

The Flora and Fauna of Westray, Orkney

PART FIVE Westray Flora

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Huperzia selago

FIR CLUBMOSS, native,
Species-poor heath

Selaginella selaginoides

LESSER CLUBMOSS, native,
Damp species-rich heath, fens and flushes.

Equisetum fluviatile

WATER HORSETAIL, native,
Standing or slow moving water. Found in
the Roadmire area.

E.arvense

FIELD HORSETAIL, native,
Various habitats, found at Gairy.

E.palustre

MARSH HORSETAIL, native,
Fens and flushes, e.g. the Roadmire area.

Polypodium vulgare

COMMON POLYPODY, native,
Rock outcrops, shady dykes, storm beaches.

Asplenium adiantum-nigrum

BLACK SPLEENWORT, native,
rock outcrops.

A. marinum

SEA SPLEENWORT, native,
Sea cliffs. Plentiful at Githigeo.

A. trichomanes

MAIDENHAIR SPLEENWORT, native,
Rock crevices

A. ruta-muraria

WALL-RUE, native,
Rock outcrops and Ancient Monuments.

Athyrium filix-femina

LADY FERN, native,
tall herb.

Cystopteris fragilis

BRITTLE BLADDER-FERN, native,
Wet rock outcrops, usually in heath or peat.

Dryopteris filix-mas

MALE FERN, native,
Variable

D. affinis ssp affinis

SCALY BUCKLER FERN, native,
tall herb.

D. affinis ssp borreri

SCALY MALE-FERN, native,
tall herb, sometimes on soft sea-cliff.

D. dilatata

BROAD BUCKLER-FERN, native,
tall herb, species-poor heath

Blechnum spicant

HARD FERN, native,
blanket peat, species-poor heath

Caltha palustris

MARSH MARIGOLD, native,
Burns, drains and loch sides

Ranunculus acris

MEADOW BUTTERCUP, native in various
places, tall herb, swamp and fen

R. repens

CREEPING BUTTERCUP, native?,
Cultivated and waste ground, grows at Sand
o' Mason.

R. bulbosus

BULBOUS BUTTERCUP, native,
Links, machair and dry turf, flowerwring in
late spring.

R. flammula

LESSER SPEARWORT, native,
various wet places, ditches, fen; on Fitty
Hill.

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R. ficaria ssp *ficaria*

LESSER CELANDINE, native,
Various, mainly damp and shady places,
also roadside verges; e.g. at Littlehouse.

R. baudotii

BRACKISH WATER-CROWFOOT, native,
open water, usually brackish or near sea.

R. trichophyllum

THREAD-LEAVED WATER-CROWFOOT,
native, small open water

R. aquatilis

WATER-CROWFOOT, native,
small open water areas

Thalictrum alpinum

ALPINE MEADOW-RUE, native,
eaciff heath, fen, basic flushes

Papaver dubium

LONG-HEADED POPPY, native?,
cultivated and waste ground; grows at
Hallobrig.

Fumaria capreolata

WHITE RAMPING FUMITORY, weed of
cultivation;
found at Roadmire.

Urtica dioica

STINGING NETTLE, native,
common, cultivated and waste ground

U. urens

SMALL NETTLE, native,
cultivated sandy ground, dunes

Suaeda maritima

SEA-BLITE, native,
sheltered sea-shores, sometimes clifftops

Montia fontana agg.

BLINKS, native,
various bare damp places; at White Moss.

Honckenya peploides

SEA SANDWORT, native,
common, sandy beaches and dunes

Stellaria media

CHICKWEED, native,
common, cultivated or waste ground and
bird cliffs

S. graminea

LESSER STITCHWORT, native,
wet places, usually at roadsides; found in
Noup area.

S. uliginosa

BOG STITCHWORT, native,
tall herb, swamp

Cerastium fontanum ssp *vulgare*

COMMON MOUSE-EAR CHICKWEED,
native, common, variable habitats

C. glomeratum

STICKY MOUSE-EAR CHICKWEED,
native, common, waste or cultivated
ground

C. diffusum

SEA MOUSE-EAR CHICKWEED, native,
turf near sea

Sagina nodosa

KNOTTED PEARLWORT, native,
basic flushes, fen

S. procumbens

PROCUMBENT PEARLWORT, native,
abundant

S. maritima

SEA PEARLWORT, native,
seashores, cliffs, piers, causeways

Spergula arvensis

CORN SPURREY, native,
cultivated and waste ground; becoming less
abundant. Still found in Skaill area.

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Spergularia media

GREATER SEA-SPURREY, native,
Seashores, saltmarsh, cliffs and clifftops at
Aikerness.

S. marina

LESSER SEA-SPURREY, native in less
exposed sites than *media*.
Skaill area.

Lychnis flos-cuculi

RAGGED ROBIN, native,
fens and marshes, damp verges, species-
rich heath. Grows at Rapness Mill but not
at the north end of the island.

Silene acaulis

MOSS CAMPION, native,
grows at the back of Fitty Hill, sometimes
in close company with *Primula scotica*.

Silene uniflora

SEA CAMPION, native, sea-cliffs and
shingle beaches.
Profuse along Rapness Cliffs.

S. dioica

RED CAMPION, native,
tall herb and nitrogen-rich sites

Persicaria viviparia

ALPINE BISTORT, native,
usually breck-stony, often species rich
heath; found at Backarass.

P. amphibia

AMPHIBIOUS BISTORT, native,
open water and wet ground

P. lapathifolia

PALE PERSICARIA, weed of cultivation

Rumex acetosa

SHEEPS SORREL, common native,
Acid cultivated ground, species-poor heath,
blanket bog.

R. acetosa

SORREL, SOUROS, common native,
fens, maritime heath, verges and banks

R. longifolius

LONG-LEAVED DOCK, Native,
common, cultivated ground

R. crispus

CURLED DOCK, native,
common, weed of cultivation and on sea
shores

R. obtusifolius

BROAD-LEAVED DOCK, BULOWANS,
common native,
cultivated and waste ground

Armeria maritima

THRIFT, SEA-PINK, common native,
cliffs and exposed clifftop sward, plentiful
around Noup Head.

Hypericum pulchrum

SLENDER ST JOHN'S WORT, native,
grassy or species-rich heaths.

Viola riviniana

COMMON DOG-VIOLET, native,
dry often species-rich heath, banks and
cliffs; along Noup Road.

V. tricolor ssp *tricolor*

HEART'S-EASE PANSY, native,
as both a weed of cultivation and persistent
on machair

V. arvensis

FIELD PANSY, native,
cultivated ground; at Jerusalem.

Salix repens var. *repens*

CREEPING WILLOW, native,
various types of heath, banks, heathy
clifftops, Backarass.

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S. herbacea

DWARF WILLOW, native,
feldfield on the hilltops; also at Backarass.

Arabidopsis thaliana

THALE CRESS, native?,
crevices in paving, walls, waste ground

Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum

WATERCRESS, native,
open water

Cardamine pratensis

LADY'S SMOCK, native,
damp pasture, fen and marsh, verges and
ditches

C. flexuosa

WAVY BITTER-CRESS, native,
gardens, waste places; at Lightcost.

Arabis hirsuta

HAIRY ROCK-CRESS, native,
rock crevices, may be extinct on Westray;
its only Orkney site: at Lightcost..

Cochlearia officinalis

SCURVY-GRASS, common native,
Sea cliffs (especially around seabird
colonies), rocky shores, saltmarsh, cliff-top
turf.

Capsella bursa-pastoris

SHEPHERD'S-PURSE, Weed of
cultivation, common, especially around
human artefacts.

Sinapis arvensis

CHARLOCK, Weed of cultivated and waste
ground

Cakile maritima

SEA ROCKET, native,
strand lines and sea-shores; grows at
Avertaft

Raphanus raphanistrum

WILD MUSTARD, RUNCHO, Common
weed of cultivated and waste ground

Empetrum nigrum ssp nigrum

CROWBERRY, native,
widespread in heaths and hills, especially
near sea; found on Fitty Hill.

Arctostaphylos alpinus

ALPINE BLAEBERRY, native,
feldfield, blanket bog

Calluna vulgaris

HEATHER, common native,
Blanket peat, heaths, hills

Erica tetralix

CROSS-LEAVED HEATH, native,
Hill, wet heath, flushes

E. cinerea

BELL HEATHER, native,
dryish peat or heath; at Wurhoose.

Primula vulgaris

PRIMROSE, common native,
grassy sea banks, dunes, grassy heath,
burnsides and roadside verges.



Primula vulgaris X veris = P. polyantha

FALSE OXLIP, native,
where both parent plants occur; i.e at
Newcastle.

Primula veris

COWSLIP, native,
links, grassy sea banks. On Westray grows
at the Westside and on the Links of
Noltland.

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Primula scotica

SCOTTISH PRIMROSE, native,
maritime heath, machair and links.
On Westray, can be found on the western
maritime heath, especially to the west of
Fitty Hill and on the Aikerness Hill.
Formerly common on the Hill of Noup.
Two flowering seasons from mid-May to
mid-June and again from mid-July to mid-
August. The first period typically produces
many long-stemmed, multi-headed blooms.

Anagallis tenella

BOG PIMPERNEL, native,
fen, flushes, wet machair

Glaux maritima

SEA MILKWORT, native,
stony cliff tops, seashore, saltmarsh; at
Avertaft.

Sedum rosea

ROSEROOT, native,
in geos and on cliffs; plentiful at Githigeo.

S. acre

WALL PEPPER, introduced?,
seashores and links, planted on walls and
roofs.

Parnassia palustris

GRASS OF PARNASSUS, common native,
fen and wet machair.

Filipendula ulmaria

MEADOW-SWEET, native,
common in marshes, fens, burnsides,
roadsides

Potentilla palustris

MARSH CINQUEFOIL, native,
swamp, marshes, old peat cuttings; at Fribo
and White Moss.



P. anserina

SILVERWEED, native,
persistent in various habitats

P. erecta

TORMENTIL, native,
various heaths, grassy sea banks, verges;
common at Rapness cliffs.

Alchemilla glabra

LADY'S-MANTLE, native,
short turf, banks

Anthyllis vulneraria

KIDNEY VETCH, native,
not on acidic ground, dry turf, banks, rock
outcrops; thought to be declining.

Lotus corniculatus

BIRD'S-FOOT TREFOIL, native,
very common but mainly on species-rich
heath.

Vicia cracca

TUFTED VETCH, native,
banks, field margins, roadside verges and
ungrazed rough pasture; at Coastguards.

V. sepium

BUSH VETCH, native,
rough heathy and rushy places; at
Coastguards.

V. sativa

COMMON VETCH, introduced,
cultivated and waste ground, at Russland.

Lathyrus pratensis

MEADOW VETCHLING, native,
various, roadside, banks.

Trifolium repens

WHITE CLOVER, introduced?,
common in most grassy habitat.

T. hybridum

ALSIKE, introduced relict of cultivation.

T. campestre

HOP TREFOIL, introduced,
rare on cultivated ground.

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T. pratense

RED CLOVER, native,
grassy heaths, old pastures, verges and
waysides.

Ulex europaeus

GORSE, WHIN, native?,
not common, also known to have been
planted. Grows above Sangar.

Epilobium hirsutum

GREAT HAIRY WILLOWHERB,
introduced; Fribro.

E. parviflorum

SMALL-FLOWERED WILLOWHERB,
native, wet machair

E. montanum

BROAD LEAVED WILLOWHERB, native?,
weed of cultivation but sometimes tall herb.

E. palustre

MARSH WILLOWHERB, native,
damp places

Chamerion angustifolium

ROSEBAY WILLOWHERB, could be
native or introduced,
found in some wild places.

Fuchsia magellanica

FUCHSIA, introduced,
common, sets fertile seed.

Euphorbia helioscopia

SUN SPURGE, weed of cultivation

Linum catharticum

PURGING FLAX, native,
base-rich sites

Radiola linoides

ALLSEED, native,
damp, usually species-poor heath with
barish patches

Polygala vulgaris

COMMON MILKWORT, native,
Basic rock outcrops, dunes etc.

P. serpyllifolia

HEATH MILKWORT, native,
heaths, dry peat, banks. Grows on Fitty Hill.

Acer pseudoplatanus

SYCAMORE, introduced in gardens and
plantations,
occasionally self-sown.

Geranium pusillum

SMALL-FLOWERED CRANES-BILL, not
native? waste ground in the Pierowall area.

Impatiens glandulifera

INDIAN BALSAM, introduced,
waste places.

Hedera hibernica var 'Hibernica'

IRISH IVY, introduced,
the most common cultivated Ivy.

Hydrocotyle vulgaris

MARSH PENNYWORT, common native,
marshes, wet places in old pasture and
heath.

Anthriscus sylvestris

COW PARSLEY, native,
waste ground and verges

Myrrhis odorata

SWEET CICILY, MYRRH, garden outcast.

Aegopodium podagraria

GROUND ELDER, BISHOP-WEED,
common, persistent garden weed

Apium inundatum

MARSH-WORT, native,
shallow pools, loch margins

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Carum carvi

CARAWAY, CARVIE, introduced?, sandy pasture, often near houses; grows at Cottahowan.

M. arvensis

FIELD SCORPION-GRASS, native, weed of cultivation and waste ground

Ligusticum scoticum

SCOTTISH LOVAGE, grows along the Rapness cliffs and possibly elsewhere.

Stachys sylvatica x palustris = S. x ambigua

LAMB'S-LUGS, almost always introduced, weed of cultivation and waste ground.



Angelica sylvestris

WILD ANGELICA, CAIKO, native, heath, dales, verges; at Rapness Mill.

Lamium purpureum

RED DEAD-NETTLE, common native, weed of cultivation.

A. archangelica

GARDEN ANGELICA, introduced around Pierowall and Broughton, said to be a relict of Viking colonisation. Possibly declining.

L. confertum

NORTHERN DEAD-NETTLE, native, weed of cultivation, often with the above species.

Heracleum sphondylium

HOGWEED, native, weed of cultivation or verges and waste ground.

Galeopsis tetrahit

COMMON HEMP-NETTLE, native?, abundant weed of cultivation.

Gentianella amarella

FELWORT, AUTUMN GENTIAN, native, found at Backarass and Sand o' Mason.

Glechoma hederacea

GROUND IVY, not native, garden outcast, nearly naturalised in places; recently found.

Calystegia sepium

HEDGE BINDWEED, introduced garden escape.

Prunella vulgaris

SELF-HEAL, native, various heath types, old pasture e.g. at Skail.

Menyanthes trifoliata

BOGBEAN, native, fens and loch margins; found at Fribro.

Thymus polytrichus ssp britannicus

WILD THYME, native, especially in species-rich heath and maritime heath; at Backarass and Old Kirk.

Anchusa arvensis

BUGLOSS, native?, sandy fields and pastures.

Mentha aquatica

WATER MINT, native, marshes, ditches; common at Roadmire.

Martensia maritima

OYSTER PLANT, native, formerly found at Kirbist but not seen for several years; possibly extinct.

Hippuris vulgaris

MARE'S-TAIL, common native, Standing water, usually in small lochs or ditches.

Myosotis laxa

TUFTED FORGET-ME-NOT, native, fens and small pools; at White Moss.

Callitrichia hermaphroditica

AUTUMNAL WATER-STARWORT, native, Lochs, rarely small pools.

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C. stagnalis

COMMON WATER-STARWORT, native,
small pools, ditches, sometimes wet mud.

C. hamulata

INTERMEDIATE WATER-STARWORT,
native, not usually in nutrient-rich waters.

Plantago coronopus

BUCK'S-HORN PLANTAIN, common
native, strictly maritime.

P. maritima

SEA PLANTAIN, common native,
often inland, very common but not on wet
peat.

P. major

GREATER PLANTAIN, native?,
usually in cultivated or recently abandoned
land.

P. lanceolata

RIBWORT, SOLDIERS, native,
various habitats including maritime heath
and roadside verges.

Littorella uniflora

SHOREWEED, native,
stony or slightly muddy loch margins.

Veronica serpyllifolia

THYME-LEAVED SPEEDWELL,
introduced?, common, often a garden weed

V. officinalis

COMMON SPEEDWELL, common native,
dry banks, rock outcrops.



V. chamaedrys

GERMANDER SPEEDWELL, said
to be introduced,
cultivated or waste ground, found
around Westside Mill.

V. beccabunga

BROOKLIME, native,
wet ditches, burns, loch margins.

V. anagallis-aquatica

WATER-SPEEDWELL, native,
burns, wet ditches and swamp; at Fribro.

V. persica

BUXBAUM'S SPEEDWELL, introduced?,
Weed of cultivation?

Euphrasia agg.

EYEBRIGHTS, common natives,
very varied habitats.

E. confusa

EYEBRIGHT, native,
very variable, usually with grass species.

E. foulensis

EYEBRIGHT, native,
short turf, sea banks, saltmarsh.

E. micrantha

EYEBRIGHT, native,
wet heath, flushes, perhaps saltmarsh.



Odontites vernus

RED BARTSIA, native,
usually sandy sites; found at
Rapness Mill and Garth.

Rhinanthus minor agg.

YELLOW RATTLE, native,
damp heath, fen and wet machair.

Pedicularis palustris

RED RATTLE, native,
species-rich heath, fen

P. sylvatica

LOUSEWORT, native,
heaths, hill; Skaill Area and Rapness Mill.

Pinguicula vulgaris

BUTTERWORT, native,
nutrient-poor heath; at Powdykes.

Galium palustre ssp

MARSH BEDSTRAW, native,
marshes; at Roadmire.

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G. verum

LADY'S BEDSTRAW, native,
mainly machair and links; at Rapness cliffs.

G. sternerri

LIMESTONE BEDSTRAW, native,
varied, dry machair, flagstone outcrops, dry
turf.

G. saxatile

HEATH BEDSTRAW, native,
heaths and hill.

G. aparine

**GOOSEGRASS, CLEAVERS, STICKY
WILLIE**, native,
waste ground.

Sambucus nigra

ELDER, introduced,
often near houses and in waste ground.

Lonicera periclymenum

HONEYSUCKLE, planted in gardens,
especially Pierowall.

Succisa pratensis

DEVIL'S-BIT SCABIOUS, common native
in various species-rich habitats.

Cirsium vulgare

SPEAR THISTLE, common native,
normally a weed of cultivation, and waste
ground

C. palustre

MARSH THISTLE, common native,
marsh and tall herb community.

C. arvense

CREEPING THISTLE, quite common
native, weed of cultivation.

Centaurea nigra

HARDHEADS, KNAPWEED, common
native, dry or sandy pastures, links,
roadsides.

Cichorium intybus

CHICORY, introduced,
relict of cultivation.

Hypochaeris radicata

CAT'S-EAR, native,
dryish banks, heaths and grassland.

Leontodon autumnalis

AUTUMNAL HAWKBIT, native,
near the sea but often well inland, roadside
verges etc.

Sonchus arvensis

CORN SOWTHISTLE, native,
seashore, cultivated and waste ground.

S. oleraceus

COMMON SOWTHISTLE, native,
cultivated and waste ground.

S. asper

PRICKLY SOWTHISTLE, native,
cultivated and waste ground, rock crevices.

Taraxacum ssp.

DANDELIONS, common native or
introduced,
very varied, the sub-species are under-
recorded.

T. faeroense

DANDELION, native,
grassy heath and fen.

T. polyodon

DANDELION, rare native,
locality unknown.

Hieracium scoticum

HAWKWEED, rare native.

H. caledonicum

HAWKWEED, rare native.
Antennaria dioica

MOUNTAIN EVERLASTING, CAT'S-FOOT, native, dry short heath, rock
outcrops.

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Inula helenium

ELECAMPANE, Introduced,
waste places, sea banks, often well
naturalised

Solidago virgaurea

GOLDEN-ROD, native,
cliffs, rock outcrops, heath.

Aster tripolium

SEA ASTER, native,
shingly saltmarsh, and sea cliffs; on both
sides of Bay of Tuquoy at Damaquoy and
Tuquoy.

Bellis perennis

DAISY, common native,
short turf and weed of cultivation.

Tanacetum vulgare

TANSY, introduced,
only two sites on Westray, i.e. at Pertglen.

Artemisia vulgaris

MUGWORT, native,
machair and links.



Achillea ptarmica

SNEEZEWORT, native,
swamp and wet meadows, i.e. at
Gairy and Garth.

A. millefolium

YARROW, common native,
well drained, usually near habitations.

Leucanthemum vulgare

OX-EYE DAISY, native?,
grassy banks, roadside verges and old
pasture; formerly found in the old quarry at
Cleat but not seen for a few years. May be
extinct.

Matricaria discoidea

PINEAPPLE WEED, common,
probably first introduced in 1930s with
chicken feed.

Tripleurospermum maritimum

SEA MAYWEED, native,
strandlines, sea cliffs.

Senecio jacobaea x aquaticus

HYBRID RAGWORT, native cultivated and
waste ground,
also invades natural habitats.

S. vulgaris

GROUNDSEL, native,
cultivated and waste ground.

Tussilago farfara

TUSHILAGO, COLT'S-FOOT, native,
cultivated ground, verges, often on clay.

Triglochin palustris

MARSH ARROW-GRASS, native,
fens, swamp, saltmarsh.

T. maritima

SEA ARROW-GRASS, native,
saltmarsh, seashores.

Potomageton polygonifolius

BOG PONDWEED, native,
pools in blanket bog and in hill lochs; at
White Moss.

P. gramineus

VARIOUS-LEAVED PONDWEED, native,
open water, absent from nutrient-rich
lochs.

P. perfoliatus

PERFOLIATE PONDWEED, native,
open water, sometimes fairly deep.

P. freisii

FLAT-STALKED PONDWEED, native,
shallow open water.

P. pusillus

LESSER PONDWEED, native,
open water.

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P. berchtoldii

SMALL PONDWEED, native,
small areas of open water.

P. crispus

CURLED PONDWEED, native,
shallow open water.

P. filiformis

SLENDER PONDWEED, native,
open water except on peat.

P. pectinatus

FENNEL-LEAVED PONDWEED, brackish
open water

Zostera marina

EELGRASS, native,
marine well below low water mark.

Juncus squarrosum

HEATH RUSH, native,
hills and heaths.

J. gerardii

MUD RUSH, native,
saltmarsh, or in turf above high water mark
on shores.

J. bufonius

TOAD RUSH, native,
marsh and saltmarsh.

J. articulatus

JOINTED RUSH, native,
widespread in fens, loch margins.

J. bulbosus

BULBOUS RUSH, native,
wet peat, peaty pools, shallow burns.

J. effusus

SOFT RUSH, native,
marshes.

J. conglomeratus

COMPACT RUSH, native,
marshes.

Luzula sylvatica

GREAT WOODRUSH, native,
increasingly dominant on sea and inland
cliffs.

L. campestris

FIELD WOODRUSH, native,
damp lawns, banks, grassy heath.

L. multiflora

HEATH WOODRUSH, native,
heaths, often difficult to distinguish from
preceding species.

Eriophorum angustifolium

COMMON COTTONGRASS, native,
fens, marshes and ditches.

Trichophorum cespitosum

DEER-GRASS, native,
species-poor heath, blanket bog.

Eleocharis palustris

COMMON SPIKE-RUSH, native,
loch margins and marsh.

E. uniglumis

ONE-GLUMED SPIKE-RUSH, native,
marshes, pools, loch edge.

E. quinqueflora

FEW-FLOWERED SPIKE-RUSH, native
on wet flushes.

Bolboschoenus maritimus

SEA CLUB-RUSH, not seen for many
years at its only Orkney site at the Ayre of
Roadmire.

Schoenus nigricans

BLACK BOG-RUSH, native, basic flushes
and fens.

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Carex arenaria
SAND SEDGE, native,
dunes.

C. maritima
CURVED SEDGE, native,
damp machair, dune slacks.

C. ovalis
OVAL SEDGE, native,
often in neglected pastures.

C. rostrata
BOTTLE SEDGE, native,
slow-moving water, pools.

C. flacca
GLAUCOUS SEDGE, native,
species-rich and maritime heath, fens; at
Backarass.

C. panicea
CARNATION SEDGE, native,
species-poor to maritime heath.

C. binervis
GREEN-RIBBED SEDGE, native,
heath.

C. hostiana
TAWNY SEDGE, native,
fen, damp grassland.

C. viridula ssp oedocarpa
YELLOW SEDGE, native,
wet heath, muddy flushes.

C. nigra
COMMON SEDGE, native,
species-poor heath, peat.

C. pulicaris
FLEA SEDGE, native,
fen, species-rich heath.

Nardus stricta
MAT GRASS, native,
heaths and feldfield.

Festuca arundinacea
TALL FESCUE, introduced,
loch sides and roadsides.

F. rubra
RED FESCUE, native,
everywhere.

F. vivipara
VIVIPAROUS FESCUE, native,
hill, wet heath.

Lolium perenne
PERENNIAL RYEGRASS, native?,
good pasture, verges, lawns.

L. multiflorum
ITALIAN RYEGRASS, introduced,
verges and waste ground.

Cynosurus cristatus
CRESTED DOG'S-TAIL, native,
pasture, banks, verges.

Puccinellia capillaris
COMMON SALTMARSH-GRASS, native,
saltmarsh.

Poa annua
ANNUAL MEADOW-GRASS, native,
abundant.

P. trivialis
ROUGH MEADOW-GRASS, native,
damp pasture, sometimes sown.

P. humilis
SPREADING MEADOW-GRASS, native,
natural pasture, banks, maritime heath.

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Dactylis glomerata

COCKSFOOT, introduced?,
leys, persisting in rough pastures and
roadside verges.

Catabrosa aquatica

WHORL-GRASS, native,
burns in machair or outflows to sandy
seashores.

Glyceria fluitans

FLOATING SWEET-GRASS, native,
ditches, loch margins.

Arrhenatherum elatius

FALSE OAT-GRASS, native?,
old pasture, field margins, verges.

Deschampsia cespitosa

TUFTED HAIR-GRASS, native.

Aira praecox

EARLY HAIR-GRASS, native,
poor soils, dry banks.

Anthoxanthum odoratum

SWEET VERNAL-GRASS, native,
old grassland, species-rich heath, banks.

Phalaris arundinacea

REED CANARY-GRASS, native fen and
swamp.

Agrostis capillaris

COMMON BENT, native, pasture, maritime
heath.

A. gigantea

BLACK BENT, not native?,
waste ground.

A. stolonifera

CREEPING BENT, native,
damp pasture, fen.

A. canina

VELVET BENT, native,
permanent pasture.

Ammophila arenaria

MARRAM, native,
dunes.

Alopecurus geniculatus

MARSH FOXTAIL, native,
wet pasture.

Phleum pratense

TIMOTHY, introduced,
persistent relict of cultivation.

Elytrigia repens

COUCH, native,
waste and cultivated ground.

E. juncea

SAND COUCH, native,
outer dune margins.

Leymus arenarius

LYME GRASS, native,
sand dunes.

Danthonia decumbens

HEATH GRASS, native,
heaths, dry grassy banks.

Molinia caerulea

PURPLE MOOR-GRASS, native,
various types of heath.

Phragmites australis

REED, native,
fen, open water, marsh, i.e. Roadmire.

Narthecium ossifragum

BOG ASPHODEL, native,
common in late summer on the western
maritime heath; plentiful in August on Fitty
Hill.

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Scilla verna

SPRING SQUILL, native,
good displays above the western cliffs and
Noup Head.

Iris pseudacorus

YELLOW FLAG, SEGS,
native, marshes, lochs, ditches, burns.

Dactylorhiza maculata ssp ericetorum

MOORLAND SPOTTED ORCHID, native,
maritime heath and hills.

D. purpurella

NORTHERN FEN ORCHID, marsh,
roadside verges, grassy banks.