

# **National Vegetation Classification Survey of Woodland at Kew**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

A National Vegetation Classification (NVC) survey of an area of woodland on the right bank of the River Thames, adjacent to Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club, was undertaken on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

During the survey, all vascular plants seen were recorded and frequency assessed using the DAFOR scale:

D	Dominant
A	Abundant
F	Frequent
O	Occasional
R	Rare
(L	Locally)

A single one-off survey is insufficient to record all the plants present in any given site and, for example, any strictly vernal species will have been missed. DAFOR ratings for certain species, notably annuals, can change throughout the year.

This report outlines the results of the field survey and includes a map of the site showing mapped NVC communities and, where relevant, transitional/non-fit classifications. Species are referred to by their Latin names throughout (nomenclature of Stace 1997). A checklist of Latin and English names is given in the Appendix.

## 2 METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 Field Survey

All fieldwork was undertaken on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008. The boundary of the site was defined as follows:

- the western boundary was set as the top of the Thames embankment
- the southern boundary was set in a straight line from the limit of unmown vegetation within the Old Deer Park Recreation Ground
- the eastern boundary was set at the limit of unmown stands of vegetation in the Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club course and the recreation ground
- the northern boundary was arbitrarily defined by drawing a straight line across the site from close to the southern edge of the 16<sup>th</sup> tee. The two ponds close to this were excluded from survey

During the field survey all the site was walked over. Many stands were extremely difficult to access due to dense scrub, nettles or steep embankments adjacent to deep water. The open water ditches were assessed only from their margins, although grapnel draglines were sampled in several places.

It was possible to record the overwhelming majority of species to specific and, where relevant, sub-specific level. However, non-flowering Michealmas-daisies could not be identified beyond genus level (*Aster* sp.). An exotic Cherry could not be confirmed due to the lack of flowers or fruits, but is likely to be *Prunus padus*. This is listed in the Appendix as *Prunus* cf *padus* (cf = 'compares favourably'). No aggregates of *Rosa canina*, *Rubus fruticosus* or *Taraxacum officinale* have been separated.

### 2.2 NVC Mapping

OS Mastermap data for use in MapInfo v.7.5 was provided by the London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames and all NVC communities have been mapped against this. Where watercourses and tarmac paths have been mapped, vegetation polygons have been 'snapped' to the relevant Mastermap lines in GIS. The western site boundary has also been 'snapped' to Mastermap data.

No aerial photograph was available for mapping and therefore the boundaries of mapped stands are indicative only. Because all eastern stands are defined by the limits of mowing, and these habitat lines are either not displayed by Mastermap or are patently inaccurate, the accuracy of mapped vegetation should be regarded as indicative only. Indeed the entire eastern boundary of the site should be regarded as indicative only.

## 3 SURVEY RESULTS

### 3.1 NVC Communities

Eight NVC community-types or transitional community-types have been mapped, plus two non-referable stands (see Site Map). The floristic composition of each is described below.

#### 3.1.1 OV24a

##### **OV24a – *Urtica dioica*-*Galium aparine* Community; Typical Sub-community**

This species-poor community dominates open nettle stands adjacent to the golf course. It covers approximately 1.5ha. Lower lying parts are likely to be inundated during high tides and when there is ditch overspill.

Stands in this classification are species-poor and all dominated by *Urtica dioica* (up to 2m in height) with a sub-ordinate cover of *Galium aparine*. *Heracleum sphondylium* is constant, although it rarely attains great cover, in contrast to *Calystegia sepium*, which can be locally co-dominant with *Urtica*. All other species are local in occurrence. More common amongst these are *Glechoma hederacea*, *Cirsium arvense*, *Anthriscus sylvestris*, *Geranium pratense*, *Angelica sylvestris*, *Epilobium hirsutum*, *Rubus fruticosus*, *Solanum dulcamara*, *Arrhenatherum elatius*, *Poa trivialis*, *Carduus crispus* and (in the wettest areas) *Carex riparia*.

Most stands of this vegetation, but particularly in northern areas, are ceding to scrub and *Crataegus monogyna* and *Ulmus procera* are locally both very common. In fact their cover may be so great that stands could easily have been mapped as a mosaic of OV24a and W21a. Other encroaching woody species include *Acer pseudoplatanus*, *Quercus robur*, *Aesculus hippocastanum*, *Quercus cerris* and *Sambucus nigra*.

#### 3.1.2 OV25b

##### **OV25b – *Urtica dioica*-*Cirsium arvense* Community; *Rumex obtusifolius*-*Artemisia vulgaris* Sub-community**

This community has been mapped to cover open stands toward the south of the strip of vegetation running along the western boundary of the site; between the Thames embankment and the mapped tarmac path. It covers approximately 0.1ha in area.

Most of the mapped stand is composed of heavily disturbed, species-poor vegetation dominated by *Urtica dioica* and *Rumex obtusifolius*. *Heracleum sphondylium*, *Arctium lappa*, *Alliaria petiolata* and *Calystegia sepium* are also common, with scattered *Brassica rapa*, *Anisantha sterilis* and *Ballota nigra*. Adjacent to the tarmac path, but not separated from the rest of the vegetation included in the mapped classification, runs a very narrow strip of discontinuous *Lolium perenne* dominated grassland. This includes disturbance-tolerant species such as *Hordeum murinum*, *Dactylis glomerata*, *Plantago major*, *Taraxacum officinale* and *Poa annua*. It lies closest to a variant of the NVC classification of OV21/OV23.

### 3.1.3 OV26e

#### **OV26e – *Epilobium hirsutum* Community; *Urtica dioica*-*Cirsium arvense* Sub-community**

Continuing on from the mapped stands of OV24a, this classification covers stands of open *Epilobium hirsutum* tall-herb fen/ruderal vegetation. Approximately 0.3ha of it has been mapped to the south of the site; mostly within the recreation ground where stands appear likely to be inundated more frequently than those to the north.

*Epilobium hirsutum* and *Urtica dioica* dominate all stands of this community with *Calystegia sepium* and *Oenanthe crocata*. The latter is a species not normally associated with OV26, but is common here on account of the perhaps quite frequent inundation. *Impatiens capensis* is also very common with more local *Glechoma hederacea*, *Poa trivialis*, *Angelica sylvestris*, *Heracleum sphondylium*, *Persicaria hydropiper*, *Lythrum salicaria*, *Phalaris arundinacea* and *Barbarea vulgaris*. Other species include *Impatiens glandulifera*, *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Cirsium arvense*, *Galium aparine*, *Elytrigia repens*, *Arctium lappa*, *Cardamine pratensis*, *Artemisia vulgaris*, *Rorippa sylvestris*, *Senecio aquaticus* and *Rumex obtusifolius*.

Unlike stands of OV24a, the vegetation included here is mostly open; lacking encroaching scrub.

### 3.1.4 S5a/S6

#### **S5a – *Glyceria maxima* Swamp; *Glyceria maxima* Sub-community**

#### **S6 – *Carex riparia* Swamp**

Approximately 0.3ha of largely open fen-swamp vegetation lies toward the south of the survey site. This occurs in what could be regarded as an effective woodland glade, being surrounded by *Salix fragilis* scrub-woodland. However, stands are likely to be wetter here than much of the scrub-woodland surrounding it; perhaps indicating a lower-lying ditch-overspill flood zone. There was standing water at the time of survey.

Stands are variably dominated by *Glyceria maxima* and/or *Carex riparia*. *Urtica dioica* remains very common with *Impatiens capensis*. *Phalaris arundinacea* is locally common. Other species include *Oenanthe crocata*, *Myosotis scorpioides*, *Senecio aquaticus*, *Mentha aquatica* and *Persicaria hydropiper*. Whilst the classification of S5a/S6 covers most variation recorded, there are evident trends to S26 and S28 (see Section 3.1.6).

### 3.1.5 W6b

#### **W6b – *Alnus glutinosa*-*Urtica dioica* Woodland; *Salix fragilis* Sub-community**

All stands of wet woodland fall into a variant of the NVC-defined community W6b. In places (see Section 3.1.6) stands are transitional with open vegetation.

Approximately 1.7ha of non-transitional W6b have been mapped. These are all dominated by a mostly closed canopy of *Salix fragilis* with sparsely scattered *Fraxinus excelsior*, *Acer pseudoplatanus*, *Aesculus hippocastanum*, *Salix alba* and *Platanus x hispanica*.

The understorey is dominated by recruitment *S.fragilis*, although in drier areas *Crataegus monogyna* is abundant with frequent *Sambucus nigra*. These latter stands are close to W6d. *Humulus lupulus* is locally frequent as a climber. All other species, including recruitment *A.pseudoplatanus*, *F.excelsior*, *A.hippocastanum*, *Ulmus procera*, *Populus x canescens* and the shrub *Ligustrum ovalifolium* are infrequent.

The mostly rather poor field layer is dominated by *Urtica dioica* throughout most mapped W6b, except in the wettest stands where *Glyceria maxima*, *Myosotis scorpioides*, *Mentha aquatica* *Lysimachia nummularia*, *Callitriche stagnalis* and/or *Lythrum salicaria* may be abundant. These stands have certain similarities to W1 woodland. In the driest stands *Glechoma hederacea* can be common with *Hedera helix*, *Brachypodium sylvaticum* and *Rubus fruticosus*. These may be close to W6d and/or W8d (see Section 3.1.7). Other locally common species include *Oenanthe crocata*, *Iris pseudacorus*, *Impatiens capensis*, *I.glandulifera*, *Angelica sylvestris*, *Galium aparine*, *Rumex obtusifolius*, *Lycopus europaeus* and *Aegopodium podagraria*.

### 3.1.6 W6b-S28b/S26d

**W6b – *Alnus glutinosa-Urtica dioica* Woodland; *Salix fragilis* Sub-community**

**S28b – *Phalaris arundinacea* Tall-herb Fen; *Epilobium hirsutum-Urtica dioica* Sub-community**

**S26d – *Phragmites australis-Urtica dioica* Tall-herb Fen; *Epilobium hirsutum* Sub-community**

Approximately 1ha of this transitional classification have been mapped. On the whole stands are similar to wetter forms of W6b (see above), although most stands here are rather open and a remnant rich-fen community is present; at least in patches.

Closed woodland stands are dominated by *Salix fragilis*. There is little or no understorey, other than recruitment *S.fragilis*; reflecting its recent origin. The field layer is dominated by *Myosotis scorpioides*, *Oenanthe crocata*, *Phalaris arundinacea*, *Lythrum salicaria* and more local *Mentha aquatica*. *Urtica dioica* is absent from the very wettest stands, but dominates more open woodland over drier substrates. Other common, or locally frequent, species (especially of more open stands) include *Impatiens capensis*, *I.glandulifera*, *Galium aparine*, *Callitriche stagnalis*, *Solanum dulcamara*, *Angelica sylvestris*, *Glyceria maxima*, *Bidens tripartita*, *Ranunculus repens* and *Rumex obtusifolius*.

Classification of these stands is problematic. With an aerial photograph it may be possible to separate out different components. However, there are strong transitions between several communities, even amongst what appears to be superficially homogenous vegetation. The W6b element is obvious in all areas because of the cover of *S.fragilis* and *Urtica*, although *Urtica*-lacking stands may be closer to W1. The S28b element is rather less evident, although some stands of semi-open *Phalaris* clearly belong here. The S26d element forms a not uncommon variant of the community where *Urtica*-dominated fen occurs in the absence of *Phragmites*.

### 3.1.7 W8b

#### **W8b – *Fraxinus excelsior*-*Acer campestre*-*Mercurialis perennis* Woodland; *Hedera helix* Sub-community**

This classification covers all the dry woodland recorded within the site. Occupying approximately 2ha in area, it is confined to dry ditch banks and the top of the Thames embankment. Inundation is likely to be very rare and/or of short duration.

All stands appear to have originated from avenues of trees planted on river and ditch embankments. These probably date back hundreds of years given the size of several veteran Horse-chestnuts. Internal banks may be largely composed of ditch spoil and past alluvial deposition.

The canopy of W8d is dominated by a mixture of mature planted *Acer pseudoplatanus* and *Aesculus hippocastanum* with *Fraxinus excelsior*. Mature, originally planted, *Fagus sylvatica*, *Tilia x europaea* and *Platanus x hispanica* are also present, with (especially on wetter margins) natural regeneration *Salix fragilis*.

The understorey is better developed here than in most W6b stands. It is largely dominated by *Crataegus monogyna* and *Sambucus nigra*, with less frequent *Ligustrum ovalifolium* and *Ulmus procera*. Recruitment trees, including all canopy dominants, are frequent along with climbing *Hedera helix*.

For the most part the species-poor field layer is dominated by mixtures of *Hedera helix*, *Brachypodium sylvaticum* and *Glechoma hederacea* with *Geum urbanum*, *Alliaria petiolata*, *Urtica dioica*, *Anthriscus sylvestris*, *Poa trivialis*, *Rubus fruticosus* and locally abundant *Aegopodium podagraria*. Scattered semi-open stands commonly support *Rubus fruticosus*-*Galium aparine*, and *Anthriscus*-*Glechoma*-*Brachypodium* vegetation. Stands either side of the Thames path (mapped as ‘Tarmac Path’) are commonly disturbed and adjacent to the Thames itself are often dominated by *Urtica* with little or no *Hedera*. These have clear affinities to W6d but can all be retained as dry W8d woodland.

### 3.1.8 W21a

#### **W21a – *Crataegus monogyna*-*Hedera helix* Scrub; *Hedera helix*-*Urtica dioica* Sub-community**

Three stands of W21a scrub, covering a total area of approximately 0.4ha, have been mapped on the eastern margins of the survey site. These are all oriented around planted trees but include natural regeneration scrub. Without intervention management all stands of W21a will most likely cede to this classification; perhaps in a relatively short time given that extant scrub is already very common (see Section 3.1.1).

The northernmost and southernmost stands of mapped W21a are oriented around mature *Populus x canadensis* trees. *Tilia x europaea* trees are present in the north and centre. The central stand also supports *Robinia pseudoacacia*.

Most scrub is dominated by *Crataegus monogyna*, *Ulmus procera* and/or *Sambucus nigra*. Recruitment *Robinia* dominates much of the central stand. Other woody species include



recruitment *Fraxinus excelsior*, *Acer pseudoplatanus*, *Quercus cerris*, *Q. robur* and *Aesculus hippocastanum*.

The species-poor field layer is dominated by mixtures of *Urtica dioica*, *Glechoma hederacea*, *Brachypodium sylvaticum*, *Anthriscus sylvestris* and *Galium aparine*. *Hedera helix* is only locally dominant. Other species include *Geum urbanum*, *Heracleum sphondylium*, *Poa trivialis* and *Rubus fruticosus*.

### 3.1.9 Drain (Open Water)

Approximately 1ha of open water has been mapped; covering approximately 1.4km of riverside drain. All is floristically very poor with channels mostly heavily shaded by adjacent woodland and supporting what appears to be quite deep anoxic silt and organic debris. Of several grapnel draglines thrown, no submerged or floating vegetation was recorded, although *Callitriche stagnalis* is scattered on the margins of some stretches. Other species present on ditch margins include *Glyceria maxima*, *Mentha scorpioides*, *Oenanthe crocata*, *Iris pseudacorus*, *Carex remota* and *C. pendula*. However, all are very infrequent.

### 3.1.10 Tarmac Path

Approximately 0.3ha of unvegetated tarmac path have been mapped.

## 3.2 Species

During the field survey 131 species of vascular plant were recorded from the site. Approximately 25% of these are non-native. The full list is given in the Appendix.

## 4 EVALUATION

### 4.1 Habitat Evaluation

Seven habitat-types, as defined by Phase I classifications developed by the England Field Unit (Anon 2003), have been recorded during the field survey. These are listed in Table 1 along with broad habitat types, as defined by Jackson (2000), NVC classification and total area. National Priority BAP habitats are also given.

**Table 1** – Habitats recorded and their relationship to BAP habitats and survey classifications

Habitat (Phase I code)	Broad HAP Classification	National Priority BAP Habitats	NVC Classification	Area Mapped
Broad-leaved woodland (A1.1)	Broad-leaved, Mixed and Yew Woodland		W8d	2.0ha
Semi-natural broad-leaved woodland (A1.1.1)	Broad-leaved, Mixed and Yew Woodland	Wet Woodland	W6b, W6b-S28b/S26d	2.7ha
Scattered scrub (A2.2)	Urban*		OV24a (part), W21a	0.4-1.9ha
Tall ruderal (C3.1)	Urban*		OV24a (part), OV25b, OV26e	0.4-1.9ha
Fen (F1)	Fen, Marsh and Swamp	Lowland Fen	S5a/S6	0.3ha
Running water – eutrophic (G2.1)	Standing Open Water and Canals		Drain (Open Water)	1.0ha
Other habitat (J5)	Urban*		Tarmac Path	0.3ha

\* Scattered scrub and tall ruderal habitats do not fit readily into HAP classifications. Stands within the survey site are derived from alluvial spoil and formerly mown grassland and are ceding toward woodland. They are probably best placed in the former HAP category of 'Urban', although wetter parts are associated with Fen, Marsh and Swamp

### 4.2 Vegetation Community Evaluation

Eleven NVC community-types have been recorded. There is little published information on the distribution of NVC types and therefore the overview given below is based on distribution notes given in the NVC accounts (Rodwell 1991a *et seq*) and personal experience:

- OV24a a very common community of eutrophic soils across a wide range of habitat-types in South East England
- OV25b a very common community of enriched soils and disturbed/poorly managed grasslands, waste areas and waysides
- OV26e a very common tall-herb ruderal community most commonly associated with wet eutrophic soils. It occurs across lowland Britain, but, as with all other

- communities recorded during the survey except W8d and W21a, is absent from dry, unproductive soils.
- S5a a very common eutrophic fen swamp community found across lowland Britain. Along with S6, this is the least tolerant community of dry soils recorded during the survey. Although widespread, it is therefore confined to suitably wet situations
- S6 as above, but less common than S5a and more commonly associated with less eutrophic conditions. It is thought to be declining in extent nationally (Rodwell 2000)
- S26d a very common community of eutrophic reedbeds across lowland Britain. Recorded in transitional form only and lacking *Phragmites*
- S28b a very common emergent and tall-herb fen community found across lowland Britain. Only recorded in transitional form.
- W6b W6 is the most common community of alluvial wet woods in South East England. W6b is perhaps the most common sub-community in these situations; recorded here in the absence of *Alnus*. Whilst very widespread, the community is largely associated with alluvial woods and becomes rare away from such conditions
- W8d a very common woodland community in lowland Britain, found across a range of base-rich soil types. It is a very common community-type of recent secondary woodland
- W21a probably the most common scrub community in lowland Britain

### 4.3 Species Evaluation

131 species of vascular plant were recorded during the survey. Of these approximately 25% are non-native. All native species recorded are common in Britain (Preston *et al* 2002).

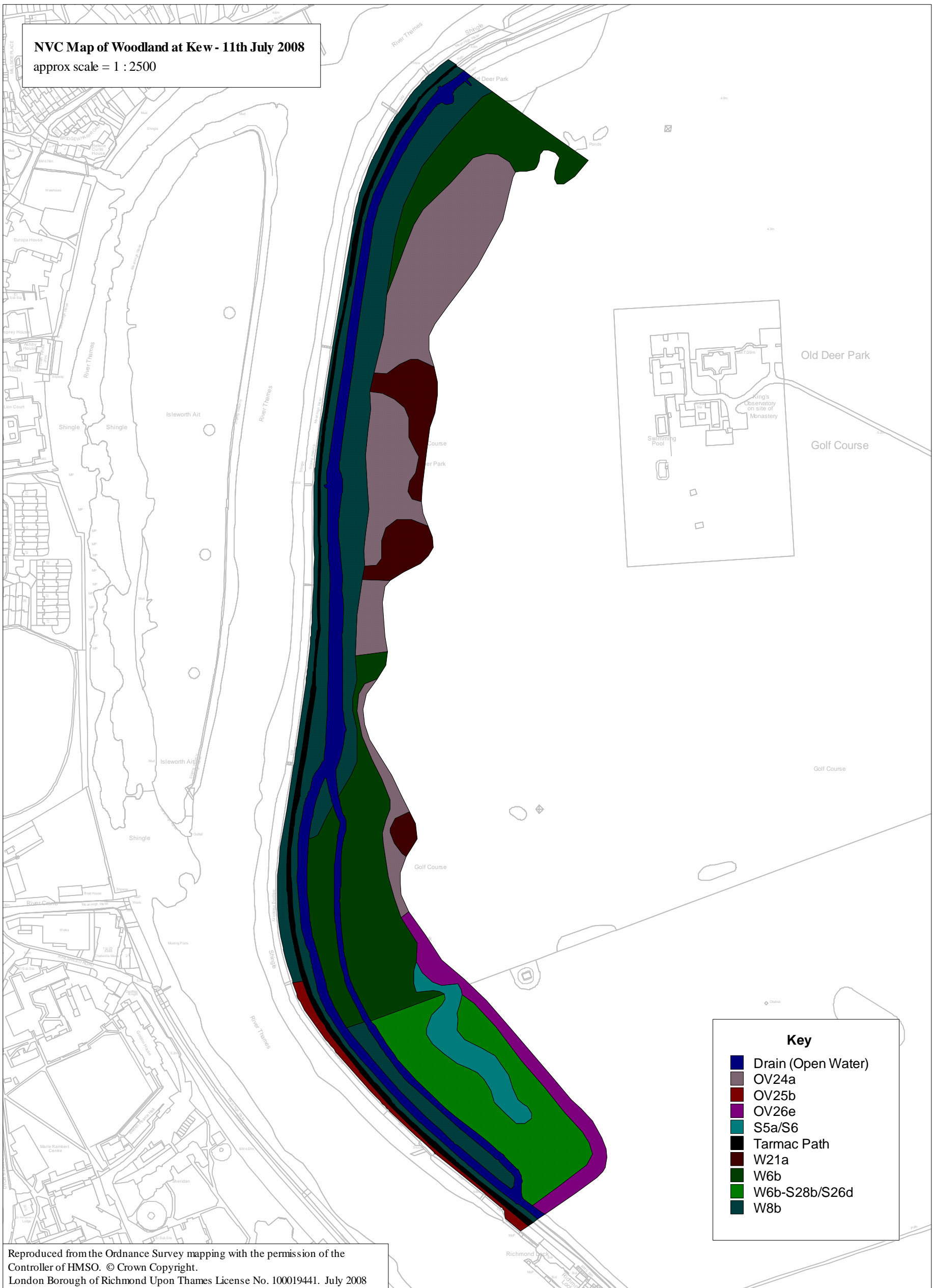
Of the 16 10km grid squares that make up the Watsonian vice-county of Middlesex (VC21), almost all the native species recorded during the survey occur in all 16 squares (Kent 2000). Only seven species occur in 14 or less: *Bidens cernua* (13 grid squares), *Carex riparia* (14), *Geranium pratense* (10, but 5 as an alien species), *Lysimachia nummularia* (14, but 2 as an alien species), *Myosotis scorpioides* (14, but 2 as an alien species), *Oenanthe crocata* (14, but 1 as an alien species) and *Senecio aquaticus* (12). All are associated with wetlands: particularly those that are open. None can be regarded as county rare nor scarce.

Some of the veteran trees recorded from W8d, although all non-native, have a nature conservation value in their own right.

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6 SITE MAP



**APPENDIX – SPECIES LIST FOR WOODLAND AT KEW**Recorded 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008 by Giles Groome

Nomenclature follows Stace (1997)

**Trees, Shrubs and other Woody Species**

<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore	LA
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horse-chestnut	LA
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Butterfly-bush	R
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hawthorn	F
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Beech	R
<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Ash	LA
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Ivy	LA
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>	Hop	LF
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	R
<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Bay	R
<i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i>	Garden Privet	R
<i>Platanus x hispanica</i>	London Plane	R
<i>Populus nigra</i> (fastigate cultivar)	Lombardy Poplar	R
<i>Populus x canadensis</i>	Hybrid Black-poplar	R
<i>Populus x canescens</i>	Grey Poplar	R
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild Cherry	R
<i>Prunus cf padus</i>	Bird Cherry	R
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Blackthorn	R
<i>Quercus cerris</i>	Turkey Oak	O
<i>Quercus robur</i>	Pedunculate Oak	R
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	False-acacia	R
<i>Rosa canina</i> agg.	Dog Rose	R
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.	Bramble	F
<i>Salix alba</i>	White Willow	R
<i>Salix fragilis</i>	Crack Willow	LD
<i>Salix viminalis</i>	Osier	R
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Elder	F
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	R
<i>Tilia x europaea</i>	Lime	R
<i>Ulmus procera</i>	English Elm	F

**Non-graminaceous Herbaceous Species**

<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Ground-elder	LA
<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>	Water-plantain	R
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard	LA
<i>Angelica archangelica</i>	Garden Angelica	R
<i>Angelica sylvestris</i>	Wild Angelica	F
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Cow Parsley	F
<i>Arctium lappa</i>	Greater Burdock	LF
<i>Arctium minus</i>	Lesser Burdock	R

<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Mugwort	LF
<i>Aster</i> agg.	Michaelmas-daisy	R
<i>Atriplex patula</i>	Common Orache	R
<i>Ballota nigra</i>	Black Horehound	LF
<i>Barbarea vulgaris</i>	Winter-cress	LF
<i>Bidens cernua</i>	Nodding Bur-marigold	R
<i>Bidens tripartita</i>	Trifid Bur-marigold	LF
<i>Brassica rapa</i>	Turnip	R
<i>Callitriche stagnalis</i>	Common Water-starwort	F
<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Hedge Bindweed	F
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's-purse	R
<i>Cardamine flexuosa</i>	Wavy Bittercress	O
<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>	Cuckooflower	LF
<i>Carduus crispus</i>	Wetted Thistle	LF
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear	R
<i>Circaea lutetiana</i>	Enchanter's-nightshade	R
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Creeping Thistle	LF
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	R
<i>Conyza sumatrensis</i>	Guernsey Fleabane	R
<i>Crepis capillaris</i>	Smooth Hawk's-beard	R
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Great Willowherb	LA
<i>Epilobium parviflorum</i>	Hoary Willowherb	R
<i>Epilobium tetragonum</i>	Square-stalked Willowherb	R
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>	Meadowsweet	R
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers	F
<i>Geranium pratense</i>	Meadow Crane's-bill	LF
<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Wood Avens	LA
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Ground-ivy	F
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	Hogweed	F
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Cat's-ear	R
<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	Orange Balsam	F
<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	Himalayan Balsam	F
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow iris	O
<i>Lamium album</i>	White Dead-nettle	R
<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	Red Dead-nettle	R
<i>Lapsana communis</i>	Nipplewort	LF
<i>Lycopus europaeus</i>	Gypsywort	F
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	Creeping-Jenny	LA
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple Loosestrife	LA
<i>Malva sylvestris</i>	Common Mallow	R
<i>Mentha aquatica</i>	Water Mint	LA
<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>	Water Forget-me-not	LA
<i>Oenanthe crocata</i>	Hemlock Water-dropwort	F
<i>Persicaria hydropiper</i>	Water-pepper	F
<i>Persicaria maculosa</i>	Redshank	R
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain	O
<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	LF
<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Knotgrass	R
<i>Potentilla reptans</i>	Creeping Cinquefoil	R
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup	R

<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup	LA
<i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i>	Water-cress	R
<i>Rorippa sylvestris</i>	Creeping Yellow-cress	R
<i>Rumex conglomeratus</i>	Clustered Dock	R
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Dock	F
<i>Sedum album</i>	White Stonecrop	R
<i>Senecio aquaticus</i>	Marsh Ragwort	O
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Common Ragwort	R
<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Hedge Mustard	R
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	Bittersweet	F
<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	Perennial Sow-thistle	R
<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Prickly Sow-thistle	O
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common Chickweed	R
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> agg.	Dandelion	LF
<i>Torilis japonica</i>	Upright Hedge-parsley	R
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover	R
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle	A
<i>Veronica beccabunga</i>	Brooklime	R
<i>Viola odorata</i>	Sweet Violet	R

### Graminoids, Ferns and Horsetails

<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	Creeping Bent	LA
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	Meadow Foxtail	R
<i>Anisantha sterilis</i>	Barren Brome	LF
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False Oat-grass	LA
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	False-brome	LA
<i>Bromopsis ramosa</i>	Hairy Brome	R
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	Soft-brome	R
<i>Carex acutiformis</i>	Lesser Pond-sedge	R
<i>Carex pendula</i>	Pendulous Sedge	R
<i>Carex remota</i>	Remote Sedge	O
<i>Carex riparia</i>	Greater Pond-sedge	LA
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Cock's-foot	LA
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>	Male Fern	R
<i>Elytrigia repens</i>	Common Couch	O
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Field Horsetail	R
<i>Festuca gigantea</i>	Giant Fescue	R
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Red Fescue	R
<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	Reed Sweet-grass	LA
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire-fog	LA
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall Barley	LA
<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Perennial Rye-grass	LA
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Reed Canary-grass	LA
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual Meadow-grass	R
<i>Poa trivialis</i>	Rough Meadow-grass	LA