

LAND NORTH & WEST OF FORT CUMBERLAND

02/10/2007

Site Details

Grid Reference: SZ68009920
Unitary Authority: Portsmouth

Survey Details

Survey Type: Phase II
Survey Date: 02/10/2007
Data Owned By: Hants Biodiversity Information Centre Partnership
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Site Summary

The site is a large area of coastal grassland located in urban Portsmouth. The site is adjacent to Fort Cumberland and close to other SINC coastal habitats. The grassland present ranges from improved to unimproved and from short to coarse and scrubby. The majority of the grassland is semi-improved with a good diversity, including several coastal species. The most interesting sward is in the western section, where unimproved acidic grassland is found along the exposed sand. There are several areas of scrub throughout the site as well a couple of areas of rough salt-marsh vegetation. Overall the species diversity is excellent, with well over a 100 species noted. Such species include the 3 acid/neutral grassland indicators and the County Scarce (*Raphanus raphanistrum* ssp *maritimum*), (*Sedum anglicum*), (*Rosa pimpinellifolia*) and (*Carex arenaria*), as well as the Nationally of Interest (*Spiranthes spiralis*).

Site Features

Invasive Species	Japanese Knotweed	In eastern section
Management	Grazing - rabbits	
Management	Unmanaged	
Usage	Dog walking	In western and eastern sections
Usage	Public access	In western and eastern sections

BAP Habitats

<u>BAP Priority Habitats</u>	<u>Area (%)</u>
Lowland meadows	55
Coastal saltmarsh	15
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Lowland meadows	15
Lowland dry acid grassland	10

BAP/Notable Species

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Other Notable Species

	<u>Status</u>
<i>Carex arenaria</i> (Sand Sedge)	CS
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i> subsp. <i>maritimus</i> (Sea Radish)	CS
<i>Rosa pimpinellifolia</i> (Burnet Rose)	CS
<i>Sedum anglicum</i> (English Stonecrop)	CS
<i>Spiranthes spiralis</i> (Autumn Lady's-Tresses)	NI

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CENTRAL SECTION**Habitats Recorded**

BAP Priority Habitats

	<u>Area (%)</u>
Lowland meadows	55

National Vegetation Classifications

	<u>Area (%)</u>
MG5a, Lathyrus pratensis sub-community	50
MG1, Arrhenatherum elatius grassland	25
W23, Ulex europaeus-Rubus fruticosus scrub	20
MG5b, Galium verum sub-community	5

Species Recorded

<u>Taxon Latin Name</u>	<u>Taxon Common Name</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Status</u>
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	F	
<i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>	Agrimony	R	
<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>	Common Bent	O	
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	Creeping Bent	FLA	
<i>Aira praecox</i>	Early Hair-Grass	R	
<i>Allium vineale</i>	Wild Onion	O	
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass	O	
<i>Arctium minus</i>	Lesser Burdock	R	
<i>Armoracia rusticana</i>	Horse-Radish	R	
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False Oat-Grass	F	
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort	O	
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	R	
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	Soft-Brome	O	
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Common Knapweed	F	
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-Ear	OLF	
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	R	
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	O	
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	Canadian Fleabane	R	
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	O	
<i>Cymbalaria muralis</i>	Ivy-Leaved Toadflax	R	
<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>	Crested Dog's-Tail	OLF	
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Broom	O	
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-Foot	O	
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	F	
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss	R	
<i>Elytrigia atherica</i>	Sea Couch	OLF	
<i>Elytrigia repens</i>	Common Couch	OLF	
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-Bill	R	
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	Tall Fescue	R	
<i>Festuca ovina</i>	Sheep's Fescue	OLF	
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Red Fescue	F	

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<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	OLF	
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	R	
<i>Galium mollugo</i>	Hedge Bedstraw	FLA	
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw	R	
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb-Robert	R	
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	R	
<i>Hieracium</i>	Hawkweed	R	
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire-Fog	O	
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perforate St. John's-Wort	O	
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Cat's-Ear	O	
<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	Red Dead-Nettle	R	
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary Cress	R	
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Oxeye Daisy	R	
<i>Linaria purpurea</i>	Purple Toadflax	R	
<i>Linum catharticum</i>	Fairy Flax	R	
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Rye-Grass	R	
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Common Bird's-Foot-Trefoil	O	
<i>Malus domestica</i>	Apple	R	
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	O	
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	O	
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	O	
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Medick	O	
<i>Melilotus altissimus</i>	Tall Melilot	R	
<i>Odontites vernus</i>	Red Bartsia	O	
<i>Oenothera glazioviana</i>	Large-Flowered Evening-Primrose	R	
<i>Ononis repens</i>	Common Restharrow	F	
<i>Phleum pratense</i>	Timothy	OLF	
<i>Picris echioides</i>	Bristly Oxtongue	O	
<i>Pilosella officinarum</i>	Mouse-Ear-Hawkweed	OLF	
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buck's-Horn Plantain	O	
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	F	
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	OLF	
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Selfheal	R	
<i>Pulicaria dysenterica</i>	Common Fleabane	R	
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	O	
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>	Wild Radish	R	
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum subsp. m.</i>	Sea Radish	O	CS
<i>Reseda lutea</i>	Wild Mignonette	R	
<i>Reseda luteola</i>	Weld	R	
<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Yellow-Rattle	R	
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog Rose	O	
<i>Rosa pimpinellifolia</i>	Burnet Rose	R	CS
<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>	Bramble	F	
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	Sheep's Sorrel agg.	R	
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-Leaved Dock	R	
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	R	
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Salad Burnet	R	
<i>Sedum anglicum</i>	English Stonecrop	R	CS
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Common Ragwort	O	
<i>Senecio squalidus</i>	Oxford Ragwort	O	
<i>Silaum silaus</i>	Pepper-Saxifrage	R	

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<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Campion	R
<i>Silene uniflora</i>	Sea Campion	R
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	O
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-Thistle	R
<i>Stellaria graminea</i>	Lesser Stitchwort	R
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	Tansy	R
<i>Taraxacum officinale agg.</i>	Dandelion	O
<i>Teucrium scorodonia</i>	Wood Sage	R
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop Trefoil	R
<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Lesser Trefoil	R
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	F
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	R
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	FLA
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	O
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Great Mullein	R
<i>Vicia cracca</i>	Tufted Vetch	R
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	O

<u>Taxon Latin Name</u>	<u>Taxon Common Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Status</u>
<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Kestrel	P	

Species Summary

Total no. of species:	100
No. of woodland species:	29
No. of AWVP indicators (*):	0
No. of acid/neutral grassland indicators (‡):	1

Notes

Indicators:

Ancient Woodland Vascular Plants (AWVP) - species most strongly associated with ancient woodland and are typical components of botanically rich ancient woodland communities

Acid/neutral grassland indicators - species which seldomly occur outside of unimproved acid/neutral grasslands or are indicative of a long period of uninterrupted grassland management

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Habitats:

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Species:

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Frequencies within brackets () indicate non-native occurrences.

Status codes:

NR Nationally Rare	CR County Rare	nHR North Hampshire Rare (within Vice-County 12)
NS Nationally Scarce	CS County Scarce	nHS North Hampshire Scarce (within Vice-County 12)
NI Nationally Important	CI County Important	sHR South Hampshire Rare (within Vice-County 11)

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EASTERN SECTION**Habitats Recorded****BAP Priority Habitats**

	<u>Area (%)</u>
Coastal saltmarsh	15

National Vegetation Classifications

	<u>Area (%)</u>
MG1a, Festuca rubra sub-community	60
OV23, Lolium perenne-Dactylis glomerata community	15
SM24, Elymus pycnanthus saltmarsh	15
MG12a, Lolium perenne-Holcus lanatus sub-community	10

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<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	F	
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	Creeping Bent	F	
<i>Allium vineale</i>	Wild Onion	R	
<i>Armoracia rusticana</i>	Horse-Radish	R	
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False Oat-Grass	A	
<i>Artemisia verlotiorum</i>	Chinese Mugwort	R	
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort	F	
<i>Aster</i>	Michaelmas-Daisy	R	
<i>Atriplex patula</i>	Common Orache	R	
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	R	
<i>Beta vulgaris</i>	Beet	R	
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Butterfly-Bush	R	
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Hedge Bindweed	R	
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	F	
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Field Bindweed	O	
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	R	
<i>Cruciata laevipes</i>	Crosswort	R	
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-Foot	F	
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	OLF	
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Wild Teasel	R	
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss	R	
<i>Elytrigia atherica</i>	Sea Couch	FLA	
<i>Elytrigia repens</i>	Common Couch	R	
<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	Japanese Knotweed	OLF	
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	Tall Fescue	OLA	
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Red Fescue	F	
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	R	
<i>Galium mollugo</i>	Hedge Bedstraw	O	
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	R	
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	O	
<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	Red Dead-Nettle	R	

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<i>Lathyrus latifolius</i>	Broad-Leaved Everlasting-Pea	R	
<i>Lathyrus nissolia</i>	Grass Vetchling	R	
<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>	Meadow Vetchling	R	
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary Cress	R	
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Rye-Grass	FLA	
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Common Bird's-Foot-Trefoil	R	
<i>Malus domestica</i>	Apple	R	
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	O	
<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Spotted Medick	O	
<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Black Medick	O	
<i>Medicago sativa</i>	Medick	OLF	
<i>Melilotus altissimus</i>	Tall Melilot	R	
<i>Odontites vernus</i>	Red Bartsia	R	
<i>Ononis repens</i>	Common Restharrow	O	
<i>Phleum pratense</i>	Timothy	R	
<i>Picris echioides</i>	Bristly Oxtongue	O	
<i>Picris hieracioides</i>	Hawkweed Oxtongue	OLF	
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buck's-Horn Plantain	OLF	
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	F	
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	O	
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum</i>	Wild Radish	R	
<i>Raphanus raphanistrum subsp. n.</i>	Sea Radish	F	CS
<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>	Bramble	OLA	
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-Leaved Dock	O	
<i>Sanguisorba minor</i>	Salad Burnet	R	
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Common Ragwort	O	
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-Thistle	R	
<i>Tamarix gallica</i>	Tamarisk	R	
<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Lesser Trefoil	O	
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	O	
<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	Scentless Mayweed	R	
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Colt's-Foot	R	
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	O	
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	R	
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	O	

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<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Sparrowhawk	P	

Species Summary

Total no. of species:	67
No. of acid/neutral grassland indicators (‡):	1

Notes

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WESTERN SECTION**Habitats Recorded**

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Coastal saltmarsh	15
Lowland meadows	15
Lowland dry acid grassland	10

<u>National Vegetation Classifications</u>	<u>Area (%)</u>
MG1, Arrhenatherum elatius grassland	60
MG5b, Galium verum sub-community	15
SM24, Elymus pycnanthus saltmarsh	15
U1b, Typical sub-community	10

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<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	F	
<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>	Common Bent	O	
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	Creeping Bent	A	
<i>Allium vineale</i>	Wild Onion	R	
<i>Anisantha sterilis</i>	Barren Brome	R	
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass	O	
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False Oat-Grass	OLF	
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort	O	
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Daisy	R	
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	Soft-Brome	OLF	
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Butterfly-Bush	R	
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Harebell	R	
<i>Carex arenaria</i>	Sand Sedge	RLO	CS
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	Common Knapweed	O	
<i>Centaureum erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	R	
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-Ear	O	
<i>Chenopodium album</i>	Fat-Hen	R	
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	R	
<i>Cotoneaster</i>	Cotoneaster	R	
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	R	
<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>	Crested Dog's-Tail	OLF	
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Broom	R	
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-Foot	F	
<i>Danthonia decumbens</i>	Heath-Grass	R	
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wild Carrot	F	
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's Bugloss	OLF	
<i>Elytrigia atherica</i>	Sea Couch	FLA	
<i>Elytrigia repens</i>	Common Couch	R	
<i>Erigeron acer</i>	Blue Fleabane	R	

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<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Common Stork's-Bill	R	
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	Tall Fescue	R	
<i>Festuca ovina</i>	Sheep's Fescue	OLA	
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	F	
<i>Galium mollugo</i>	Hedge Bedstraw	OLF	
<i>Galium verum</i>	Lady's Bedstraw	F	
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-Foot Crane's-Bill	R	
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	R	
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire-Fog	O	
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall Barley	O	
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Perforate St. John's-Wort	OLF	
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Cat's-Ear	O	
<i>Jasione montana</i>	Sheep's-Bit	R	
<i>Juncus inflexus</i>	Hard Rush	R	
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly Lettuce	R	
<i>Leontodon autumnalis</i>	Autumnal Hawkbit	R	
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary Cress	RLO	
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Oxeye Daisy	R	
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Rye-Grass	FLA	
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Common Bird's-Foot-Trefoil	O	
<i>Malus domestica</i>	Apple	R	
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	O	
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<i>Poa pratensis</i>	Smooth Meadow-Grass	R	
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i> agg.	Knotgrass agg.	R	
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	O	
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	O	
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<i>Silene latifolia</i>	White Campion	R	
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	O	
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-Thistle	R	
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Smooth Sow-Thistle	R	
<i>Spiranthes spiralis</i>	Autumn Lady's-Tresses	R	NI
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	Tansy	R	
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> agg.	Dandelion	O	
<i>Trifolium arvense</i>	Hare's-Foot Clover	OLF	

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<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover	O
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	R
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	OLF
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	R
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Common Vetch	O

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Frequencies within brackets () indicate non-native occurrences.

Status codes:

NR Nationally Rare	CR County Rare	nHR North Hampshire Rare (within Vice-County 12)
NS Nationally Scarce	CS County Scarce	nHS North Hampshire Scarce (within Vice-County 12)
NI Nationally Important	CI County Important	sHR South Hampshire Rare (within Vice-County 11)
		sHS South Hampshire Scarce (within Vice-County 11)