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Surrounding habitat assessment: Additional guide to grasslands

This guide is designed to help volunteers differentiate between the 4 different classifications of grassland habitat. More detailed information on habitat assessment is available at ecountability.co.uk

Class 2	Classification 3	Description	Example images
Grassland	g1: Acid grass-land	Vegetation dominated by grasses and herbs on a range of lime-deficient soils such as sands and gravels.	
	g2: Calcareous grassland	Vegetation dominated by grasses and herbs (on shallow, well-drained soils (soils formed by weathering of chalk, limestone or base-rich rock).	
	g3: Neutral grassland	Vegetation dominated by grasses and herbs on neutral soils (e.g. dry hay meadows, pastures and a range of grasslands which are periodically inundated with water or permanently moist).	
	g4: Modified grassland	Fast-growing grasses on fertile, neutral soils. Often dominated by rye-grass and white clover. Typically managed as pasture or regularly mown for agriculture or recreation. This is an agricultural improved or semi improved grassland.	