

**Aggregates Levy Credit Scheme
Code of Practice and Audit Protocol**



Guidance regarding Improvement Measures

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Specific Possible Improvement Measure:

Adhere to any planning constraint imposed with regard to protected species. Monitor the site. Ensure that staff is aware of the key protected species that may occur on site. Should protected species be found, avoid disturbing the habitat and seek guidance from the Environment and Heritage Service.

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Implementing improvement measures requires you to show evidence that action has taken place on site. To support this improvement measure and notably the awareness and safeguarding of our wildlife; please use the following information to ensure your staff is aware of protected species and legislation.

- I. EHS The Wildlife Law and You in Northern Ireland (*booklet enclosed*)**
- II. QPANI Biodiversity Advice Notes: Sand Martin (*issued Feb 2006*)**

Further Biodiversity Advice Notes concerning species and habitats in our aggregate sites will be issued to members, for additional information and guidance please contact QPANI Biodiversity Officer Laverne Bell (028 9024078) relating to awareness of species on your sites.

BD4 Native Species

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Specific Possible Improvement Measure:

During restoration planning or landscape works, native species for all planting should be used if appropriate. Contact the Environment & Heritage Service for further advice.

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NATIVE TREES

Field Maple - *Acer campestre*
Alder - *Alnus glutinosa*
Silver Birch - *Betula pendula*
Downy Birch - *Betula pubescens*
Box - *Buxus sempervirens*
Hornbeam - *Carpinus betula*
Hazel - *Corylus avellana*
Common Hawthorn - *Crataegus monogyna*
Midland Hawthorn - *Crataegus laevigata*
Common Beech - *Fagus sylvatica*
Common Ash - *Fraxinus excelsior*
Holly - *Ilex aquifolium*
Juniper - *Juniperus communis*
Crab Apple - *Malus sylvestris*
Scots Pine - *Pinus sylvestris*
Black Poplar - *Populus nigra*

Aspen - *Populus tremula*
Bird Cherry - *Prunus padus*
Wild Cherry - *Prunus avium*
Sessile Oak - *Quercus petraea*
Pedunculate Oak - *Quercus robur*
White Willow - *Salix alba*
Goat Willow or Sallow - *Salix caprea*
Crack Willow - *Salix fragilis*
Bay Willow - *Salix pentandra*
Common Whitebeam - *Sorbus aria*
Rowan (mountain ash) - *Sorbus aucuparia*
Wild Service Tree - *Sorbus torminalis*
Yew - *Taxus baccata*
Small Leaved Lime - *Tilia cordata*
Large Leaved Lime - *Tilia platyphyllos*
Wych Elm - *Ulmus glabra*



NATIVE SHRUBS

Blackthorn - *Prunus spinosa*
Dogwood - *Cornus sanguinea*
Buckthorn - *Rhamnus catharticus*
Alder buckthorn - *Frangula alnus*
Guelder Rose - *Viburnum opulus*

Wayfaring tree - *Viburnum lantana*
Spindle - *Euonymus europaea*
Osier - *Salix viminalis*
Grey Willow - *Salix cinerea*
Elder - *Sambucus nigra*



NON NATIVE – Common introduced trees

Sycamore - *Acer pseudoplatanus*
Sweet chestnut - *Castanea sativa*
Horse chestnut - *Aesculus hippocastanum*
White poplar - *Populus alba*
Lots of firs, spruces, larches, pines, cypresses etc.
London Plane