	0.01
Archaeophyte	Polygonum arenastrum	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Prunus domestica	2	1	2	1	0.00	0.01	
Archaeophyte	Pyrus communis	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.02	
Archaeophyte	Ranunculus arvensis	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Reseda luteola	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Salix alba	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Salix fragilis	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Salix triandra	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Salix viminalis	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Silene latifolia	7	2	5	3	0.00	0.01	
Archaeophyte	Sinapis arvensis	48	24	27	3	0.02	0.02	0.00
Archaeophyte	Sisymbrium officinale	38	15	31	16	0.01	0.02	0.01

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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Archaeophyte	Smyrnium olusatrum	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Stachys arvensis	5	2	3	1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Thlaspi arvense	5	4	1	-3	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Tripleurospermum inodorum	41	0	41	41	0.00	0.04	
Archaeophyte	Urtica urens	29	18	15	-3	0.02	0.03	0.02
Archaeophyte	Verbena officinalis	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Archaeophyte	Veronica agrestis	14	6	8	2	0.00	0.01	
Archaeophyte	Veronica hederifolia	10	5	6	1	0.00	0.01	
Archaeophyte	Viola arvensis	84	58	49	-9	0.08	0.06	-0.03
Archaeophyte	Vulpia myuros	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.02	
Neophyte	Abies alba	2	2	0	-2	0.03	0.00	
Neophyte	Acer platanoides	5	1	4	3	0.00	0.06	
Neophyte	Acer pseudoplatanus	76	57	58	1	0.40	0.55	0.15
Neophyte	Aesculus hippocastanum	7	2	6	4	0.02	0.06	
Neophyte	Alnus incana	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Anisantha diandra	6	0	6	6	0.00	0.02	
Neophyte	Buddleja davidii	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Calendula officinalis	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Chamaecyparis lawsoniana	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Claytonia perfoliata	3	3	0	-3	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Claytonia sibirica	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Conyza canadensis	5	0	5	5	0.00	0.01	
Neophyte	Coronopus didymus	4	1	3	2	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Cotoneaster integrifolius	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Crepis vesicaria	4	1	3	2	0.01	0.00	
Neophyte	Doronicum pardalianches	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.01	
Neophyte	Echinochloa crus-galli	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	

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Status		1990 and 2007	1990	2007	Δn sites	1990	2007	Δ cover
Neophyte	Epilobium brunnescens	4	1	3	2	0.00	0.01	
Neophyte	Epilobium ciliatum	15	9	6	-3	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Fagopyrum esculentum	1	1	0	-1	0.01	0.00	
Neophyte	Fallopia japonica	4	1	4	3	0.00	0.01	
Neophyte	Fuchsia magellanica	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Geranium pyrenaicum	2	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Helianthus annuus	6	4	2	-2	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Impatiens glandulifera	2	1	1	0	0.02	0.00	
Neophyte	Impatiens parviflora	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Juglans regia	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Juncus tenuis	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Larix decidua	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.01	
Neophyte	Larix kaempferi	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.03	
Neophyte	Lepidium draba	1	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Lilium martagon	1	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Linum usitatissimum	3	2	1	-1	0.00	0.02	
Neophyte	Lolium multiflorum	109	85	44	-4 1	0.64	0.55	-0.09
Neophyte	Lycopersicon esculentum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Mahonia aquifolium	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Matricaria discoidea	90	59	45	-14	0.03	0.08	0.04
Neophyte	Melilotus albus	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.01	
Neophyte	Melilotus officinalis	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.01	
Neophyte	Mimulus guttatus	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Mimulus luteus	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Pentaglottis sempervirens	3	1	2	1	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Petasites albus	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00	
Neophyte	Phacelia tanacetifolia	4	0	4	4	0.00	0.01	

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Neophyte	Picea abies	25	18	14	-4	0.25	0.31	0.06			
Neophyte	Picea sitchensis	57	44	47	3	2.04	2.36	0.32			
Neophyte	Pinus contorta	11	10	3	-7	0.26	0.19				
Neophyte	Pinus nigra	8	5	4	-1	0.06	0.04				
Neophyte	Populus canescens	2	0	2	2	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Prunus laurocerasus	3	1	2	1	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Pseudotsuga menziesii	7	6	2	-4	0.12	0.04				
Neophyte	Quercus cerris	3	2	2	0	0.00	0.02				
Neophyte	Quercus ilex	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Brassica napus	85	46	57	11	0.31	1.06	0.76			
Neophyte	Rhododendron ponticum	13	9	10	1	0.06	0.12				
Neophyte	Ribes nigrum	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Ribes uva-crispa	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Sambucus racemosa	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Senecio squalidus	4	4	0	-4	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Senecio viscosus	2	2	0	-2	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Setaria pumila	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Setaria viridis	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Sisymbrium altissimum	1	1	0	-1	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Solanum tuberosum	44	35	16	-19	0.07	0.06	-0.01			
Neophyte	Solidago canadensis	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Symphytum uplandicum	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Tamarix gallica	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Thuja plicata	1	0	1	1	0.00	0.00				
Neophyte	Trifolium hybridum	3	2	1	-1	0.01	0.00				
Neophyte	Tsuga heterophylla	3	0	3	3	0.00	0.01				