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SUMMARY

- 1 Methods for identifying biogeographical zones in Scotland were developed in a pilot study and applied to the liverworts. This report describes the extension of the work to other groups and the integration of the results to produce a set of zones based on all groups. The work was jointly funded by the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology and Scottish Natural Heritage.
- 2 Species distribution data and environmental data for 10km squares were used in the study. Species data were obtained for seven groups of organisms (breeding birds, diurnal insects, molluscs, two randomly selected groups of vascular plants, mosses and liverworts). The environmental data included twelve climate variables, three altitude variables and the percentage of sea in the square.
- 3 Each of the species groups was analysed seperately. Data were analysed by detrended canonical correspondence analysis, and ten zones were defined by k-means clustering of the resulting 4-axis ordination, defined by linear combinations of environmental variables. The groups of 4-axis ordinations were combined in one file consisting of 24 axes. K-means clustering was employed to create 10 groups from the 24 axes. The similarity of the zones based on all groups to those for individual groups was assessed by a simple similarity index. Characteristic species were identified for each zone by calculating the contribution of each species to a contingency table chi-square.
- 4 Biogeographical zones based on all groups are mapped and briefly described. Ten characteristic species are identified for each zone and their distribution in Scotland is mapped. The mean and range of environmental variables in each zone is tabulated.
- 5 Biogeographical zones are mapped for the individual species groups studied. The similarity index values are tabulated to give a measure of the similarity of the zones to those recognised for all groups, and the position of the zones on the first two axes of the ordination is plotted to provide a measure of their resemblance to each other. Five characteristic species are identified for each zone.
- 6 There is a broad correspondence between the results of the analysis for different groups. Some of the differences appear to result from biological differences between the groups and others from the fact that similar areas are apportioned in different ways for different groups. The results are least satisfactory for areas where the smaller species groups have low diversity.

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1 INTRODUCTION

In this report we demonstrate that the method that we developed in an earlier report (Carey *et al.* 1993) to identify biogeographic zones in Scotland using liverwort distributions was applicable to other taxonomic groups. We also demonstrate that biogeographic zones for Scotland can be produced by combining the biogeographic zones of different taxonomic groups. The work has been jointly funded by the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology and Scotlish Natural Heritage.

2 OBJECTIVES

1 Define biogeographic zones for 6 taxonomic groups:

breeding birds diurnal insects molluscs vascular plants mosses liverworts

- 2 Identify indicator species of each zone in each taxonomic group.
- 3 Define biogeographic zones for Scotland by combining the results from the 6 different taxonomic groups.
- 4 Identify the indicator species in those zones.
- 5 Identify the environmental parameters typical of each zone.

3 AVAILABILITY OF DATA

Species distribution data

The distribution data used are held by the Biological Records Centre as tables in the ORACLE database management system. The 10km squares of the National Grid provide an appropriate scale for this analysis, and records in the database were therefore extracted as 10km square summaries. The species of each taxonomic group used in the analysis are given in Appendix 1. All records of these taxa were taken into account, irrespective of date. Data were exported from the database in Cornell condensed format.

Distribution data were extracted for the following taxonomic groups. Unless stated, all available Scottish records from the group were used to define the zones.

Birds: breeding bird data. Coastal species were excluded to avoid an undue bias towards the coastal zone.

Diurnal insects: data for Lepidoptera, Orthoptera and Odonata were combined to give a group of diurnal insects.

Molluscs.

Vascular plants: two randomly selected groups of 200 native or long-established vascular plants were used in the analysis. The species for the second group were selected from those vascular plants which had not been selected for the first group, so the groups do not have any species in common.

Mosses: a randomly selected group of 200 mosses was used in the analysis. Liverworts.

The data for birds and molluscs are those mapped by Sharrock (1976) and Kerney (1976) respectively; those for liverworts and mosses are those mapped by Hill, Preston & Smith (1991, 1992, 1994) with minor updates; those for Lepidoptera are those mapped by Heath, Pollard & Thomas (1984) with minor updates; those for Odonata and Orthoptera are those datasets assembled for publication in forthcoming atlases; earlier distribution maps of these taxa have been published by Marshall & Haes (1988) and Hammond (1983) respectively. The data for vascular plants are based on those published by Perring & Walters (1962) but have been extensively updated.

Environmental data

In the pilot study (Carey et al. 1993) we indicated that the climate data set we had used was on an unsatisfactory 40km grid. For this study we were able to use twelve variables from a new 10km climate data set for the period 1961-1990 provided by the Meteorological Office via the Climate Research Unit under the Terrestrial Initiative in Global Environmental Research (TIGER). Three altitude variables and the percentage of sea in the 10km square were taken from the Natlac database (Ball, Radford & Williams 1983). The sixteen variables used in the analysis were:

Mean minimum January temperature at low altitude Mean minimum January temperature at high altitude Mean maximum July temperature at low altitude Mean maximum July temperature at high altitude Mean annual precipitation at low altitude Mean annual precipitation at high altitude Mean total number of sunshine hours per year at low altitude Mean total number of sunshine hours per year at high altitude Mean average relative humidity at low altitude Mean average relative humidity at high altitude Mean number of rain days per year at low altitude Mean number of rain days per year at high altitude High spot (in metres) Mean altitude (in metres) Low spot (in metres) Percentage of sea in square

The low altitude and high altitude values are for the lowest and highest altitudes in the 10km square.

4 METHODS

Stage 1: Detrended canonical correspondence analysis (DCCA)

Each 10km square was classified according to whether it was well recorded or underrecorded. Squares with fewer than 10% of the total number of species in the taxonomic group were assigned to the under-recorded category and given a notional weight of 0.001 (effectively zero) in the subsequent analysis. Of the total of 1125 10km squares, 1050 were well recorded squares for birds, 718 were well recorded squares for diurnal insects, 546 were well recorded squares for liverworts, 620 were well recorded squares for molluscs, 649 were well recorded squares for mosses, 1002 were well recorded squares for vascular plants (set 1) and 992 were well recorded squares for vascular plant (set 2). In order to ensure that every square had at least one species, a dummy species was added to the analysis. This was also given weight 0.001.

The data were then analyzed by DCCA with detrending by segments (Ter Braak 1986,1988) and the 4-axis environmental ordination was used in further analysis. Effectively, the species data were used to "train" the environmental analysis in a very similar way to that used in multiple discriminant analysis (also known as canonical variates analysis). In that case a disjoint partition of the data is used to derive discriminant functions which predict the given partition as well as possible. In this case, canonical variables are derived so as to predict the occurrence of species as well as possible.

Because environmental data were available for all squares, the further analysis was not restricted to those squares which were well recorded for species. The squares with good data were used to select new, derived environmental variables, but these variables were well-defined for all squares.

Stage 2: k-means clustering

The 4-axis ordination obtained in stage 1 was clustered to 10 groups by a k-means (minimum variance) clustering algorithm, using a computer program written by Moss (1985). The hierarchical clustering used in the pilot study proved uncessary in this study as the 10 groups obtained by k-means clustering were usually more or less contiguous. The separation of the ten groups was demonstrated by plotting the position of each group in two dimensional space with principal axis 1 as one dimension and principal axis 2 as the second dimension. Groups are, of course, also separated by the third and fourth axis but these are less significant and have been omitted for simplicity. Groups appearing close together will be similar whilst those well separated will not. Our aim in this study was to get groups which were well separated.

A dissection algorithm such as k-means clustering will always produce clusters; for k-means the number of clusters is specified in advance. The fact these clusters can be defined numerically does not guarantee that they are in any way "real", nor that their boundaries correspond to discontinuities in the data. Indeed, for some initial configurations (e.g. for raisins in a fruit cake), there may be multiple optima for k-means clustering. So far as we know, the clusterings derived here did not have multiple optima. However, even without this possibility, relatively small differences in the configuration of points in ordination space can produce discontinuous changes in the resulting classifications. Thus, the fact that a given class appears different when derived from differing ordinations does not guarantee that the ordinations are themselves markedly different. The correct way to study differences between ordinations is by Procrustes analysis (Digby & Kempton 1987, Chapter 4), not by comparing clusterings that are based on them.

Stage 3: reporting on characteristic species

The "characteristicness" of a species was graded according to its contribution to the contingency-table chi-square. Specifically, for a given species and class, its observed frequency in the group, o, is compared with its expected frequency e, which is defined as its frequency in the non-zero-weighted squares (its observed value o is also restricted to non-zero-weighted squares). Then the preference

$$P=(o-e)^*$$
 abs $(o-e)/e$

which is related to X the contribution to chi-square by the relation

X=abs(np)

where n is the number of non-zero-weighted squares in the class. note that this chi-square is calculated just for the presences and absences of the given species in the 10 classes, and is not the chi-square for the two-way contingency-table consisting of the occurrence of all species in all classes. The reason for using P rather than X is that P does not depend on the group size and can therefore be used to compare the degree of preference of species to large and small groups.

The ten species with the highest preference index were selected as the characteristic species for the zones based on all taxonomic groups, provided that they were present in at least 10% of the 10km squares in that zone. The five species with the highest preference index have been chosen as the characteristic species for the zones based on a single taxonomic group, irrespective of their frequency in that zone. All the moss species in Scotland have been used to select the characteristic species of the moss zones and the zones based on all taxonomic groups, even though these zones were defined using a sample of 200 mosses. The characteristic species of the two sets of zones based on vascular plants were drawn solely from the species used to define those zones; both groups of 200 species were pooled to provide characteristic species for the zones based on all taxonomic groups.

Stage 4: k-means clustering to create biogeographic zones based on all taxonomic groups

The six groups of 4-axis ordinations were combined into one file consisting of 24 axes (only one of the two sets of vascular plants was selected for this file). K-means clustering was employed to create 10 groups from the 24 axes.

Stage 5: reporting on the charactieristic species of each zone

The same method that was used in stage 3 was employed to determine the characteristic species of each zone of the amalgamated map. Each taxonomic group was analysed separately and the ten species with the highest preference for each zone and a frequency in that zone of at least 10% were chosen, irrespective of taxonomic group. The species with low frequencies

were eliminated as there are usually numerous species with a high preference for each zone and it is is more realistic to list characteristic species with a high frequency rather than extreme rarities with a marginally higher preference index. The species excluded on these grounds are noted in the text below.

Stage 6: testing the similarity between zones from each taxonomic group with zones from all taxonomic groups

A simple Pascal program was created to test the similarity between the biogeographic zones for each taxonomic group and the final biogeographic zones created from all groups. The similarity index S was calculated:

$$S = 2C/(a_1 + a_2)$$

where C is the number of 10km squares in common between zone a_1 and zone a_2 . The index S which varies from 0 (no similarity) to 1 (identical) was calculated for each pairwise interaction between the ten zones of a taxonomic group and the ten zones of the map created from all the taxonomic groups to give a total of 100 values for each table.

5 LIST OF THE ZONES

The ten zones defined from a combination of all taxonomic groups have been numbered 1.0, 2.0, 3.0 etc. In most cases the zones defined in the analyses of individual taxonomic groups can be equated with one of the zones and they have therefore been given the same number. In some cases a zone defined for a particular taxonomic group is clearly not equivalent to one of the main zones; these have been numbered 1.1, 2.1 etc. where 1.0, 2.0 etc. are the most similar zones derived from the analysis of all groups. For example, a Southern Inland zone defined for diurnal insects has been numbered 2.1 as it is related to the High Southern Upland and Highland Fringe zone (2.0) defined for all taxonomic groups.

The zones are listed below; those recognised in the analysis of all taxonomic groups are in bold. Each zone has been allocated a particular colour which is used on all the maps on which it appears.

1.0 Central Highland zone

- 1.1 Western Highland and Southern Upland zone
- 1.2 Southern Upland and Eastern Upland zone
- 2.0 High Southern Upland and Highland Fringe zone
- 2.1 Southern Inland zone
- 3.0 Western Mainland zone
- 3.1 Western Mainland (East) zone
- 4.0 Northern Isles zone
- 5.0 Western Isles zone
- 6.0 Southern Isles zone
- 7.0 Caithness and Sutherland zone
- 8.0 Buchan zone
- 8.1 East coast zone
- 9.0 Southern Lowland zone
- 10.0 Southern Coast zone
- 10.1 Galloway zone

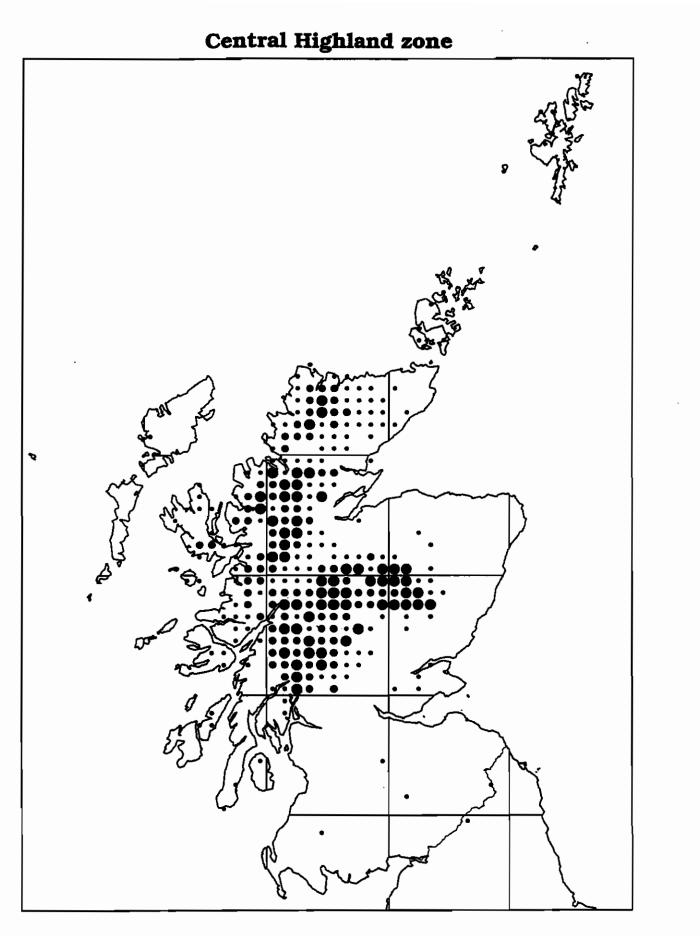
6 ZONES DEFINED ON THE BASIS OF ALL GROUPS

The zones are mapped on the accompanying map. Each of the zones is described briefly below. The characteristic species of each zone are also tabulated together with their preference index and their frequency in the 10km squares of the zone. Species which have not been selected as characteristic species solely because of their low frequency in the zone are noted. The environmental data for the zones are summarised in two tables.

1.0 Central Highland zone

This zone has a substantially higher mean altitude than the others and is characterised by birds, vascular plants and bryophytes associated with the alpine zone. The characteristic species vary from those such as <u>Salix lapponum</u> which are found in the mountains but do not reach the highest altitudes, to those like Ptarmigan and <u>Juncus trifidus</u> which are typical of higher and more windswept ground; the three bryophytes in the list are particularly characteristic of late snow-beds. All the species are confined to Scotland in Britain or are much commoner there than elsewhere; none are found in Ireland. They all have arctic-alpine distributions in Europe.

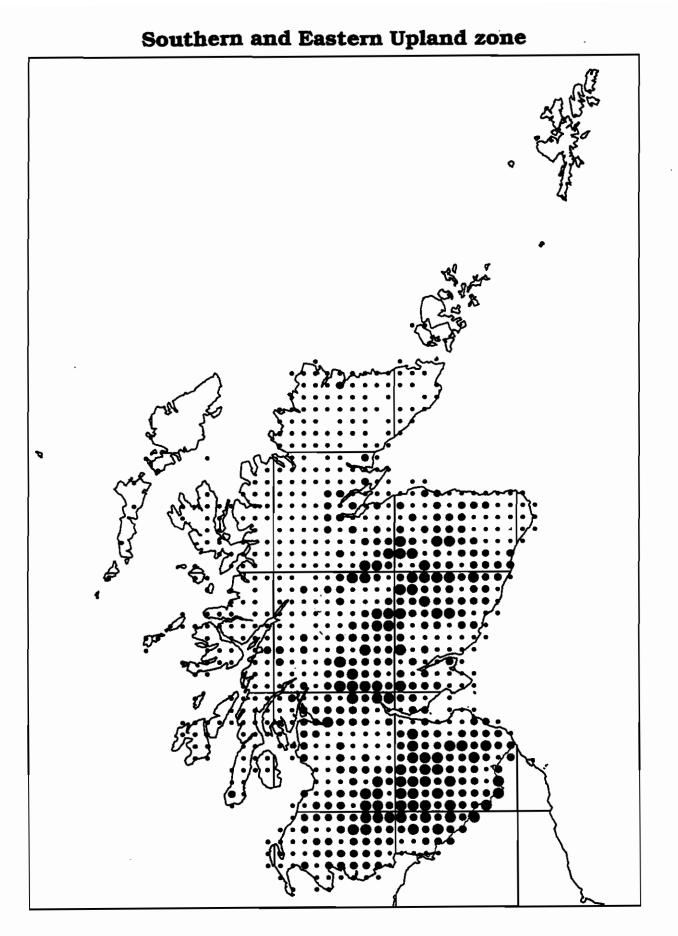
Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Salix lapponum Lagopus mutus Ptarmigat Gnaphalium supinum Loiseleuria procumbens Vaccinium uliginosum Kiaeria starkei Moerckia blyttii Betula nana Juncus trifidus Pohlia ludwigii	3.05 2.81 2.52 2.50 2.43 2.43 2.43 2.41 2.40 2.35 2.20	63 91 76 74 82 50 51 65 74 46



2.0 High Southern Upland and Highland Fringe zone

This is primarily a zone of upland but not alpine country. The preference index values are lower than those of any other zone, suggesting that the area is defined as much by the species that are absent from it as by those that are present. The most characteristic species, Black Grouse, has a strong affinity with this zone even when its distribution in the British Isles as a whole is considered, and the Capercaillie and <u>Sedum villosum</u> are similarly associated with the Southern Uplands and the eastern highlands respectively. The remaining species are a rather heterogeneous group which includes widespread upland taxa (Ring Ouzel, <u>Viola lutea</u>) and species which are widespread in England but have an eastern distribution in Scotland (Grey Partridge, Orange Tip, <u>Pimpinella saxifraga</u>).

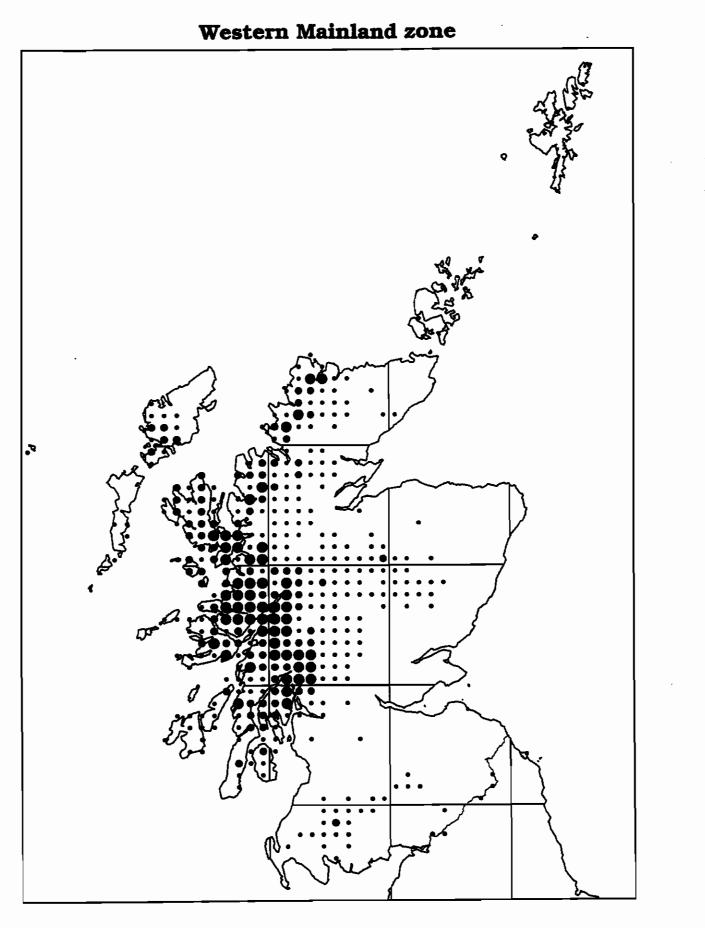
Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Tetrao tetrix Sedum villosum Viola lutea Pimpinella saxifraga Perdix perdix Turdus torquatus Galium uliginosum Dicranum spurium Anthocharis cardamines Tetrao urogallus	Black Grouse Grey Partridge Ring Ouzel Orange Tip Capercaillie	0.63 0.59 0.48 0.41 0.35 0.31 0.28 0.28 0.28 0.28 0.27	91 48 55 61 86 82 53 14 46 39



3.0 Western Mainland zone

This western zone is an area of high relief and high rainfall. It is primarily a mainland zone but it also includes much of Skye and the mountains on Mull and Arran. Eight of the characteristic species are bryophytes, which (unlike the other taxonomic groups included in the analysis) become more numerous and ecologically more significant in the north and west. The bryophytes range from those which are widespread in western Europe (e.g. <u>Hylocomium brevirostre</u>) to those with strictly Atlantic distributions (e.g. <u>Leptoscyphus cuneifolius</u>). The two remaining species are the Chequered Skipper, which rather surprisingly in view of its somewhat continental distribution in Europe has its only remaining colonies in the British Isles in this area, and the Ptarmigan, which descends to lower levels in this area than in the more easterly mountains.

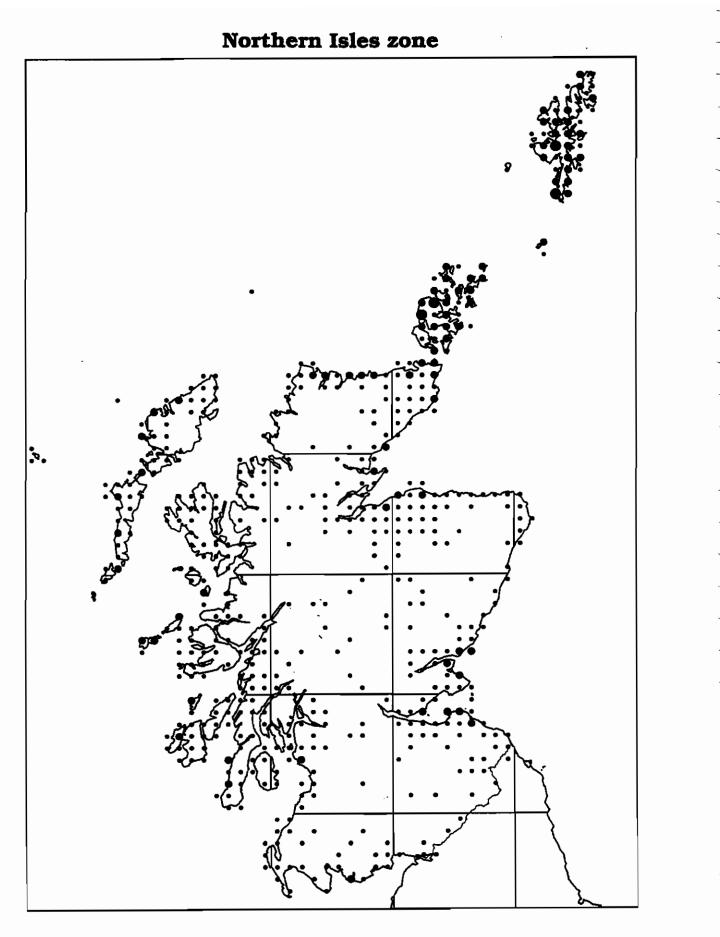
Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Leptoscyphus cuneifolius Carterocephalus palaemon Lagopus mutus Hylocomium brevirostre Herbertus aduncus Hylocomium umbratum Sphagnum strictum Sematophyllum micans Rhabdoweisia crenulata Plagiochila punctata	Chequered Skipper Ptarmigan	0.94 0.83 0.83 0.81 0.81 0.77 0.74 0.74 0.74 0.73 0.71	52 18 58 86 70 72 55 25 36 86



4.0 Northern Isles zone

This zone encompasses most of Orkney and Shetland, as well as a few outlying squares on the north coast of Scottish mainland. Much the most characteristic species is <u>Scilla verna</u>, which is frequent and locally abundant in short, dry coastal heath. The remaining species are an ecologically diverse group, including other species of dry coastal habitats (<u>Pupilla</u> <u>muscorum</u>, <u>Cerastium diffusum</u>, <u>Leymus arenarius</u>), birds and bryophytes of heathland and moorland (Whimbrel, <u>Campylopus brevipilus</u> and <u>Kurzia sylvatica</u>), a moss of wet ground (<u>Pseudobryum cinclidioides</u>), an aquatic plant (<u>Ranunculus baudotii</u>) and a weed (<u>Lamium</u> <u>confertum</u>). Only three of these species (Whimbrel, <u>Lamium confertum</u> and <u>Pseudobryum</u> <u>cinclidioides</u>) have northern distributions in the British Isles as a whole.

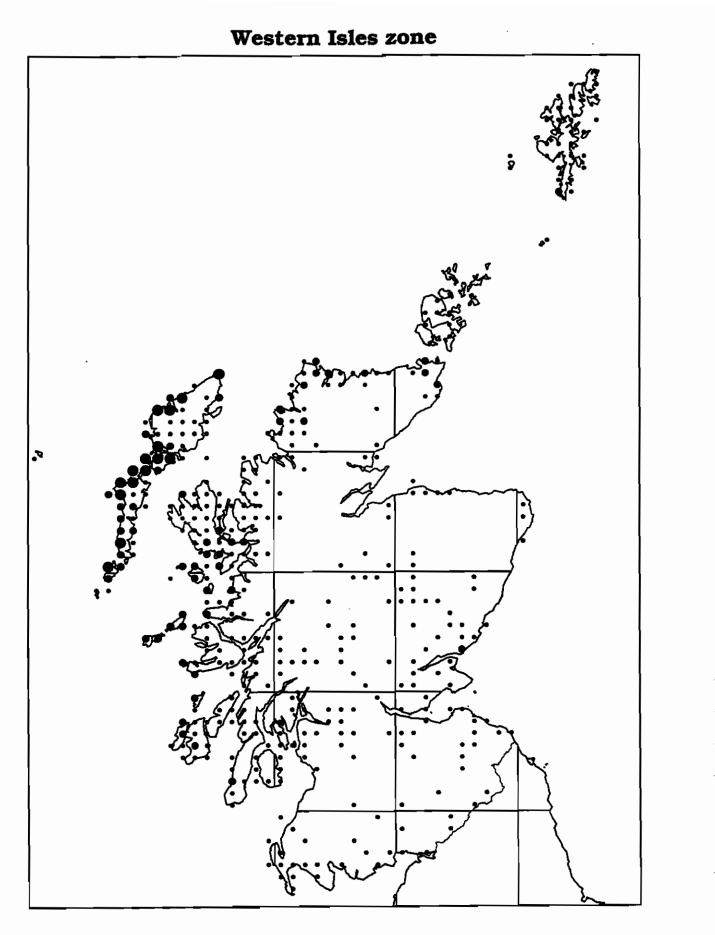
Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Scilla verna	'himbrel	5.28	90
Campylopus brevipilus		1.79	78
Numenius phaeopus		1.35	32
Pupilla muscorum		1.33	36
Kurzia sylvatica		1.13	33
Ranunculus baudotii		0.89	31
Pseudobryum cinclidioides		0.83	26
Leymus arenarius		0.81	48
Lamium confertum		0.80	59
Cerastium diffusum		0.74	81



5.0 Western Isles zone

The Western Isles zone not only encompasses the whole of the Outer Hebrides but also includes N.W. Skye and a few scattered squares elsewhere on the Atlantic fringe. The two most characteristic species are the mosses <u>Campylopus shawii</u> and <u>Myurium hochstetteri</u> (formerly <u>M. hebridarum</u>) which are much more frequent in the Outer Hebrides than elsewhere in the British Isles, unknown in mainland Europe but which are also found in Macaronesia (and, in the case of <u>C. shawii</u>, the Caribbean Islands!). Four of the remaining species, two molluscs (<u>Cochlicella acuta</u> and <u>Helicella itala</u>) and two mosses (<u>Amblyodon dealbatus</u> and <u>Distichium inclinatum</u>) are calcicoles which in the Hebrides are confined to coastal sands, and highlight the importance of this habitat.

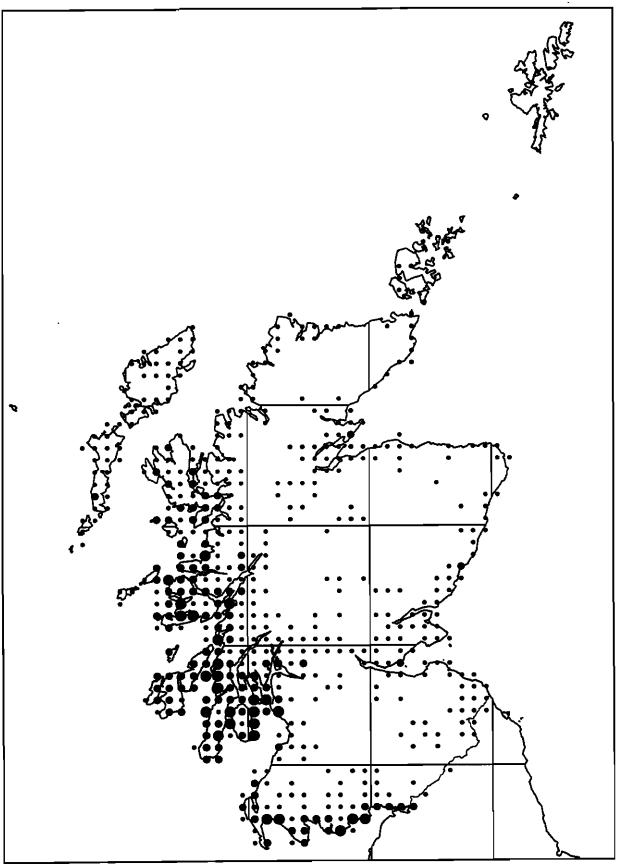
Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Campylopus shawii	5.08	71
Myurium hochstetteri	4.99	63
Cochlicella acuta	4.00	77
Helicella itala	2.87	73
Fumaria bastardii	1.32	35
Osmunda regalis	1.16	54
Campylopus brevipilus	1.08	66
Amblyodon dealbatus	1.03	34
Distichium inclinatum	0.98	31
Drepanocladus aduncus	0.90	60



6.0 Southern Isles zone

This zone includes most of the Inner Hebrides, including lowland Arran, Islay, Jura, lowland Mull, Coll, and Tiree; it also covers the adjacent mainland including the whole of Kintyre. Although most of Skye lies outwith it, the zone does extend in a narrow fringe along the mainland coast north of Skye as far as Point of Stoer. With the possible exception of <u>Aster tripolium</u>, all the characteristic species are more frequent in England and Wales than Scotland and it is interesting to note that at least five occur inland in England but in Scotland are confined to coastal habitats (<u>Umbilicus rupestris</u>, <u>Oenanthe lachenalii</u>, <u>Scutellaria minor</u>, <u>Eupatorium cannabinum</u> and Grayling). The predominantly southern affinities of this group are further demonstrated by the fact that no less than six of the ten characteristic species reach the northern limit of their world distribution on the west coast of Scotland (<u>Umbilicus rupestris</u>, <u>Oenenthe lachenalii</u>, <u>Scutellaria minor</u>, <u>Jubula hutchinsiae</u>, <u>Juncus maritimus</u> and <u>Marchesinia mackaii</u>).

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Umbilicus rupestris	1.57	34
Oenanthe lachenalii	0.96	33
Aster tripolium	0.93	68
Scutellaria minor	0.91	41
Jubula hutchinsiae	0.87	37
Eupatorium cannabinum	0.84	50
Juncus maritimus	0.78	30
Scutellaria galericulata	0.77	85
Hipparchia semele Grayling	0.66	69
Marchesinia mackaii	0.66	43

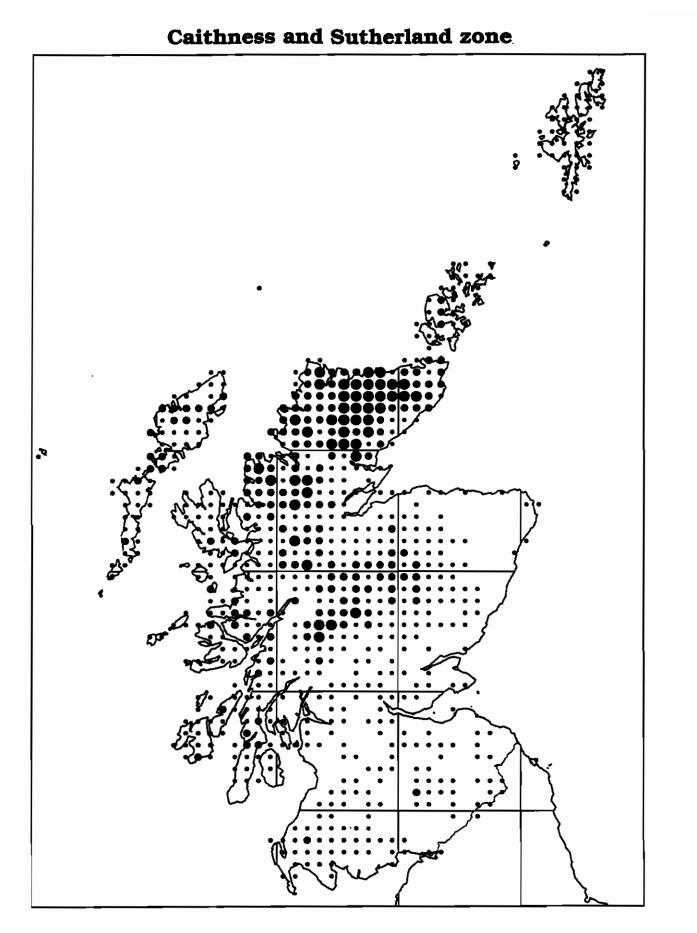


7.0 Caithness and Sutherland zone

This zone includes the peat-covered lowlands of N.E. Scotland, including the 'Flow Country'. The characteristic bird species are waders which breed on open moorland (Greenshank, Dunlin) or waterfowl of moorland lochs and streams (Black-throated Diver, Red-throated Diver, Wigeon). Not surprisingly in this area of extensive peatland, two of the characteristic species are sphagna found on deep peat-bogs; <u>Betula nana</u> is also a plant of peatland. The two remaining characteristic species have a different ecology: <u>Ajuga pyramidalis</u> is a plan of well-drained, species-rich heathland and <u>Bryum violaceum</u> is a weed of disturbed soil. The presence of the latter as a characteristic species of this zone probably reflects recording bias rather than ecological reality: the species was only described in 1963 and almost all the records from the area were made in Caithness on a British Bryological Society meeting when one member paid particular attention to the mosses of oatfields (Long 1975).

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Ajuga pyramidalis Tringa nebularia Greenshank Sphagnum imbricatum Sphagnum fuscum Gavia arctica Black-throated Diver Betula nana Bryum violaceum Gavia stellata Red-throated Diver Anas penelope Wigeon Calidris alpina Dunlin	1.17 1.15 1.03 0.91 0.74 0.53 0.52 0.48 0.47 0.41	40 77 65 59 37 18 67 52 73

Petalophyllum ralfsii (preference index 0.73) and Brachythecium erythrorrhizon (preference index 0.50) were excluded from the above table because of their low frequency (4% and 3% respectively).



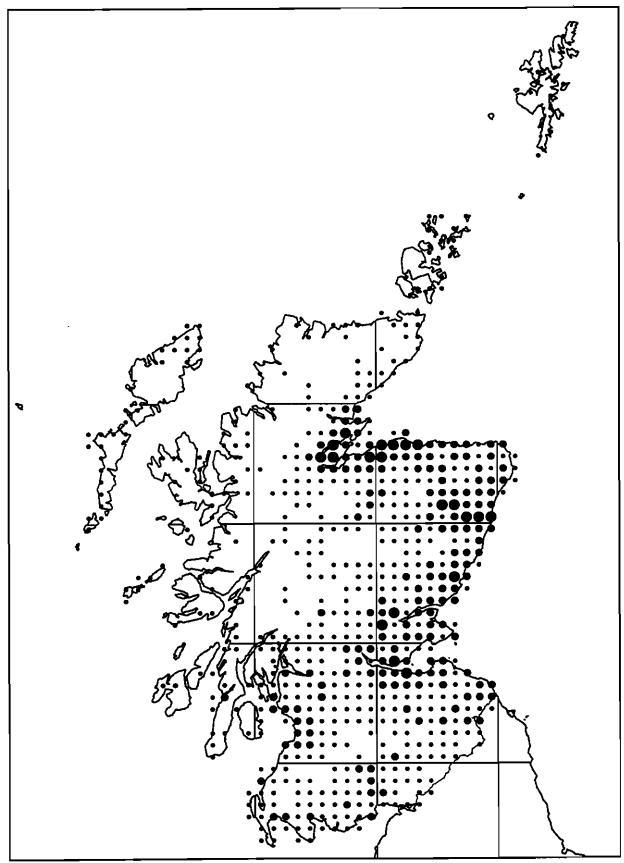
8.0 Buchan zone

This resembles the Caithness and Sutherland zone in being a low-lying eastern area but differs in that there are no extensive peatlands. The land-use is predominantly agricultural, with arable land predominating in many areas. Three of the four most characteristic species have a preference for farmland: Corn Bunting, Magpie and the arable weed <u>Centaurea cyanus</u>. Most of the records of <u>Centaurea cyanus</u> are old as the species has declined markedly in this area, as in other parts of the British Isles. More recently the Corn Bunting has also declined in this area, as elsewhere (Gibbons, Reid & Chapman 1993). These species are all more frequent in England than in Scotland, as are the three characteristic species which are coastal plants in this area although they occur inland elsewhere (Vicia lathyroides, Tortella inclinata and <u>Pottia intermedia</u>). Two of the other characteristic species, however, have boreal-montane and somewhat continental distributions (Linnaea borealis and Capercaillie); this is also true of <u>Orthotrichum obtusifolium</u>.

Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Miliaria calandra Linnaea borealis Pica pica Centaurea cyanus Symphytum tuberosur Senecio sylvaticus Vicia lathyroides Tortella inclinata Tetrao urogallus Pottia intermedia	Corn Bunting Magpie n Capercaillie	1.12 0.88 0.83 0.80 0.78 0.70 0.68 0.68 0.67 0.65	95 37 73 33 76 77 31 10 51 19

Orthotrichum obtusifolium (preference index 0.77) was excluded from the above table because of its low frequency (6%).

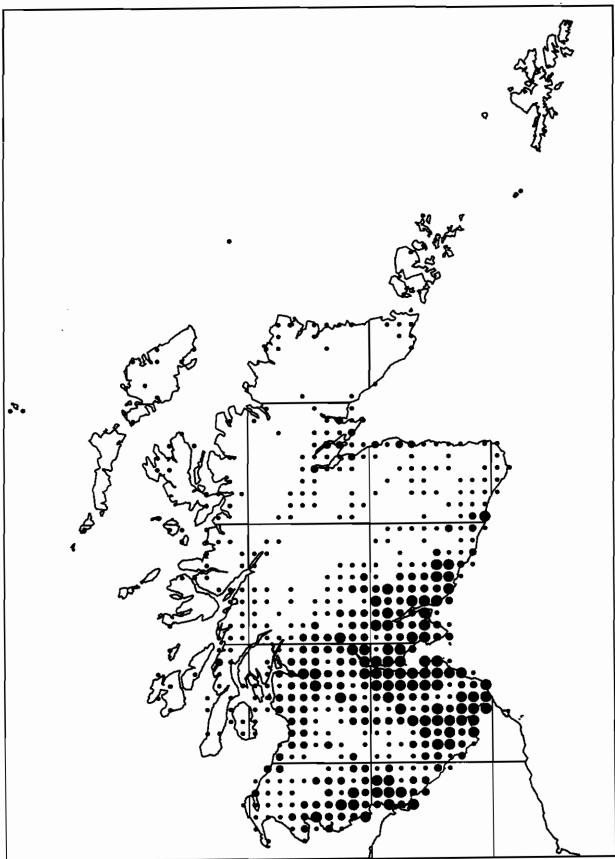
Buchan zone



9.0 Southern lowland zone

This zone and the next are two zones characterised by high July temperatures, high sunshine totals and low rainfall. The characteristic species of both zones have predominantly southerly distributions in Britain, and they tend to be frequent or even common in England and Wales. Some of the species characteristic of the Southern Lowland zone have a distinctly eastern bias, becoming rare in south-west England and west Wales (e.g. Tree Sparrow, Lophocolea heterophylla) but others are as frequent in the west as they are in the east (e.g. Garden Warbler, Alisma plantago-aquatica).

Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Picus viridis Alisma plantago-aquati Podiceps cristatus Sylvia borin Lophocolea heterophyll Juncus inflexus Rorippa palustris Passer montanus Alliaria petiolata Tragopogon pratensis	Great Crested Grebe Garden Warbler	1.55 1.19 1.09 1.09 1.01 1.00 1.00 0.98 0.92 0.90	68 73 44 84 65 46 48 85 70 51



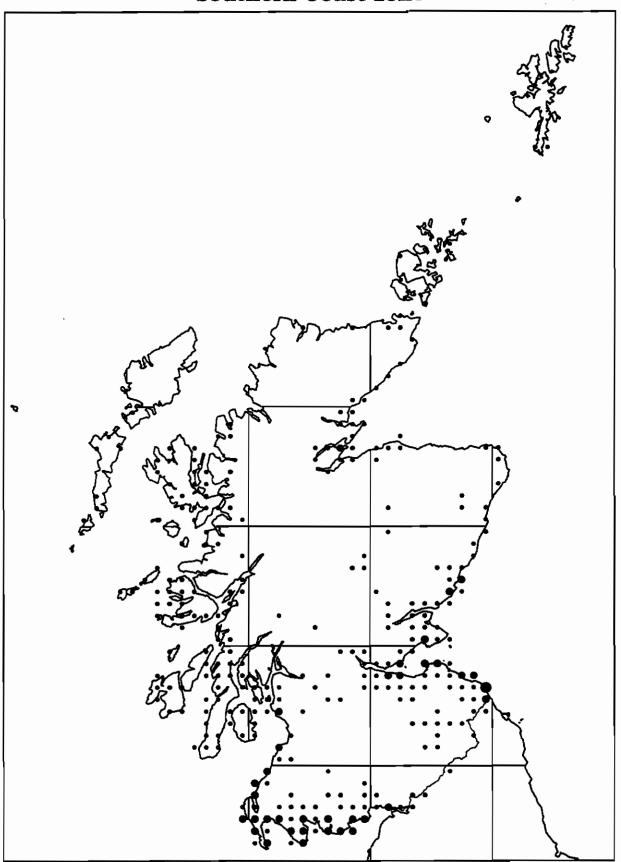
10.0 Southern Coast zone

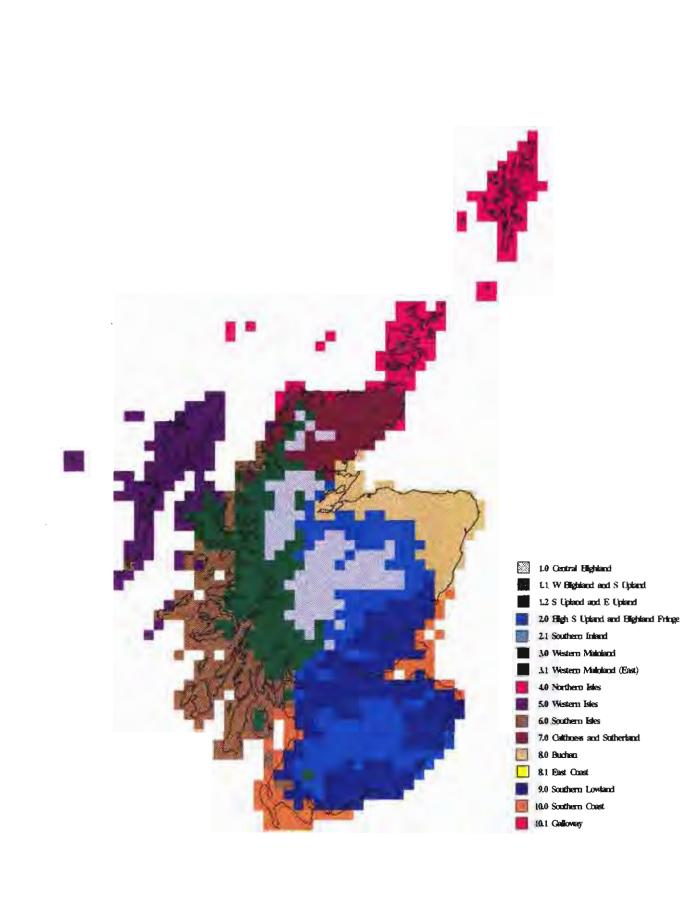
As mentioned under the previous zone, this is one of two warm zones characterised by high July temperatures. The most significant environmental difference between this and the preceding zone is perhaps the higher January minimum temperature. The characteristic species of this zone include some which are coastal throughout their British range (Crambe maritima, Euphorbia paralias, Limonium vulgare) and others which are not particularly coastal in England and Wales but tend to become increasingly so further north (Fissidens incurvus, Lasiommata megera, Eupatorium cannabinum).

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Fissidens incurvus Crambe maritima Geranium sanguineum Pottia lanceolata Euphorbia paralias Limonium vulgare Lasiommata megera Wall Eupatorium cannabinum Candidula intersecta Pottia davalliana	4.05 3.82 3.78 3.13 2.70 2.62 2.54 2.50 2.36 2.36	29 36 61 35 12 18 59 76 76 76 29

Erodium maritimum (preference index 2.54) was excluded from the above table because of its low frequency (9%).







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Scottish Biogeographical Zones

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Mean minimum	mean	-1.0	-4.6	-2.8	-2.3	0.8	0.9	0.9	-0.6	-0.7	-0.8	1.1
January temperature (*C)	range	-7.0-3.4	-7.02.1	-5.20.1	-5.7-0.6	-0.9-2.5	-1.9-3.4	-0.8-3.1	-3.1-0.8	-2.5-1.0	-2.6-1.1	-0.2-2.7
Mean maximum	mean	14.4	11.6	14.5	12.3	13.7	14.1	14.8	13.5	16.0	16.7	17.0
July temperature (°C)	range	8.7–18.9	9.5-13.9	11.916.6	8.7-15.1	11.4–15.6	10.2-16.2	10.8–16.8	9.1-15.5	14.3-17.7	13.4~18.9	15.1-18.4
Mean annual	mean	1667	2376	1647	2839	1199	1747	1655	1426	927	1243	1002
precipitation (mm)	range	552-3896	1322-3838	1048-2839	1746–3896	766-1669	748-2680	952-3123	842-2513	552-1316	646-2469	589-1673
Mean total no. of	mean	1088	795	1059	860	1062	1194	1166	1061	1211	1232	1383
sunshine hours per year	range	595-1476	600-1066	785-1224	595-1137	879-1220	937-1400	971-1341	849-1211	947-1368	1071-1427	7 1252-1476
Mean average relative	mean	89	91	90	93	89	90	90	89	86	87	86
humidity (%)	Fange	82-96	88-94	8795	87-96	86-93	87-96	8595	86-93	83-88	83-95	82-91
Mean number of rain	mean	270	329	274	326	264	283	269	273	220	228	204
days per year	range	167-360	284-352	227-334	279-360	229-311	232-341	220–326	231-337	191-258	170-289	167244
High spot (metres)	mean	440	979	637	757	147	231	297	398	232	319	127
	range	3-1344	671-1309	356-1083	269-1344	5-479	3-812	3-785	62-961	10-494	4-701	4-319
Mean altitude (metres)	mean	202	542	337	299	58	76	115	166	232	138	61
	range	31-882	313–882	113-553	115-532	31-268	31-358	31-336	31-319	10-494	31-326	31-162

Mean and range of environmental variables for Scotland (all zones) and for the individual zones (high altitude values).

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Mcan minimum	mean	0.9	-0.9	-0.5	1.1	1.6	2.0	2.3	1.1	0.3	0.5	1.7
January temperature (°C)	range	-3.6-3.4	-3.6-1.8	-2.2-1.6	0.0–2.4	1.0-2.6	1.5-3.4	0.83.4	0.1–2.3	-1.0-1.2	-0.7-1.8	0.7–3.1
Mean maximum	mean	17.1	16.8	17.9	17.4	14.8	15.7	16.8	16.0	17.4	18.6	17.9
July temperature (°C)	range	13.9–19.3	14.8–18.6	16.6-19.1	15.5–18.5	13.9-16.3	14.8–16.7	15.6-18.1	15.1-17.1	16.3-18.2	17.2-19.3	16.8-19.0
Mean annual	mean	1285	1643	1163	2106	1052	1518	1363	1070	728	964	876
precipitation (mm)	range	514-3068	840-3068	671-2229	1136-2926	667-1358	738–2114	810-2886	595-1842	530-953	514-1811	544-1380
Mean total no. of	mean	1224	1052	1231	1119	1114	1276	1270	1187	1282	1331	1428
sunshine hours per year	range	9041491	904-1291	1006-1390	979-1352	1019-1241	1159-1401	1107-1391	1062–1242	1092-1445	1210-1460	1337-1491
Mean average relative	mean	86	86	85	86	87	88	86	85	84	84	85
humidity (%)	range	82-90	84-89	83-89	83-88	85–89	8590	83-89	83-87	82-87	82-88	82-88
Mean number of rain	mean	222	242	211	238	245	254	230	226	193	191	187
days per year	range	166-278	204-278	182-231	211-258	216-261	232-263	205-251	204-244	172-207	167-216	166-213
Low spot (metres)	mean range	55 0-580	239 0-580	149 0301	18 0-126	0 0	0.7 0-60	1.8 0-137	39 0-180	31 0-183	37 0-183	0.5 0-26
Mean altitude (metres)	mean	202	542	337	299	58	76	115	166	232	138	61
	range	31–882	313-882	113-553	115-532	31-268	31-358	31-336	31-319	10-494	31-326	31-162
Amount of sea in square (%)	mean range	28 0-99	00	0.1 0-7	11 0-77	75 9-99	61 0-99	61 0-99	12 0-65	24 0-99	5 0-59	71 0-99

Mean and range of environmental variables for Scotland (all zones) and for the individual zones (low altitude values).

7 ZONES DEFINED ON THE BASIS OF A SINGLE GROUP

The zones based on single groups are outlined below. A brief introduction for each group compares the zones with those based on all groups. The characteristic species of each zone are tabulated together with their preference index and their frequency in the 10km squares of the zone. The similarity index S which compares the zones numerically is tabulated. S values of 0.5 or more are in bold type. The zones for each group are mapped and plotted on the first two axes of the ordination.

7.1 **BIRD ZONES**

The zones for birds are very similar to those based on all groups. The only substantial difference is the absence of the Buchan zone, which is present in all the other classifications. It is replaced by a zone which picks out the higher ground in the Southern Uplands and the eastern edge of the Highlands.

Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Charadrius morinellus	Dotterel	3.17	35
Lagopus mutus	Ptarmigan	2.56	88
Tringa nebularia	Greenshank	1.14	76
Plectrophenax nivalis	Snow Bunting	1.02	13
Turdus torquatus	Ring Ouzel	0.69	100

1.0 Central Highland zone

1.2 Southern Upland and Eastern Upland zone

Species	· · · ·	Preference index	Frequency %
Tetrao urogallus	Capercaillie	0.71	52
Loxia spp.	Crossbill	0.61	47
Tetrao tetrix	Black Grouse	0.38	80
Turdus iliacus	Redwing	0.36	30
Carduelis spinus	Siskin	0.33	88

2.0 High Southern Upland and Eastern Upland zone

Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Perdix perdix	Grey Partridge	0.50	94
Pica pica	Magpie	0.48	62
Tetrao tetrix	Black Grouse	0.47	84
Columba oenas	Stock Dove	0.44	73
Carduelis carduelis	Goldfinch	0.33	77

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3.0 Western Mainland zone

Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Lagopus mutus	Ptarmigan	1.50	71
Aquila chrysaetos	Golden Eagle	0.57	82
Carduelis spinus	Siskin	0.39	91
Phylloscopus sibilatrix	Wood Warbler	0.35	68
Turdus torquatus	Ring Ouzel	0.29	80

4.0 Northern Isles zone

Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Numenius phaeopus	Whimbrel	2.43	41
Phalaropus lobatus	Red-necked Phalarope	0.99	13
Anthus petrosus	Rock Pipit	0.69	100
Gavia stellata	Red-throated Diver	0.51	68
Carduelis flavirostris	Twite	0.28	93

5.0 Western Isles zone

Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Anthus petrosus Carduelis flavirostris	Rock Pipit Twite	0.41 0.36	87 98
Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax Gavia stellata	Chough Red-throated Diver	0.35	98 9 57
Crex crex	Corncrake	0.19	65

6.0 Southern Isles zone

Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Anthus petrosus	Rock Pipit	0.53	93
Caprimulgus europaeus	Nightjar	0.23	16
	Red-breasted Merganser	0.20	90
Sterna hirundo	Common Tern	0.19	70
Saxicola torquata	Stonechat	0.18	93

7.0 Caithness and Sutherland zone

Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Tringa nebularia	Greenshank	0.66	64
Gavia stellata	Red-throated Diver	0.52	69
Gavia arctica	Black-throated Diver	0.51	52
Carduelis flavirostris	Twite	0.32	96
Calidris alpina	Dunlin	0.18	60

Southern Lowland zone 9.0

Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Picus viridis	Green Woodpecker	1.66	70
Passer montanus	Tree Sparrow	1.04	87
Podiceps cristatus	Great Crested Grebe	1.01	42
Sylvia borin	Garden Warbler	0.97	81
Columba oenas	Stock Dove	0.88	89

10.0 Southern Coast zone

Species						Preference index	Free	quency %
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0.17	0.49	0.026	•	•	•	0.11	0.011	•
0.15	•	0.78	•	•	•	0.021	•	•
•	•	•	0.80	0.20	•	•	•	•
•	•	•	0.17	0.66	0.25	0.019	•	•
•	•	0.099	•	•	0.74	•	•	•
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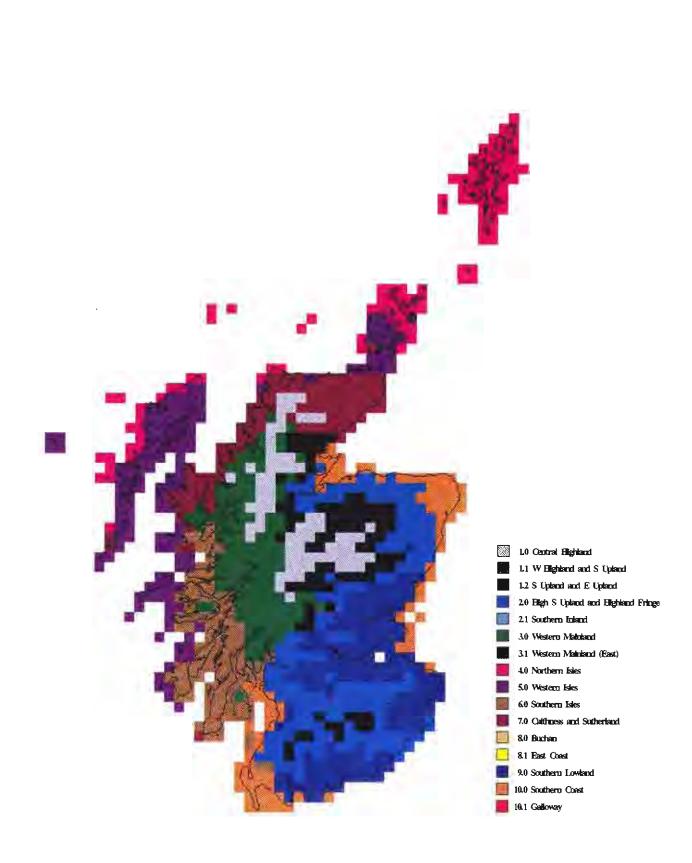
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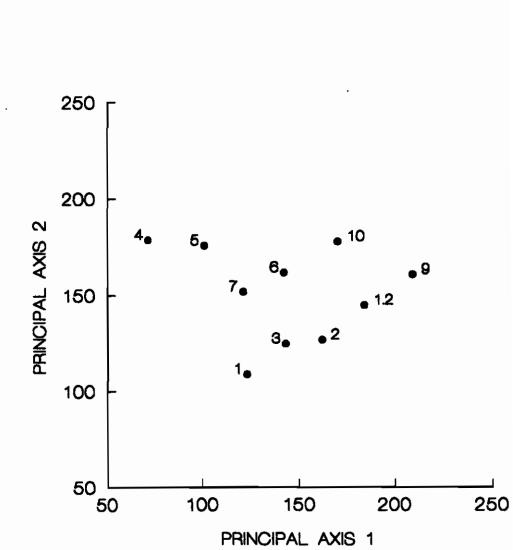
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BIRDS

7.2 DIURNAL INSECT ZONES

The diurnal insects are the smallest of the groups which has been selected for study, despite the fact that to assemble it we have included representatives of three major taxonomic groups. This is reflected in the low preference index values for some of the zones. The zones themselves are similar to the zones based on all groups for northern and eastern Scotland, but differ considerably in the south and east of the country.

1.0 Central Highland zone

Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Aeshna caerulea Erebia epiphron Leucorrhinia dubia Somatochlora arctica Coenonympha tullia	Mountain Ringlet Large Heath	1.15 1.14 1.00 0.81 0.26	36 25 23 27 77

2.1 Southern Inland zone

Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Coenagrion puella Aphantopus hyperantus Quercusia quercus Pieris rapae Anthocharis cardamines	Ringlet Purple Hairstreak Small White Orange Tip	0.22 0.19 0.10 0.09 0.07	22 43 12 74 34

3.0 Western mainland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %	
Carterocephalus palaemon Erebia aethiops Calopteryx virgo Somatochlora arctica Cordulegaster boltonii	Chequered Skipper Scotch Argus	0.69 0.43 0.32 0.30 0.28	17 77 16 18 77

4.0 Northern Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %	
Libellula quadrimaculata	Grayling	0.89	97
Chorthippus brunneus		0.64	49
Aeshna juncea		0.40	97
Sympetrum striolatum		0.21	49
Hipparchia semele		0.18	49

5.0 Western Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Coenonympha tullia Sympetrum striolatum	0.20 0.14	72 44
Polyommatus icarus Common Myrmeleotettix maculatus	0.04	98 33
Argynnis aglaja Dark Green Friti	<i>ilary</i> 0.03	49

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6.0 Southern Isles zone

Species		Preference index	Frequency %
Hipparchia semele Sympetrum striolatum Orthetrum coerulescens Pararge aegeria Eurodryas aurinia	Grayling Speckled Wood Marsh Fritillary	0.51 0.28 0.26 0.17 0.16	64 52 12 31 20

7.0 Caithness and Sutherland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Sympetrum striolatum	0.33	55
Sympetrum danae	0.23	79
Coenonympha tullia Large Heath	0.18	71
Aeshna juncea	0.11	76
Chorthippus parallelus	0.07	42

8.0 Buchan zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Anthocharis cardamines Orange Tip	0.89	65
Coenagrion hastulatum	0.15	4
Aricia artaxerxes Northern Brown Argus	0.14	28
Erynnis tages Dingy Skipper	0.03	10
Boloria selene Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary	0.03	48

8.1 East Coast zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %	
Gonepteryx rhamni Chorthippus brunneus Cupido minimus Pieris rapae Myrmeleotettix maculatus	Brimstone Small Blue Small White	0.20 0.19 0.18 0.12 0.12	4 34 21 78 40

10.0 Southern coast zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %	
Lasiommata megera	Wall	1.74	50
Ochlodes venata	Large Skipper	1.55	39
Chorthippus brunneus		0.89	54
Aphantopus hyperantus	Ringlet	0.85	66
Erynnis tages	Dingy Skipper	0.62	25

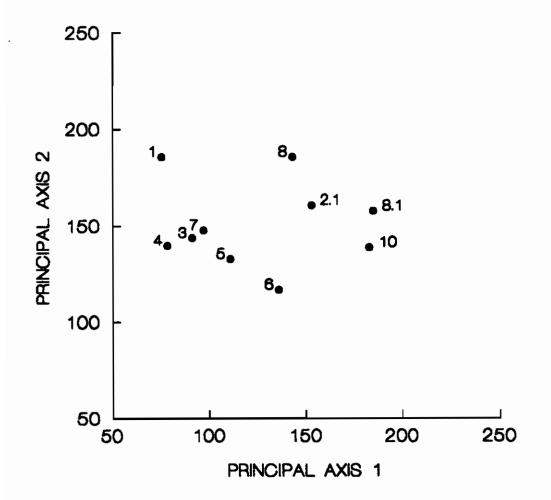
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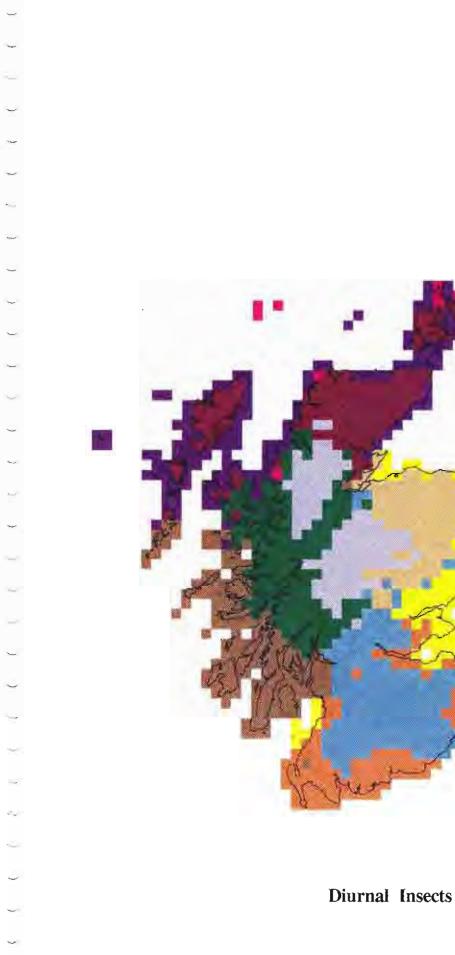
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0.0084	0.089	0.8	•	•	0.086	•	0.0088	•	•
•	•	0.0097	0.73	•	•	0.015	•	•	•
•	•	0.015	0.27	0.59	0.076	0.11	0.028	•	•
•	0.0068	0.028	•	0.11	0.82	•	0.0088	0.019	0.021
0.046	0.0074	0.092	0.11	0.22	•	0.64	0.029	•	•
0.07	0.37	•	•	•	•	•	0.51	0.0073	•
•	•	•	•	•	0.018	•	0.35	0.22	0.35
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7.3 MOLLUSC ZONES

The mollusc zones show a clear, and not unexpected, coastal influence. The East Coast is picked out as a distinct zone and the Southern Isles zone is much more coastal than the equivalent zone based on all groups. The Western Highland and Southern Upland zone is unique to this particular taxonomic group but the preference index value for the most characteristic species is the lowest of any of the zones identified in this study. The values for the Buchan zone (which is scarcely separated from the Western Highland and Southern Upland zone are also low, and indicate the limitations of applying our approach to the definition of biogeographical zones to areas which have rather a poor mollusc fauna.

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Pisidium lilljeborgii	0.24	36
Limax cinereoniger	0.13	20
Columella aspera	0.11	36
Limax tenellus	0.07	8
Pisidium casertanum	0.03	60

1.0 Central Highland zone

1.1 Western Highland and Southern Upland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Columella aspera	0.11	36
Vitrea crystallina	0.09	67
Vertigo lilljeborgi	0.05	11
Deroceras agreste	0.05	20
Limex cinereoniger	0.04	15

3.0 Western Mainland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Zonitoides excavatus	0.59	47
Clausilia bidentata	0.29	83
Ashfordia granulata	0.20	35
Acicula fusca	0.12	10
Balea perversa	0.11	40

4.0 Northern Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Leucophytia bidentata	0.83	10
Pupilla muscorum	0.81	30
Armiger crista	0.79	50
Pisidium obtusale	0.73	50
Gyraulus laevis	0.49	30

5.0 Western Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Cochlicella acuta	4.18	78
Helicella itala	3.03	75
Helix aspersa	0.30	50
Vallonia excentrica	0.29	31
Vallonia costa	0.19	16

6.0 Southern Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Cochlicella acuta	1.98	57
Helix aspersa	1.30	79
Helicella itala	0.95	48
Candidula intersecta	0.48	43
Leiostyla anglica	0.46	48

7.0 Caithness and Sutherland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Potamopyrgus jenkinsi	0.58	67
Pupilla muscorum	0.42	23
Pisidium subtruncatum	0.36	60
Theodoxus fluviatilis	0.36	5
Pisidium pulchellum	0.33	16

8.0 Buchan zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Limax tenellus	0.42	15
Aegopinella pura	0.14	81
Margaritifera margaritifera	0.11	32
Cepaea hortensis	0.08	74
Spermodea lamellata	0.08	28

8.1 East Coast zone

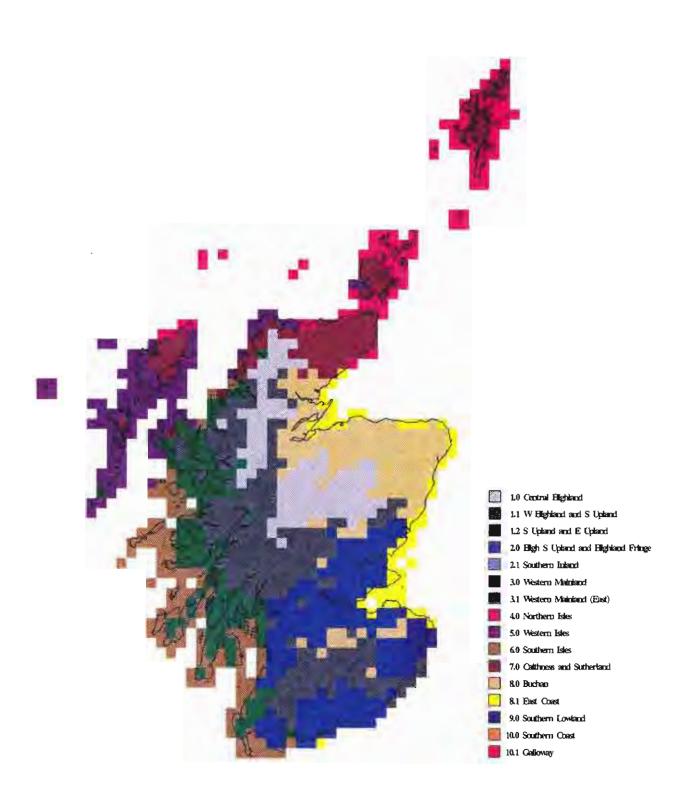
Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Pupilla muscorum	1.86	42
Candidula intersecta	1.69	67
Cernuella virgata	1.47	25
Vallonia costa	1.02	29
Helix aspersa	0.80	67

9.0 Southern Lowland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Physa fontinalis	0.42	39
Bithynia tentaculata	0.40	20
Gyraulus albus	0.36	49
Valvata cristata	0.36	20
Sphaerium corneum	0.30	43

			Main zone							
Mollusc zone	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	0.79	0.095	0.058	•	•	•	0.035	•	•	•
1.1	0.13	0.47	0.55	•	•	•	0.022	•	•	•
3	0.0094	0.0075	0.33	•	•	0.48	0.011	•	0.028	0.048
4	•	•	•	0.81	0.043	•	0.026	•	•	• -
5	•	•	•	0.061	0.83	0.0087	0.037	•	•	•
6	•	•	•	•	0.048	0.63	•	•	•	0.28
7	•	•	•	0.24	0.15	0.0087	0.62	•	•	•
8	•	0.35	•	•	•	•	0.1	0.59	0.027	•
8.1	•	•	•	•	•	•	0.016	0.35	0.045	0.39
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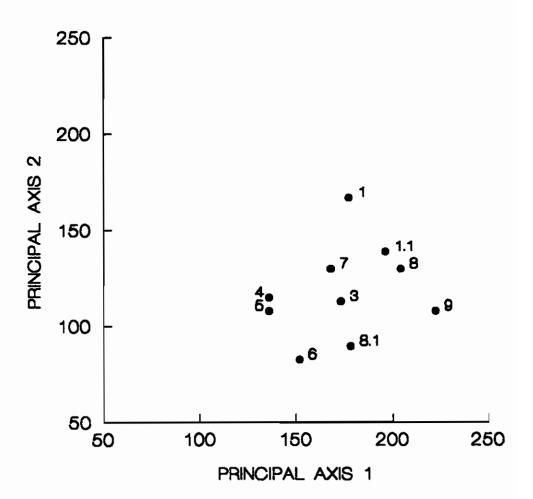
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7.4 VASCULAR PLANT (SET 1) ZONES

These vascular plant zones are broadly similar to the overall zones. There is an even closer similarity to the bird zones. For both groups a Southern Upland and Eastern Upland zone has been identified, and the East Coast plant zone has clear affinities with the Southern Coast zone which appears on the bird map. To accommodate these new zones the Western Isles have been partitioned between the Northern Isles and the Caithness and Sutherland zones. This is the only map on which the Western Isles do not appear as a separate zone.

1.0 Central Highland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Gnaphalium supinum	3.49	86
Veronica alpina	3.07	36
Carex vaginata	2.81	54
Epilobium alsinifolium	2.11	70
Betula nana	1.85	59

1.2 Southern Upland and Eastern Upland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Alchemilla alpina	0.71	80
Gnaphalium supinum	0.43	40
Vaccinium vitis-idaea	0.39	93
Cerastium alpinum	0.36	23
Betula nana	0.31	31

2.0 High Southern Upland and Highland Fringe zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Galium uliginosum	0.46	60
Carex hirta	0.27	52
Ribes uva-crispa	0.23	71
Carex caryophyllea	0.23	72
Chrysosplenium alternifolium	0.21	31

3.0 Western Mainland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Scutellaria galericulata	0.78	85
Aster tripolium	0.67	61
Cephalanthera longifolia	0.66	19
Sanicula europaea	0.45	91
Triglochin maritimum	0.42	78

4.0 Northern Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Cakile maritima	0.54	49
Lamium molucellifolium	0.54	52
Cerastium diffusum	0.46	70
Armeria maritima	0.28	93
Glaux maritima	0.27	75

6.0 Southern Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Triglochin maritimum	0.61	86
Atriplex laciniata	0.59	35
Fumaria bastardii	0.56	26
Scutellaria galericulata	0.54	77
Valerianella locusta	0.53	42

7.0 Caithness and Sutherland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Plantago maritima	0.17	95
Potamogeton perfoliatus	0.16	53
Salix repens	0.15	90
Osmunda regalis	0.14	28
Coeloglossum viride	0.11	42

8.0 Buchan zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Linnaea borealis	1.31	43
Anthemis arvensis	0.38	16
Bromus lepidus	0.31	28
Ribes uva-crispa	0.25	72
Centaurea cyanus	0.25	22

8.1 East Coast zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Cakile maritima	2.30	83
Atriplex laciniata	1.88	54
Cerastium semidecandrum	1.60	51
Elytrigia juncea	1.39	66
Valerianella dentata	1.36	20

9.0 Southern Lowland zone

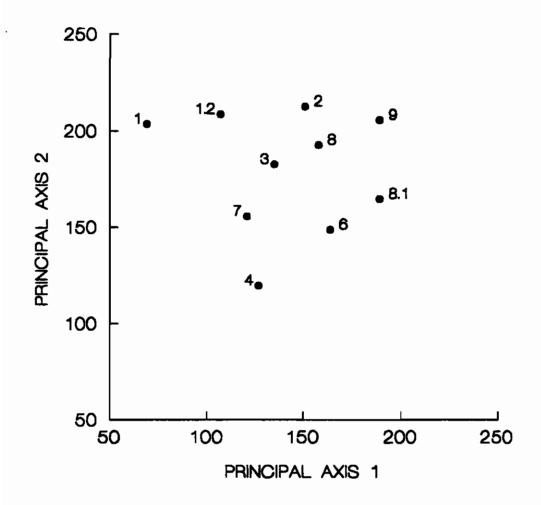
Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Juncus inflexus	1.20	49
Rorippa palustris	1.04	49
Alliaria petiolata	0.96	71
Tragopogon pratensis	0.89	50
Carex hirta	0.79	71

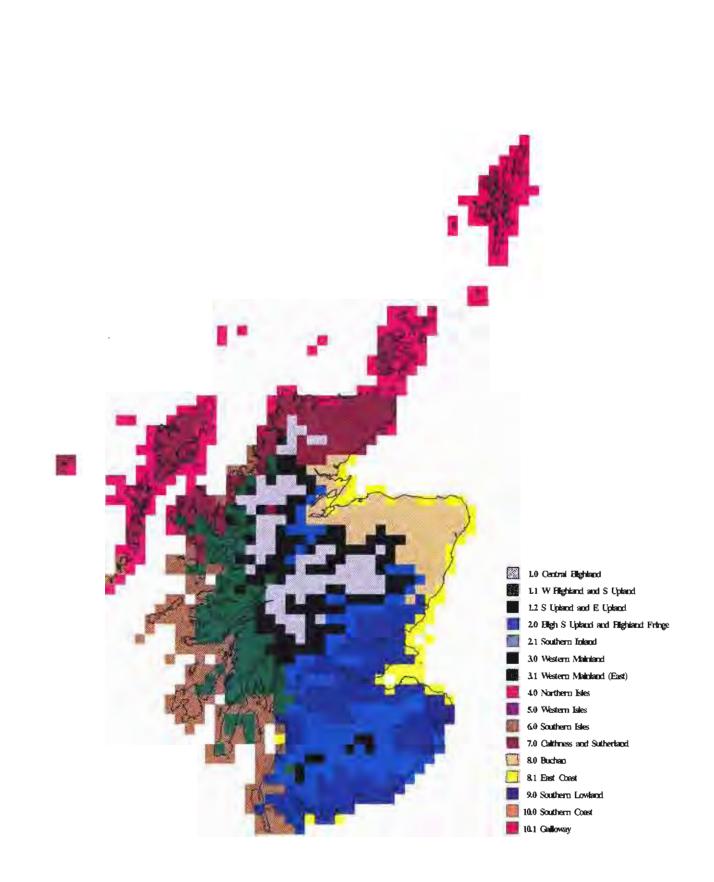
Main zone

Vascular P	lant									
(1) zone	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	0.75	•	0.12	•						
1.2	0.28	0.26	0.35	•	•	•	0.032	•	•	•
2	•	0.73	0.015	•	•	•	•	•	0.14	•
3	•	0.015	0.52	•	0.0093	0.33	•	•	•	•
4	•	•	•	0.73	0.44	•	0.018	•	•	•
6	•	•	•	•	0.062	0.72	•	•	•	0.23
7	0.0085	•	0.12	0.091	0.33	0.036	0.6	•	•	•
8	•	0.12	•	•	•	•	0.065	0.72	0.016	•
8.1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	0.37	0.036	0.42
9	•	•	•		•		•	•	0.89	0.11

Table of similarity index (S) values.

VASCULAR PLANTS SET 1





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Vascular Plants (set 1)

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7.5 VASCULAR PLANT (SET 2) ZONES

These zones are clearly similar to the zones based on the alternative set of vascular plants, but differ in the fact that the Southern Coast zone rather than the Western Isles zone has been dropped to make way for the Southern Upland and Eastern Upland zone. The differences between the vascular plant zones are sufficiently significant to suggest that an analysis of all the Scottish vascular plant data rather than two random samples of 200 would have been worthwhile.

1.0 Central Highland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Juncus trifidus	2.97	81
Luzula spicata	2.76	84
Vaccinium uliginosum	2.64	84
Loiseleuria procumbens	2.53	74
Carex saxatilis	2.29	46

1.2 Southern Upland and Eastern Upland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Saxifraga stellaris	0.38	65
Melica nutans	0.36	36
Pyrola media	0.36	45
Viola lutea	0.35	50
Carex bigelowii	0.28	58

2.0 High Southern Upland and Highland Fringe zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Sedum villosum	0.58	48
Viola lutea	0.38	51
Pimpinella saxifraga	0.33	58
Cardamine amara	0.29	48
Melica uniflora	0.26	35

3.0 Western Mainland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Scutellaria minor	0.48	33
Carex laevigata	0.42	54
Eleocharis multicaulis	0.36	77
Hymenophyllum tunbrigense	0.35	15
Juncus gerardii	0.34	74

4.0 Northern Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Scilla verna	4.48	84
Ranunculus baudotii	0.64	27
Plantago coronopus	0.61	92
Leymus arenarius	0.57	43
Juncus gerardii	0.35	74

5.0 Western Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Scutellaria minor	0.68	37
Plantago coronopus	0.50	88
Eleocharis multicaulis	0.41	79
Veronica catenata	0.38	14
Catapodium marinum	0.36	19

6.0 Southern Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Umbilicus rupestris	2.09	38
Oenanthe lachenalii	1.72	42
Eupatorium cannabinum	1.33	59
Juncus maritimus	0.92	31
Catapodium marinum	0.77	26

7.0 Caithness and Sutherland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Ajuga pyramidalis	1.08	39
Subularia aquatica	0.17	46
Calamagrostis stricta	0.13	5
Aira caryophyllea	0.11	75
Potamogeton gramineus	0.10	42

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8.0 Buchan zone

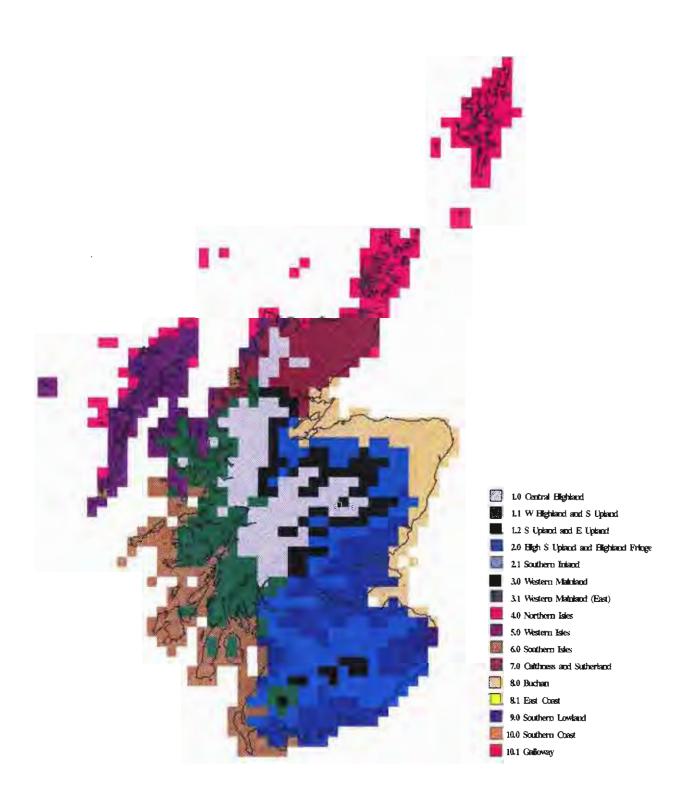
Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Vicia lathyroides	1.54	42
Leymus arenarius	0.98	52
Symphytum tuberosum	0.86	78
Senecio sylvaticus	0.76	79
Cerastium arvense	0.71	41

9.0 Southern Lowland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Alisma plantago-aquatica	1.69	83
Potamogeton crispus	1.01	66
Malus sylvestris	0.86	57
Carduus crispus	0.79	45
Anisantha sterilis	0.79	45

						Main zone				
Vascular Plant										
(2) zone	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	0.69		0.32				0.011			_
10				-	•	-			·	•
1.2	0.28	0.34	0.14	•	•	•	0.013	•	•	•
2	•	0.68	•	•	•	0.013	•	0.098	0.23	0.0094
3	•	0.044	0.61	•	0.0089	0.25	•	•	•	•
4	•	•	•	0.90	0.16	•	•	•	•	•
5	•	•	0.0084	0.0099	0.8	0.084	0.047	•	•	•
6	•	•	•	•	0.044	0.71	•	•	•	0.27
7	•	0.0087	0.045	0.033	•	0.018	0.89	•	•	•
8	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	0.81	0.023	0.24
9	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	0.0088	0.83	0.1

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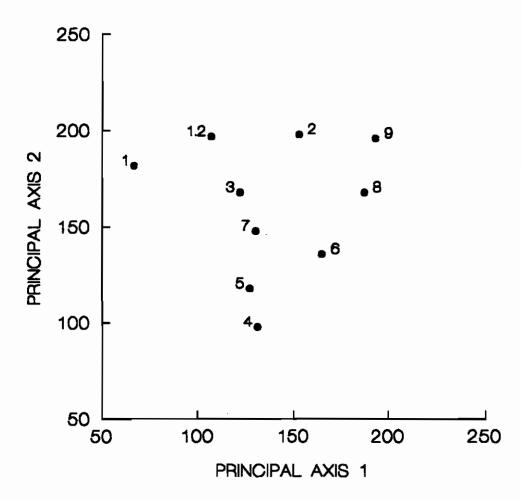


Vascular Plants (set 2)

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VASCULAR PLANTS SET 2



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7.6 MOSS ZONES

This classification recognises two zones in the 'Western Mainland' area at the expense of the Southern Coast zone. This reflects the diversity of species in the north and west compared to that in the south and east (see Hill, Preston & Smith 1994 p.23). Otherwise the zones match the overall zones tolerably well.

1.0 Central Highland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Sphagnum lindbergii	3.13	31
Philonotis seriata	3.12	41
Pohlia ludwigii	3.11	53
Polytrichum sexangulare	2.97	35
Kiaeria starkii	2.78	53

2.0 High Southern Upland and Highland Fringe zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Dicranum spurium	0.24	13
Atrichum tenellum	0.21	12
Grimmia donniana	0.20	41
Orthotrichum striatum	0.12	29
Orthotrichum stramineum	0.10	31

3.0 Western Mainland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Andreaea alpina	1.08	78
Isothecium holtii	0.90	31
Aulacomnium turgidum	0.89	26
Leptodontium recurvifolium	0.84	27
Dicranodontium uncinatum	0.82	38

3.1 Western Mainland (East) zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Hylocomium brevirostre	0.90	88
Glyphomitrium daviesii	0.65	35
Plagiothecium nemorale	0.61	55
Fissidens celticus	0.59	27
Ulota calvescens	0.55	36

4.0 Northern Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Campylopus brevipilus	1.93	81
Pseudobryum cinclidioides	0.89	27
Sphagnum fimbriatum	0.77	78
Schistidium maritimum	0.69	92
Archidium alternifolium	0.65	65

5.0 Western Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Campylopus shawii	3.70	62
Myurium hochstetteri	3.56	54
Distichium inclinatum	1.29	35
Campylopus brevipilus	1.04	64
Tortula ruraliformis	1.00	57

6.0 Southern Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Tortella flavovirens	0.69	37
Epipterygium tozeri	0.34	6
Schistidium maritimum	0.33	76
Tortula ruraliformis	0.32	39
Eurhynchium speciosum	0.30	8

7.0 Caithness and Sutherland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Sphagnum fuscum	1.10	63
Brachythecium erythrorrhizon	0.80	4
Sphagnum imbricatum	0.79	59
Bryum violaceum	0.59	19
Bryum klinggraeffii	0.57	22

8.0 Buchan zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Phascum cuspidatum	2.64	67
Desmatodon convolutus	2.60	21
Pottia lanceolata	1.90	28
Fissidens incurvus	1.86	21
Acaulon muticum	1.63	26

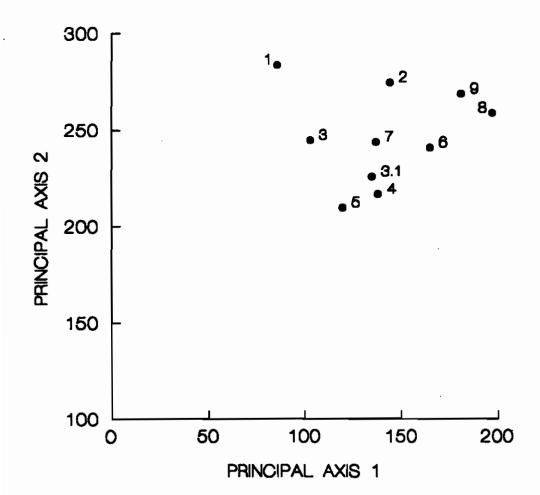
9.0 Southern Lowland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Dicranoweisia cirrata	0.38	84
Tortula papillosa	0.35	29
Brachythecium velutinum	0.35	49
Orthotrichum diaphanum	0.33	56
Amblystegium fluviatile	0.33	26

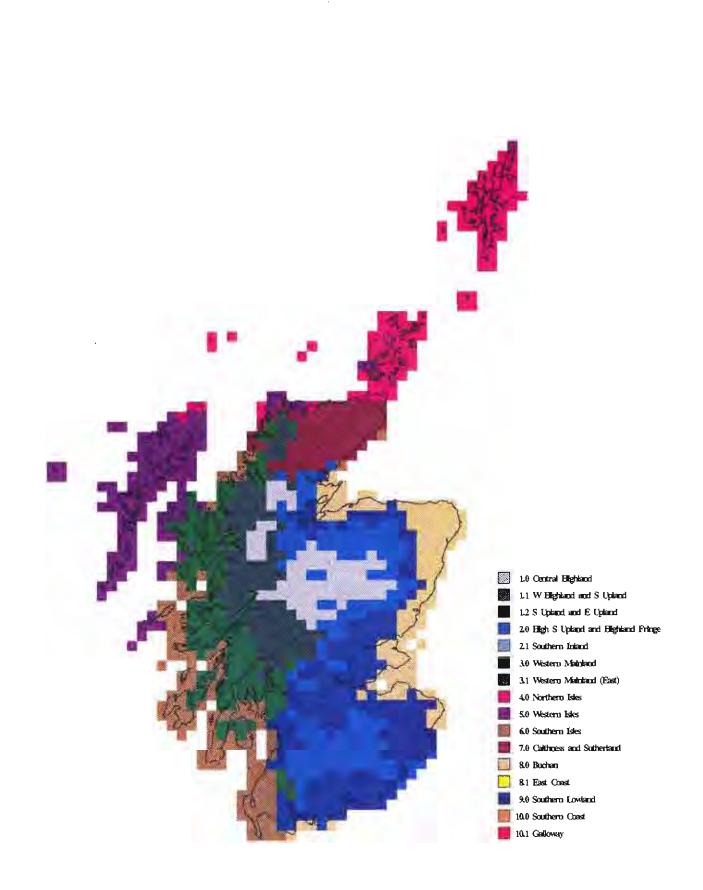
					Main z	one				
Moss zone	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	0.77	0.045	0.0094	•			•			
2	0.025	0.85	0.035	•	•	•	0.038	0.026	0.0065	•
3	0.28	0.016	0.58	•	•	•	•	•	•	
3.1	•	0.036	0.49	•	0.017	0.39	0.03	•	0.0067	•
4	•	•	•	0.95	0.029	•	0.011	•	•	•
5	•	•	•	0.046	0.91	0.047	0.032	•	•	•
6	•	•	•	0.0092	•	0.65	0.011	0.01	0.028	0.29
7	0.025	•	•	•	0.012	•	0.89	•	•	•
8	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	0.62	0.15	0.29
9	•	0.094	•	•	•	•		0.17	0.8	0.05

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7.7 LIVERWORT ZONES

As with the mosses, the diversity of liverworts in the north and west is reflected in the subdivision of the 'Western Mainland' area into westerly and easterly components. The compact Galloway zone is unique to the liverworts but clearly has affinities with the Southern Isles and Southern Coast zones recognised for other groups.

1.0 Central Highland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Tetralophozia setiformis	3.86	63
Diplophyllum taxifolium	1.65	37
Barbilophozia hatcheri	1.25	67
Moerckia blyttii	1.11	37
Lophozia opacifolia	1.07	37

2.0 High Southern Upland and Highland Fringe zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Barbilophozia hatcheri	0.23	40
Marchantia polymorpha	0.20	64
Porella cordaeana	0.20	36
Ptilidium ciliare	0.18	73
Lophozia bicrenata	0.10	33

3.0 Western Mainland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Mastigophora woodsii	1.73	52
Scapania ornithopodioides	1.70	61
Plagiochila carringtonii	1.51	59
Scapania nimbosa	1.48	45
Anastrophyllum donnianum	1.38	44

3.1 Western Mainland (East) zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Drepanolejeunea hamatifolia	0.81	61
Harpalejeunea ovata	0.78	69
Plagiochila punctata	0.74	87
Adelanthus decipiens	0.61	44
Aphanolejeunea microscopica	0.57	66

4.0 Northern Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Riccardia latifrons	0.75	67
Kurzia sylvatica	0.69	27
Gymnocolea inflata	0.51	90
Cephalozia leucantha	0.38	57
Lophozia incisa	0.23	95

5.0 Western Isles zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %		
Porella obtusata	0.84	41		
Frullania microphylla	0.44	41		
Frullania teneriffae	0.42	80		
Marchesinia mackaii	0.39	37		
Saccogyna viticulosa	0.37	95		

7.0 Caithness and Sutherland zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Petalophyllum ralfsii	0.54	3
Cephaloziella hampeana	0.15	47
Anthoceros punctatus	0.10	10
Geocalyx graveolens	0.09	3
Leiocolea alpestris	0.08	40

8.0 Buchan zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Barbilophozia hatcheri	0.41	47
Fossombronia pusilla	0.31	27
Lunularia cruciata	0.30	47
Riccardia palmata	0.27	80
Riccia sorocarpa	0.24	47

9.0 Southern Lowland zone

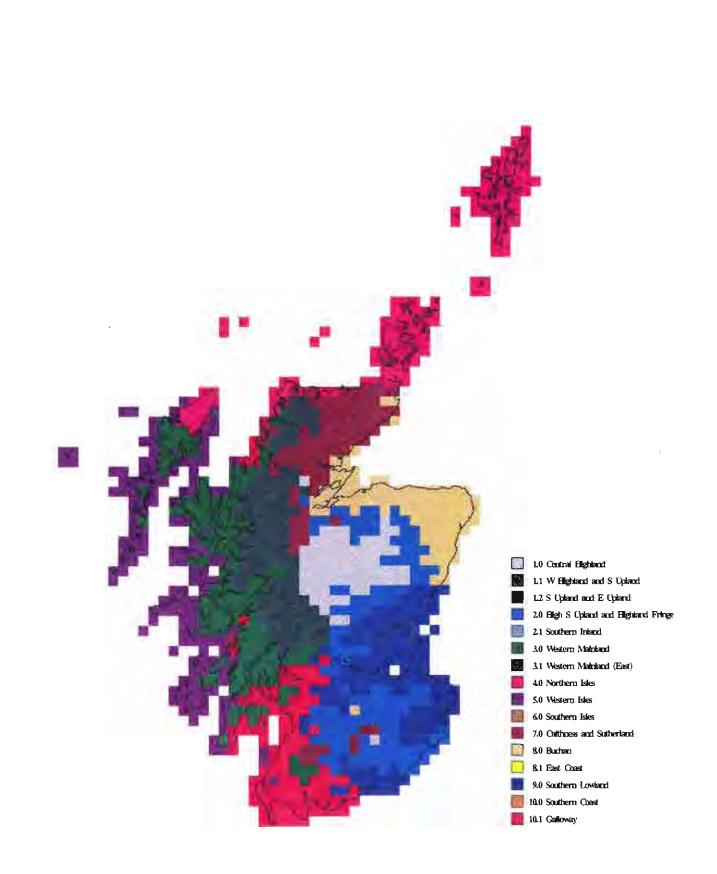
Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Lophocolea heterophylla	1.60	76
Lunularia cruciata	1.03	68
Metzgeria fruticulosa	0.74	44
Porella cordaeana	0.70	52
Porella platyphylla	0.64	48

10.1 Galloway zone

Species	Preference index	Frequency %
Phaeoceros laevis	0.43	20
Marchesinia mackaii	0.38	36
Lejeunea lamacerina	0.31	57
Lophocolea heterophylla	0.28	43
Lejeunea ulicina	0.25	57

				Main zone						
Liverwort zone	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	0.62	0.15	•	•	•		•	•		
1.1	0.42	0.015	0.49	•	0.0091	•	0.043	•	•	•
2	•	0.73	•	•	•	•	•	0.046	0.15	•
3	•	0.048	0.49	•	0.17	0.30	0.019	•	•	•
4	•	•	•	0.91	0.11	•	0.061	•	•	•
5	•	•	•	•	0.56	0.52	•	•	•	•
7	0.032	0.15	0.078	•	•	•	0.73	•	•	•
8	•	•	•	0.011	•	•	0.025	0.94	0.0078	•
9	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	0.0092	0.73	0.21
10.1	•	0.04	•	•	•	0.21	•	•	0.27	0.44

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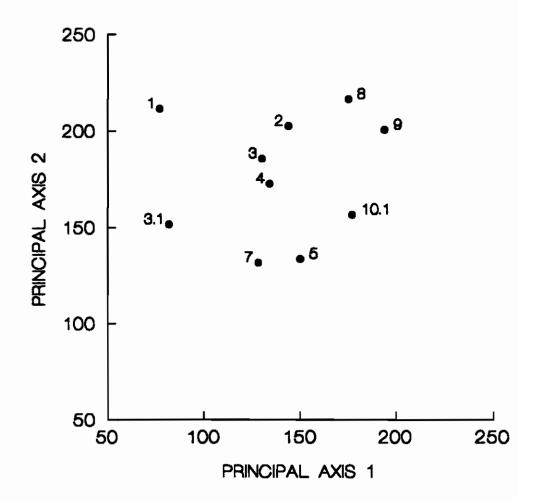
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8 DISCUSSION

There is a broad similarity between the zones which have been defined for the different species groups. Only sixteen zones have been identified by the analysis of seven different groups, although the details of an individual zone differs from group to group. This is not unexpected in view of the fact that they are basically environmental regions trained by different species groups.

Some of the differences between the zones for different groups appear to reflect biological differences between the species. The subdivision of the 'western mainland' area for both mosses and liverworts into two zones can be attributed to the greater diversity of the bryophytes in the north and west, and the concentration of molluscs in the coastal zone is also reflected in the zones for this group. The coastal breeding birds were not included in the analysis; had they been included one would have expected an even stronger bias towards the coast.

Other differences between the zones are more apparent than real, as they result from the fact that ten zones have to be recognised and each square has to be assigned to a single zone. There is in fact a large degree of overlap between zones identified for different groups. For example, there is one coastal zone in southern Scotland (Southern Coast) in the zones based on all groups, and the Southern Isles zone has some coastal affinities. For molluscs and vascular plants (set 1) there is an Eastern Coast zone (with a few outliers on the west coast) and the west coast is taken up by a narrow Southern Isles zone. For mosses the same areas are covered by southward extensions of the Southern Isles and Buchan zones on the east and west coasts respectively. In diurnal insects (which have many coastal representatives) both Southern Coast and Eastern Coast zones are recognised.

The methods we have adopted are weakest in dealing with the smaller groups, especially in areas where few members of these groups occur. The inland mollusc zones are particularly poor for this reason.

There is considerable scope for developing the methodology we have used in this report, and for extending its application for conservation purposes. It is already clear that some zones are more important than others in the sense that they contain suites of highly characteristic species. The zones identified for all groups no doubt have characteristic species in taxonomic groups which we have not considered. A further analysis of the British and European distribution of the characteristic species of the zones would highlight those zones which were of particular importance in the international context.

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Appendix 1

SPECIES USED IN THE ANALYSIS

BIRDS

Accipiter gentilis Accipiter nisus Acrocephalus schoenobaenus Acrocephalus scirpaceus Actitis hypoleucos Aegithalos caudatus Alauda arvensis Alcedo atthis Anas acuta Anas clypeata Anas crecca Anas penelope Anas platyrhynchos Anas querquedula Anas strepera Anthus petrosus Anthus pratensis Anthus trivialis Apus apus Aquila chrysaetos Ardea cinerea Asio flammeus Asio otus Athene noctua Aythya ferina Aythya fuligula Aythya marila Bucephala clangula Buteo buteo Calidris alpina Calidris temminckii Caprimulous europaeus Carduelis cannabina Carduelis carduelis Carduelis chloris Carduelis flammea Carduelis flavirostris Carduelis spinus Certhia familiaris Charadrius dubius Charadrius hiaticula Charadrius morinellus Cinclus cinclus Circus aeruginosus Circus cyaneus Coccothraustes coccothraustes Columba oenas Columba palumbus Corvus corax Corvus corone Corvus frugilegus Corvus monedula Coturnix coturnix Crex crex Cuculus canorus Cygnus cygnus

Cygnus olor Delichon urbica Dendrocopos major Dendrocopos minor Emberiza citrinella Emberiza schoeniclus Erithacus rubecula Falco columbarius Falco peregrinus Falco subbuteo Falco tinnunculus Ficedula hypoleuca Fringilla coelebs Fringilla montifringilla Fulica atra Gallinago gallinago Gallinula chloropus Garrulus glandarius Gavia arctica Gavia stellata Haematopus ostralegus Hirundo rustica Jynx torquilla Lagopus lagopus Lagopus mutus Lanius collurio Larus canus Larus ridibundus Limosa limosa Locustella naevia Loxia curvirostra Luscinia svecica Melanitta nigra Mergus merganser Mergus serrator Miliaria calandra Motacilla alba Motacilla cinerea Motacilla flava Muscicapa striata Numenius arquata Numenius phaeopus Oenanthe oenanthe Parus ater Parus caeruleus Parus cristatus Parus major Parus montanus Parus palustris Passer domesticus Passer montanus Perdix perdix Phalaropus lobatus Phasianus colchicus Phoenicurus phoenicurus Phylloscopus collybita Phylloscopus sibilatrix Phylloscopus trochilus Pica pica Picus viridis Plectrophenax nivalis Pluvialis apricaria Podiceps cristatus Porzana porzana Prunella modularis

Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax Pyrrhula pyrrhula Rallus aquaticus Regulus regulus Riparia riparia Saxicola rubetra Saxicola torquata Scolopax rusticola Sitta europaea Sterna hirundo Streptopelia decaocto Streptopelia turtur Strix aluco Sturnus vulgaris Sylvia atricapilla Sylvia borin Sylvia communis Sylvia curruca Tachybaptus ruficollis Tetrao tetrix Tetrao urogallus Tringa glareola Tringa nebularia Tringa ochropus Tringa totanus Troglodytes troglodytes Turdus iliacus Turdus merula Turdus philomelos Turdus pilaris Turdus torquatus Turdus viscivorus Tyto alba Vanellus vanellus

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Acanthinula aculeata Acicula fusca Acroloxus lacustris Aegopinella nitidula Aegopinella pura Ancylus fluviatilis Anisus leucostoma Anisus vortex Anodonta anatina Anodonta cygnea Aplexa hypnorum Arianta arbustorum Arion circumscriptus Arion fasciatus agg. Arion hortensis agg. Arion intermedius Arion owenii Arion silvaticus Arion subfuscus Armiger crista Ashfordia granulata Azeca goodalli Balea perversa Bathyomphalus contortus Bithynia leachi Bithynia tentaculata Candidula intersecta

Carychium minimum Carychium tridentatum Cepaea hortensis Cepaea nemoralis Cernuella virgata Clausilia bidentata Clausilia dubia Cochlicella acuta Cochlicopa lubrica Cochlicopa lubricella Cochlodina laminata Columella aspera Columella edentula Deroceras agreste Deroceras laeve Deroceras reticulatum Discus rotundatus Dreissena polymorpha Ena obscura Euconulus fulvus agg. Gyraulus albus Gyraulus laevis Helicella itala Helix aspersa Hippeutis complanatus Lauria cylindracea Leiostyla anglica Leucophytia bidentata Limax cinereoniger Limax marginatus Limax maximus Limax tenellus Lymnaea auricularia Lymnaea glabra Lymnaea palustris Lymnaea peregra Lymnaea stagnalis Lymnaea truncatula Margaritifera margaritifera Monacha cantiana Nesovitrea hammonis Oxychilus alliarius Oxychilus cellarius Oxychilus draparnaudi Oxychilus helveticus Oxyloma pfeifferi Physa fontinalis Pisidium amnicum Pisidium casertanum Pisidium conventus Pisidium henslowanum Pisidium hibernicum Pisidium lilljeborgii Pisidium milium Pisidium nitidum Pisidium obtusale Pisidium personatum Pisidium pulchellum Pisidium subtruncatum Planorbarius corneus Planorbis carinatus Planorbis planorbis Potamopyrgus jenkinsi Punctum pygmaeum Pupilla muscorum

Pyramidula rupestris Spermodea lamellata Sphaerium corneum Sphaerium lacustre Succinea oblonga Succinea putris Theodoxus fluviatilis Trichia hispida Trichia striolata Vallonia costa Vallonia excentrica Vallonia pulchella Valvata cristata Valvata piscinalis Vertigo alpestris Vertigo antivertigo Vertigo lilljeborgi Vertigo pusilla Vertigo pygmaea Vertigo substriata Vitrea contracta Vitrea crystallina Vitrina pellucida Zenobiella subrufescens Zonitoides excavatus Zonitoides nitidus

VASCULAR PLANT (SET 1)

Achillea millefolium Agrimonia eupatoria Agrostis capillaris Alchemilla alpina Alchemilla glabra Alliaria petiolata Alopecurus aequalis Alopecurus myosuroides Alopecurus pratensis Andromeda polifolia Anthemis arvensis Armeria maritima Artemisia norvegica Asplenium septentrionale Aster tripolium Atriplex laciniata Barbarea vulgaris Betula nana Blysmus compressus Botrychium lunaria Bromopsis benekenii Bromus lepidus Bromus racemosus Bryonia dioica Cakile maritima Callitriche hamulata sens.lat. Callitriche stagnalis sens.lat. Carex caryophyllea Carex diandra Carex flacca Carex hirta Carex microglochin Carex muricata subsp.lamprocarpa Carex nigra Carex pilulifera

Carex punctata Carex remota Carex strigosa Carex vaginata Centaurea cyanus Centaurium littorale Cephalanthera longifolia Cerastium alpinum Cerastium diffusum Cerastium glomeratum Cerastium semidecandrum Chenopodium ficifolium Chrysanthemum segetum Chrysosplenium alternifolium Chrysosplenium oppositifolium Cicuta virosa Cirsium arvense Clematis vitalba Cochlearia anglica Coeloglossum viride Crepis biennis Crepis mollis Crepis paludosa Dactylorhiza majalis Deschampsia cespitosa Dipsacus fullonum Draba muralis Elatine hexandra Elytrigia juncea Empetrum nigrum Epilobium alsinifolium Epilobium parviflorum Epipactis palustris Equisetum variegatum Erica cinerea Erigeron borealis Euphorbia helioscopia Euphorbia paralias Festuca arundinacea Festuca gigantea Fragaria vesca Fumaria bastardii Galeopsis speciosa Galium palustre Galium sterneri Galium uliginosum Galium verum Gentiana nivalis Glaux maritima Gnaphalium supinum Gnaphalium sylvaticum Gnaphalium uliginosum Hedera helix Helleborus viridis Heracleum sphondylium Holcus lanatus Huperzia selago Iris foetidissima Jasione montana Juncus inflexus Lamium confertum Lamium purpureum Lavatera arborea Lemna gibba Lepidium campestre

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Leucanthemum vulgare Limonium humile Linnaea borealis Linum perenne Luzula campestris Luzula pilosa Luzula sylvatica Lychnis alpina Lychnis flos-cuculi Melampyrum pratense Mentha arvensis Moehringia trinervia Myosotis arvensis Myosotis laxa Myosoton aquaticum Myrica gale Nardus stricta Onopordum acanthium Orchis morio Orobanche minor Osmunda regalis Persicaria lapathifolia Plantago major Plantago maritima Poa nemoralis Polygala vulgaris Potamogeton coloratus Potamogeton natans Potamogeton perfoliatus Potamogeton polygonifolius Potamogeton trichoides Potentilla anserina Potentilla fruticosa Potentilla rupestris Primula veris Prunella vulgaris Prunus spinosa Ranunculus flammula Ranunculus peltatus Ranunculus penicillatus Ranunculus reptans Ribes uva-crispa Rorippa palustris Rumex acetosella Rumex hydrolapathum Rumex pulcher Rumex sanguineus Sagittaria sagittifolia Salicornia europaea Salix repens Salvia horminoides Sambucus nigra Sanguisorba officinalis Sanicula europaea Saxifraga nivalis Saxifraga tridactylites Scandix pecten-veneris Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani Scirpus sylvaticus Scutellaria galericulata Sedum acre Senecio erucifolius Serratula tinctoria Sisymbrium officinale Sorbus pseudofennica

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Sorbus rupicola Spartina anglica Spiranthes romanzoffiana Stachys arvensis Stellaria holostea Stellaria media Stellaria neglecta Torilis nodosa Tragopogon pratensis Trifolium dubium Trifolium fragiferum Trifolium micranthum Trifolium pratense Triglochin maritima Tripleurospermum inodorum Tripleurospermum maritimum Trollius europaeus **Ulex gallii** Ulmus glabra Urtica dioica Utricularia vulgaris Vaccinium microcarpum Vaccinium vitis-idaea Valeriana officinalis Valerianella dentata Valerianella locusta Valerianella rimosa Veronica alpina Veronica scutellata Vicia orobus Viola odorata Viola riviniana Vulpia myuros Woodsia ilvensis Zostera noltii VASCULAR PLANT (SET 2) Achillea ptarmica Agrimonia procera Agrostis stolonifera Aira caryophyllea Ajuga pyramidalis Alchemilla glomerulans Alisma plantago-aquatica Allium oleraceum Alopecurus borealis Anemone nemorosa Anisantha sterilis Anthriscus sylvestris Anthyllis vulneraria Arabidopsis thaliana Arabis alpina Arabis hirsuta Arctium minus agg. Artemisia vulgaris Asperula cynanchica Asplenium obovatum subsp.lanceolatum Atriplex patula Bellis perennis Betula pendula Brassica nigra Butomus umbellatus Calamagrostis stricta

Calluna vulgaris Caltha palustris Calystegia sepium sens.lat. Campanula glomerata Capsella bursa-pastoris Cardamine amara Carduus crispus Carex acuta Carex acutiformis Carex atrofusca Carex bigelowii Carex buxbaumii Carex extensa Carex laevigata Carex pallescens Carex saxatilis Carex sylvatica Catapodium marinum Centaurea scabiosa Cerastium arvense Cerastium nigrescens Ceterach officinarum Chenopodium murale Cladium mariscus Conopodium majus Crambe maritima Crassula aquatica Crataegus monogyna Cynoglossum germanicum Cytisus scoparius Dactylorhiza praetermissa Digitalis purpurea Drosera intermedia Drosera rotundifolia Dryopteris dilatata Eleocharis multicaulis Epilobium montanum Epilobium roseum Epipactis helleborine Equisetum palustre Equisetum pratense Erigeron acer Eriophorum latifolium Erodium maritimum Eupatorium cannabinum Frangula alnus Fraxinus excelsior Gagea lutea Galeopsis angustifolia Galium album Galium aparine Galium mollugo Galium saxatile Galium tricornutum Geranium pyrenaicum Geranium sanguineum Glyceria declinata Glyceria fluitans Glyceria notata Groenlandia densa Gymnadenia conopsea Hammarbya paludosa Hierochloe odorata Hydrocotyle vulgaris Hymenophyllum tunbrigense

Hypericum pulchrum Hypochaeris radicata Juncus bulbosus sens.lat. Juncus compressus Juncus gerardi Juncus maritimus Juncus trifidus Kobresia simpliciuscula Lathraea squamaria Lathyrus sylvestris Leymus arenarius Limonium vulgare Lithospermum arvense Loiseleuria procumbens Lolium perenne Luzula spicata Lysimachia nemorum Malus sylvestris Melica nutans Melica uniflora Mercurialis perennis Narcissus pseudonarcissus Narthecium ossifragum Neottia nidus-avis Nepeta cataria Nuphar lutea Oenanthe lachenalii Ononis reclinata Ononis spinosa Ophioglossum vulgatum Oxalis acetosella Parapholis strigosa Parnassia palustris Pedicularis sylvatica Petasites hybridus Phleum alpinum Phleum arenarium Phragmites australis Picris hieracioides Pimpinella saxifraga Plantago coronopus Plantago media Poa alpina Poa annua Polygonatum verticillatum Polypodium vulgare sens.lat. Potamogeton crispus Potamogeton gramineus Potamogeton pectinatus Primula farinosa Pseudorchis albida Pulicaria dysenterica Pyrola media Quercus robur Ranunculus acris Ranunculus aquatilis Ranunculus arvensis Ranunculus baudotii Ranunculus bulbosus Ranunculus fluitans Ranunculus repens Rhynchospora fusca Rumex crispus Sagina nivalis Sagina nodosa

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Sagina saginoides Salicornia nitens Salix fragilis Salix lapponum Salix pentandra Salix purpurea Saxifraga hypnoides Saxifraga oppositifolia Saxifraga stellaris Scheuchzeria palustris Scilla verna Scrophularia auriculata Scutellaria minor Sedum villosum Senecio sylvaticus Sesleria caerulea Silene dioica Silene nutans Solidago virgaurea Sonchus arvensis Spergularia rubra Spirodela polyrhiza Stachys sylvatica Subularia aquatica Symphytum tuberosum Tanacetum vulgare Thymus pulegioides Trifolium campestre Umbilicus rupestris Vaccinium myrtillus Vaccinium oxycoccos Vaccinium uliginosum Valerianella carinata Verbascum nigrum Verbascum thapsus Veronica agrestis Veronica catenata Vicia bithynica Vicia lathyroides Vicia sativa Vicia tetrasperma Viola hirta Viola lutea Viola tricolor

MOSSES

Acaulon muticum Aloina brevirostris Amblystegium tenax Andreaea alpina Andreaea blyttii Andreaea nivalis Andreaea rothii Anoectangium warburgii Anomodon longifolius Aplodon wormskjoldii Atrichum angustatum Atrichum undulatum Barbula icmadophila Barbula sinuosa Bartramia pomiformis Bartramia stricta Blindia acuta

Brachythecium erythrorrhizon Brachythecium glaciale Brachythecium mildeanum Brachythecium reflexum Brachythecium rivulare Bryum alpinum Bryum argenteum Bryum bornholmense Bryum caespiticium Bryum capillare Bryum gemmiferum Bryum lawersianum Bryum pallens Bryum riparium Bryum salinum Bryum sauteri Bryum torquescens Calliergon cuspidatum Calliergon giganteum Campylium chrysophyllum Campylium halleri Campylium stellatum var. protensum Campylopus brevipilus Campylopus fragilis Campylopus introflexus Campylopus schimperi Ceratodon purpureus Cratoneuron filicinum Cynodontium bruntonii Cynodontium polycarpon Cynodontium strumiferum Cynodontium tenellum Dichodontium flavescens Dichodontium pellucidum Dicranella grevilleana Dicranella heteromalla Dicranella rufescens Dicranella varia Dicranodontium asperulum Dicranum glaciale Dicranum tauricum Ditrichum heteromallum Ditrichum lineare Encalypta alpina Encalypta brevicollis Encalypta ciliata Ephemerum serratum Eucladium verticillatum Eurhynchium speciosum Fissidens adianthoides Fissidens crassipes Fissidens incurvus Fissidens rufulus Fissidens viridulus sensu lato Fontinalis antipyretica Funaria attenuata Funaria muhlenbergii Glyphomitrium daviesii Grimmia anodon Grimmia atrata Grimmia decipiens Grimmia hartmanii Grimmia laevigata Grimmia montana Grimmia orbicularis

Grimmia retracta Grimmia trichophylla Grimmia unicolor Gymnostomum calcareum Habrodon perpusillus Herzogiella striatella Heterocladium heteropterum var. heteropterum Homalothecium lutescens Homalothecium nitens Homalothecium sericeum Homomallium incurvatum Hygrohypnum eugyrium Hygrohypnum molle Hygrohypnum polare Hylocomium brevirostre Hylocomium pyrenaicum Hypnum mammillatum Isopterygiopsis muellerana Isopterygium elegans Leptodontium flexifolium Leptodontium recurvifolium Lescuraea patens Leskea polycarpa Leucodon sciuroides Mielichhoferia elongata Mnium ambiguum Mnium hornum Myurella tenerrima Myurium hochstetteri Orthothecium rufescens Orthotrichum cupulatum Orthotrichum diaphanum Orthotrichum gymnostomum Orthotrichum lyellii Orthotrichum obtusifolium Orthotrichum rivulare Orthotrichum speciosum Orthotrichum stramineum Orthotrichum tenellum Philonotis arnellii Philonotis calcarea Philonotis seriata Philonotis tomentella Physcomitrium sphaericum Plagiobryum zieri Plagiomnium affine Plagiothecium cavifolium Plagiothecium denticulatum Plagiothecium piliferum Plagiothecium platyphyllum Plagiothecium ruthei Platydictya confervoides Pleuridium acuminatum Pleurozium schreberi Pohlia annotina Pohlia camptotrachela Pohlia carnea Pohlia crudoides Pohlia obtusifolia Polytrichum alpinum Polytrichum commune Pottia bryoides Pottia davalliana Pottia starkeana ssp. starkeana Pseudobryum cinclidioides

Pseudoleskeella catenulata var. acuminata Pterigynandrum filiforme Pterygoneurum lamellatum Ptilium crista-castrensis Ptychomitrium polyphyllum Pylaisia polyantha Racomitrium ellipticum Racomitrium fasciculare Racomitrium lanuginosum Rhizomnium pseudopunctatum Rhizomnium punctatum Rhodobryum roseum Rhynchostegium megapolitanum Rhynchostegium murale Rhynchostegium riparioides Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus Rhytidium rugosum Schistidium alpicola Schistidium apocarpum Schistidium boreale Schistidium trichodon Scleropodium cespitans Scleropodium tourettii Scorpidium scorpioides Seligeria acutifolia Seligeria trifaria Sphagnum capillifolium Sphagnum fimbriatum Sphagnum lindbergii Sphagnum magellanicum Sphagnum majus Sphagnum molle Sphagnum palustre Sphagnum pulchrum Sphagnum subsecundum sensu lat. Sphagnum teres Splachnum sphaericum Tetraphis pellucida Tetraplodon angustatus Timmia austriaca Timmia norvegica Tortella densa Tortella limosella Tortella tortuosa Tortula laevipila Tortula papillosa Ulota calvescens Ulota coarctata Ulota hutchinsiae Ulota phyllantha Weissia microstoma var. microstoma Weissia rutilans Weissia tortilis Zygodon conoideus

LIVERWORTS

Acrobolbus wilsonii Adelanthus decipiens Anastrepta orcadensis Anastrophyllum donnianum Anastrophyllum hellerianum Anastrophyllum joergensenii Anastrophyllum minutum

Anastrophyllum saxicola Aneura pinguis Anthelia julacea Anthelia juratzkana Anthoceros agrestis Anthoceros punctatus Aphanolejeunea microscopica Apometzgeria pubescens Barbilophozia atlantica Barbilophozia attenuata Barbilophozia barbata Barbilophozia floerkei Barbilophozia hatcheri Barbilophozia kunzeana Barbilophozia lycopodioides Barbilophozia quadriloba Bazzania pearsonii Bazzania tricrenata Bazzania trilobata Blasia pusilla Blepharostoma trichophyllum Calypogeia arguta Calypogeia azurea Calypogeia fissa Calypogeia integristipula Calypogeia muelleriana Calypogeia neesiana Calypogeia sphagnicola Calypogeia suecica Cephalozia ambigua Cephalozia bicuspidata Cephalozia catenulata Cephalozia connivens Cephalozia leucantha Cephalozia loitlesbergeri Cephalozia lunulifolia Cephalozia macrostachya Cephalozia pleniceps Cephaloziella divaricata Cephaloziella hampeana Cephaloziella rubella Cephaloziella stellulifera Cephaloziella turneri Chiloscyphus polyanthos var. pallescens Chiloscyphus polyanthos var. polyanthos Cladopodiella fluitans Cladopodiella francisci Cololejeunea calcarea Cololejeunea minutissima Cololejeunea rossettiana Colura calyptrifolia Conocephalum conicum Cryptothallus mirabilis Diplophyllum albicans Diplophyllum obtusifolium Diplophyllum taxifolium Douinia ovata Drepanolejeunea hamatifolia Dumortiera hirsuta Eremonotus myriocarpus Fossombronia angulosa Fossombronia foveolata Fossombronia incurva Fossombronia pusilla Fossombronia wondraczekii

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Frullania dilatata Frullania fragilifolia Frullania microphylla Frullania tamarisci Frullania teneriffae Geocalyx graveolens Gymnocolea inflata Gymnomitrion apiculatum Gymnomitrion concinnatum Gymnomitrion corallioides Gymnomitrion crenulatum Gymnomitrion obtusum Haplomitrium hookeri Harpalejeunea ovata Harpanthus flotovianus Harpanthus scutatus Herbertus aduncus ssp. hutchinsiae Herbertus borealis Herbertus stramineus Hygrobiella laxifolia Jamesoniella autumnalis Jamesoniella undulifolia Jubula hutchinsiae Jungermannia atrovirens Jungermannia borealis Jungermannia confertissima Jungermannia exsertifolia ssp. cordifolia Jungermannia gracillima Jungermannia hyalina Jungermannia leiantha Jungermannia obovata Jungermannia paroica Jungermannia polaris Jungermannia pumila Jungermannia sphaerocarpa Jungermannia subelliptica Kurzia pauciflora Kurzia sylvatica Kurzia trichoclados Leiocolea alpestris Leiocolea badensis Leiocolea bantriensis Leiocolea gillmanii Leiocolea heterocolpos Leiocolea turbinata Lejeunea cavifolia Lejeunea holtii Lejeunea lamacerina Lejeunea mandonii Lejeunea patens 8 Lejeunea ulicina Lepidozia cupressina Lepidozia pearsonii Lepidozia reptans Leptoscyphus cuneifolius Lophocolea bidentata Lophocolea bispinosa Lophocolea fragrans Lophocolea heterophylla Lophocolea semiteres Lophozia bicrenata Lophozia excisa Lophozia incisa Lophozia longidens Lophozia obtusa

Lophozia opacifolia Lophozia sudetica Lophozia ventricosa Lophozia wenzelii Lunularia cruciata Marchantia polymorpha Marchesinia mackaii Marsupella adusta Marsupella alpina Marsupella boeckii var.boeckii Marsupella boeckii var.stableri Marsupella brevissima Marsupella condensata Marsupella emarginata Marsupella funckii Marsupella sparsifolia Marsupella sphacelata Marsupella sprucei Mastigophora woodsii Metzgeria conjugata Metzgeria fruticulosa Metzgeria furcata Metzgeria leptoneura Metzgeria temperata Moerckia blyttii Moerckia hibernica Mylia anomala Mylia taylorii Nardia breidleri Nardia compressa Nardia geoscyphus Nardia scalaris Nowellia curvifolia Odontoschisma denudatum Odontoschisma elongatum Odontoschisma macounii Odontoschisma sphagni Pellia endiviifolia Pellia epiphylla Pellia neesiana Petalophyllum ralfsii Phaeoceros laevis Plagiochila asplenioides Plagiochila atlantica Plagiochila carringtonii Plagiochila exigua Plagiochila killarniensis Plagiochila porelloides Plagiochila punctata Plagiochila spinulosa Pleurocladula albescens Pleurozia purpurea Porella arboris-vitae Porella cordaeana Porella obtusata Porella platyphylla Preissia quadrata Ptilidium ciliare Ptilidium pulcherrimum Radula aquilegia Radula carringtonii Radula complanata Radula lindenbergiana Radula voluta Reboulia hemisphaerica

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Riccardia chamedryfolia Riccardia incurvata Riccardia latifrons Riccardia multifida Riccardia palmata Riccia beyrichiana Riccia canaliculata Riccia cavernosa Riccia crystallina Riccia glauca Riccia huebeneriana Riccia sorocarpa Riccia subbifurca Saccogyna viticulosa Scapania aequiloba Scapania aspera Scapania calcicola Scapania compacta Scapania cuspiduligera Scapania degenii Scapania gracilis Scapania gymnostomophila Scapania irrigua Scapania nemorea Scapania nimbosa Scapania ornithopodioides Scapania paludosa Scapania scandica Scapania subalpina Scapania uliginosa Scapania umbrosa Scapania undulata Sphenolobopsis pearsonii Targionia hypophylla Tetralophozia setiformis Trichocolea tomentella Tritomaria exsecta Tritomaria exsectiformis Tritomaria polita Tritomaria quinquedentata

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Our task is to secure the conservation and enhancement of Scotland's unique and precious natural heritage - the wildlife, the habitats, the fandscapes and the seascapes - which has evolved through the long partnership between people and nature.

We advise on policies and promote projects that aim to improve the natural heritage and support its sustainable use.

Our aim is to help people to enjoy Scotland's natural hentage responsibly, understand it more fully and use it wisely so that it can be sustained for future generations.