

Countryside Survey 1978: vegetation plot data, Great Britain

Dataset Documentation

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File details:

- *Countryside Survey vegetation species, recorded from plots in 1978 (and 1977). Dataset consists of two files, one containing information concerning the plot, the other listing the species found in the plot. Columns found in the files are listed below; refer to Field Handbook 1978 for further details.*

Vegetation Plot - Plot Information 1978.csv columns:

YEAR (number) - Year of Survey

SQUARE_ID (text) - Square identifier

PLOT_ID (text) - Plot identifier

PLOT_TYPE (text) - Type of plot

COUNTRY (text) - England (ENG), Scotland (SCO) or Wales (WAL)

ENV_ZONE_2007 (number) - Environmental Zone number (see reference below) (2007 version)

EZ_DESC_07 (text) - Environmental Zone description (2007 version)

Vegetation Plot - Species List 1978.csv columns:

YEAR (number) - Survey Year

SQUARE_ID (text) - Survey square identifier

PLOT_ID (text) - Plot identifier

AMALG_PTYPE (text) - Plot type

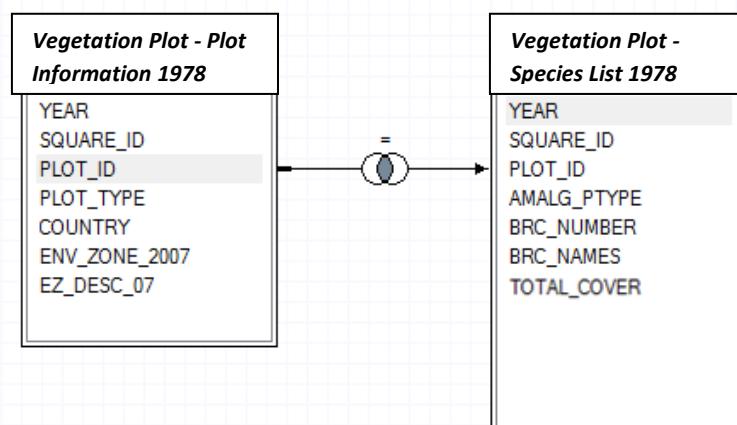
BRC_NUMBER (number) - Species identifier

BRC_NAMES (text) - Species name

TOTAL_COVER (number) - Percent cover in whole plot

Note: Species nomenclature follows Stace, C. (1997). New flora of the British Isles. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

Relationship between tables:



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Relevant Publications & References

Title	Comment	Link
• Countryside Survey Website	General overview of Countryside Survey project with links to many relevant documents and methodologies.	http://www.countrysidesurvey.org.uk/
• Carey, P.D., Wallis, S., Chamberlain, P.M., Cooper, A., Emmett, B.A., Maskell, L.C., McCann, T., Murphy, J., Norton, L.R., Reynolds, B., Scott, W.A., Simpson, I.C., Smart, S.M., Ulliyett, J.M.. (2008) Countryside Survey: UK Results from 2007 . NERC/Centre for Ecology & Hydrology	Report explains background to dataset and project.	
• Countryside Survey Environmental Zones	Areas of Great Britain, zoned using environmental characteristics	http://eidchub.ceh.ac.uk/metadata/0cf454a-d035-416c-80dc-803c65470ea2 http://eidchub.ceh.ac.uk/metadata/0cf454a-d035-416c-80dc-803c65470ea2/data_documentation_envzones/view
• Field Handbook 1978 Grange-over-Sands, UK, NERC/Institute of Terrestrial Ecology	Field survey handbook	http://eidchub.ceh.ac.uk/metadata/67bbfab-d981-4ced-b7e7-225205de9c96/field-handbook-1978/view