

WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

An Introduction for Community Volunteers

SESSION 2: Types of Woodland and Woodland Ecology

HANDOUT No. 5: **Classification of UK Woodlands**

3. NFI INTERPRETED FOREST TYPES

- BROADLEAVED More than 80% of the woodland area consists of broadleaved trees

- CONIFER More than 80% of the woodland area consists of conifer trees

- MIXED MAINLY BROADLEAVED
The proportion of the broadleaves is more than 50% of the area and less than 80%

- MIXED MAINLY CONIFER
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- COPPICE Broadleaves, multiple stems per stool, capable of being cut on a rotation

- COPPICE WITH STANDARDS Two-storeyed stands with at least 25 standard stems per hectare

- YOUNG TREES
Areas where planting is clearly visible but cannot be differentiated between conifer and broadleaved due to their immaturity

- FELLED Areas of woodland where the trees have been harvested or felled

- GROUND PREPARED FOR PLANTING
Spaced earth mounds, plough furrows, weed killed patches or strips

- SHRUB
Growth is low to the ground and cover at least 20%, no clear distinction between conifer and broadleaved.

- ASSUMED WOODLAND
Areas planted with grant aid not currently visible in aerial photography but assumed to exist