

Audit of the Species and Habitats in the North West

Key to symbols used within the species and habitat tables

Species of Conservation Importance in North West England by both Local Authority area and Natural Area

- p UK Priority Species as defined in the UK Biodiversity Group Tranche 2 Action Plans, 1998;
- c UK Species of Conservation Concern as defined in the above report;
- e Endemic taxon not included in UK Priority List;
- nr Nationally rare, occurs in less than 16 10km squares in Great Britain;
- ns Nationally scarce, occurs in 16-100 10km squares;
- Rdb Included in relevant Red Data Book;
- l Record for the species in the local authority/natural area concerned
- m Record for the species in a 10km grid square which covers more than one authority/natural area
- e Recently extinct or historical record for species which may still be a conservation issue;
- u Supplier of information unsure of occurrence.

Habitats in North West England by Local Authority and Natural Area

The 82 habitats described in the Audit are listed under the relevant UK Broad Habitat Types (in large type) and those that are UK Key Habitats or equivalents are printed in bold.

A Habitat is recorded as present in a local authority area if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- It is of significant nature conservation value occurring within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or County Wildlife Site;
- It comprises more than 5% of the area of the local authority concerned;
- It is a linear habitat containing a qualifying boundary feature nor watercourse which is more than 100 continuous metres in length;
- It supports one or more species included in the Species Tables.