



# Life on the Verge—Biosphere SURVEY FORM

By completing this form, you are:

- Giving permission for us to contact you about this form & for the survey data (not your personal contact data) to be made publicly available **including display via the NBN**
- Please sign here to confirm you have read and understood the Survey Health & Safety

section of the Survey Guidance Notes: SIGNED .....DATE.....

- Surveyor Additional Risk Assessment (record any hazards additional to those in the Survey Guidance Notes)



<b>1. SURVEYORS DETAILS</b>		NAME	
ADDRESS		POSTCODE	
EMAIL		PHONE	
<b>2. SURVEY DETAILS</b>		DATE OF SURVEY	
TIME PREPARING FOR SURVEY (hrs)	TIME SPENT SURVEYING (hrs)	TIME SPENT TRAVELLING (hrs)	
VERGE GRID REFERENCE SS	AVERAGE VERGE WIDTH (Including 1.2m safety zone) (m)	SURVEYED SECTION LENGTH (m)	
NAME OF VERGE / SKETCH MAP/ INSERTED GIS MAP			



### 3. VERGE CHARACTERISTICS Notes :

VERGE MANAGEMENT / FEATURES (Tick all that apply)	DAMAGE (L=low, M=moderate, S = severe)	ADJACENT LAND (Tick all that apply)	AVERAGE HEIGHT OF VEGETATION	
Mown short <input type="checkbox"/>	Vehicle ruts <input type="checkbox"/>	Intensive grassland <input type="checkbox"/>	0-10cm (to 4") <input type="checkbox"/>	
Long flailed grass <input type="checkbox"/>	Pipe-laying/trenchwork <input type="checkbox"/>	Rough grassland <input type="checkbox"/>	11-50cm (to 5-20") <input type="checkbox"/>	
Rough grass <input type="checkbox"/>	Drainage ditching <input type="checkbox"/>	Woodland <input type="checkbox"/>	51+cm (21"+) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Scrub <input type="checkbox"/>	Dumping <input type="checkbox"/>	Scrub <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ADJACENT BOUNDARY</b>	
Steep/uneven terrain <input type="checkbox"/>	Other/more details .....	Urban/industrial <input type="checkbox"/>		Hedge <input type="checkbox"/>
Tree stumps/roots <input type="checkbox"/>	.....	Garden <input type="checkbox"/>		Wall <input type="checkbox"/>
Pools/wet areas <input type="checkbox"/>	.....	Other/more details .....		Fence <input type="checkbox"/>
Ditches <input type="checkbox"/>	.....	.....	Other/more details.....	
Other/more details.....	.....	.....		

4. WRITTEN OBSERVATIONS OF NON-PLANT SPECIES (including squashed species!)	5. INVASIVE SPECIES	6. INDICATORS OF POOR HABITAT CONDITION (please indicate DAFOR)
Invertebrates (beetles, butterflies, etc.....)	Himalayan Balsam <input type="checkbox"/>	Bracken <input type="checkbox"/> Marsh thistle <input type="checkbox"/>
Small mammals (shrews, mice, hedgehogs, moles etc)	Japanese Knotweed <input type="checkbox"/>	Bramble <input type="checkbox"/> Creeping thistle <input type="checkbox"/>
Amphibians (frogs, toads etc).....	Monbretia <input type="checkbox"/>	Cow parsley <input type="checkbox"/> Spear thistle <input type="checkbox"/>
Reptiles (slow worms, common lizards etc).....	Rhododendron <input type="checkbox"/>	Dock <input type="checkbox"/> Hogweed <input type="checkbox"/>
Birds .....	Spanish bluebell <input type="checkbox"/>	Ivy <input type="checkbox"/>
Fungi.....	Three cornered garlic <input type="checkbox"/>	Nettle <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Notes:</b>	Varigated yellow archangel <input type="checkbox"/>	Hemlock water dropwort <input type="checkbox"/>
	Winter heliotrope <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Other.....	

**7. INDICATORS OF GOOD HABITAT CONDITION & GENERAL PLANT COMMUNITY (Tick to indicate if species is present)***(If possible please indicate relative distribution e.g. D=Dominant, A=abundant, F=frequent, O=occasional R=rare)*

	DAFOR		DAFOR
<b>Agrimony</b> <i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i> Dry grassland FI. 6-9		<b>Heath spotted-orchid</b> <i>Dactylorhiza maculate</i> Dry & wet grassland FI. 6-7	
<b>Angelica</b> <i>Angelica sylvestris</i> Wet grassland FI. 6-9		<b>Meadowsweet</b> <i>Filipendula ulmaria</i> Wet grassland FI. 6-9	
<b>Betony</b> <i>Stachys officinalis</i> Dry grassland, Hedgerows FI. 7-9		<b>Meadow vetchling</b> <i>Lathyrus pratensis</i> Dry & wet grassland, Hedgerows FI. 5-8	
<b>Burnet saxifrage</b> <i>Pimpinella saxifraga</i> Dry grassland FI. 7-9		<b>Ox-eye daisy</b> <i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> Dry grassland FI. 5-8	
<b>Cat's ear</b> <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i> Dry grassland FI. 6-9		<b>Purple loosestrife</b> <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> Wet grassland FI. (6) 7-8	
<b>Common bird's-foot trefoil</b> <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> Dry grassland FI. 6-9		<b>Ragged robin</b> <i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i> Wet grassland FI. 5-8	
<b>Common knapweed</b> <i>Centaurea nigra</i> Dry grassland FI. 6-8		<b>Southern marsh-orchid</b> <i>D. praetermissa</i> Wet grassland FI. 6-7	
<b>Common valerian</b> <i>Valeriana officinalis</i> Wet grassland FI. 6-8		<b>Sneezewort</b> <i>Achillea ptarmica</i> Wet grassland FI. 7-9	
<b>Common spotted-orchid</b> <i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i> Dry grassland FI. 6-7		<b>Tormentil</b> <i>Potentilla erecta</i> Dry & wet grassland FI. (5) 6-9	
<b>Devil's bit scabious</b> <i>Succisa pratensis</i> Dry & wet grassland FI. (7) 8-10		<b>Water mint</b> <i>Mentha aquatica</i> Wet grassland FI. 7-9	
<b>Greater bird's-foot-trefoil</b> <i>Lotus pedunculatus</i> Wet grassland FI. 6-8		<b>Yellow rattle</b> <i>Rhinanthus minor</i> Dry grassland FI. 5-7	

**8. ADDITIONAL SPECIES**

If you have time and can recognise additional species, please list what you have seen here.

Plant photographs would be very welcome for verification purposes, particularly for more unusual species or any that you are uncertain about.

Please send your completed survey forms to:

**Devon Biodiversity Records Centre**, by email: [DBRC@dbrc.org.uk](mailto:DBRC@dbrc.org.uk)

If you find species you are unsure of or you find an unusual species please email photos so that we can help identify what you have seen and verify the record.