



## **UK priority species pages – Version 2**

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**SPECIES PAGES FOR 2007 UK BAP PRIORITY SPECIES**

(see endnotes for an explanation of the various components of this compilation).

**Ophrys insectifera L.**

**Fly Orchid**

**1 General information**

Level 1	Vascular plants
Level 2	vascular plant
On 1997 UK BAP list	

**2 UK BAP criteria<sup>i</sup>**

1. International threat	2. International responsibility (2a) + moderate decline in UK (2b)	3. Marked decline in the UK	4. Other important factor(s)
False	False	True	True

**3 Evidence for Criteria<sup>ii</sup>**

Criterion 1	
Criterion 2a	
Criterion 2b	
Criterion 3	The Vascular Plant Red Data List for Great Britain lists this as a declining taxon. The Vascular Plant Expert Group is able to supply evidence on request.
Criterion 4	Declining species (VU A2c) and indicator of conservation issue (closure of woodland glades, closure of scrubby grassland and the eutrophication of calcareous grassland)

**4 Distribution by Country**

England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	International Waters
Y	N	Y	Y	

**5 Distribution Information**

Distribution data source	NBN Gateway (Dec 06 extraction)
Distribution data notes	
number of sites (where less than or equal to 10)	
Units used for number	

of sites	
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## 6 Actions identified by experts<sup>iii</sup>

Action number	Action text	Reporting category
1	Maintain open conditions at site where populations occur, through grass cutting, scrub removal and canopy reduction	Priority habitat action
2	In Anglesey ensure protection and suitable management of fens	Species-specific prescriptive habitat action
3	Surveillance programme: monitor a sample of known populations and survey periodically for new records.	Species-specific monitoring/survey
4	Ensure "delivery plans" for National Forestry Strategies (including Regional Forestry Frameworks where appropriate) include management options to deliver appropriate conditions for this species (e.g. open glades, rides, woodland edges and seasonal grazing to control bramble). Target the uptake of these management options to current and historical sites, and to projects aiming to restore connectivity between woodlands with existing populations.	Priority habitat action

## 7 Signpost to Priority Habitat<sup>iv</sup>

Priority Habitat Name
Woodlnd (broad lvd): Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland

## 8 Additional information from specialists<sup>v</sup>

Attribute	Value
NBN current scientific name	Ophrys insectifera
NBN common name	Fly Orchid
classification level 1	Vascular plants
classification level 2	vascular plant
Crit3 satisfied Yes/No/ Unknown	yes
Confidence in assesment crit 3	high
Factor	Declining species (VU A2c) and indicator of conservation issue (closure of woodland glades, closure of scrubby grassland and the eutrophication of calcareous grassland)
Crit4 satisfied (Yes/ No/ Unknown)	yes
1st source	The Vascular Plant Red Data List for Great Britain
2nd source	New Atlas of the British and Irish Flora



## 10 Species designations<sup>vi</sup>

Abbreviation	Reporting Category	Designation	Designation description	Year	Source	Comment
England NERC S.41	Biodiversity Lists - England	England NERC S.41	Species “of principal importance for the purpose of conserving biodiversity” covered under section 41 (England) of the NERC Act (2006) and therefore need to be taken into consideration by a public body when performing any of its functions with a view to conserving biodiversity.	2008	Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 - Species of Principal Importance in England (section 41) and Wales (section 42)	Geographic constraint=Listing is for England only
Wales NERC S.42	Biodiversity Lists - Wales	Wales NERC S.42	Species “of principal importance for the purpose of conserving biodiversity” covered under Section 42 (Wales) of the NERC Act (2006) and therefore need to be taken into consideration by a public body when performing any of its functions with a view to conserving biodiversity.	2009	Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 - Species of Principal Importance in England (section 41) and Wales (section 42)	Geographic constraint=Listing is for Wales only
BAP:2007	Biodiversity Action Plan UK list of priority species	Priority Species	The UK List of Priority Species and Habitats contains 1150 species and 65 habitats that have been listed as priorities for conservation action under the	2007	UK list of Priority Habitats and Species	not on former UK BAP list

			UK Biodiversity Action Plan (UK BAP).			
RedList_GB_post2001:VU	Red listing based on 2001 IUCN guidelines	Vulnerable	A taxon is Vulnerable when it is not Critically Endangered or Endangered but is facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium term future.	2005	The Vascular Plant Red Data List for Great Britain - 2006 Cheffings, C. and Farrell, L. (Editors) and A tool for assessing the current conservation status of vascular plants on SSSIs in England: May 2006, ENRR 690 (Leach & Rusbridge)	

## UK BAP 2008 reporting<sup>vii</sup>

(nb this only applies to species on the original 1997 UK BAP priority species list)

### ENDNOTES

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<sup>i</sup> An explanation of these criteria is included at Annex 3 of [UK Biodiversity Action Plan: Report on the Species and Habitat Review](#). BRIG (ed. Ant Maddock) 2007. This review was organised in two stages. Stage 1 looked at the scientific evidence for selecting the UK List of Priority Species and Habitats while stage 2 considered the conservation action needed for these species and habitats and provided signposts to the means of implementing action.

<sup>ii</sup> The information on evidence and the species distribution is as presented on the UK BAP website. Users can download a spreadsheet of the [Stage 1 species evidence](#) from the home page of the UK BAP website.

<sup>iii</sup> Actions were assigned to each and every priority species by expert groups convened at Stage 2 of the Review process. These were subsequently categorised into “signpost categories”. This information is as shown on the UK BAP website See the link for [categorisation \(signposting\) of UK priority species](#).

<sup>iv</sup> Where a species action is clearly linked to a BAP priority habitat, the name of the relevant habitat or habitats was identified by the stage 2 expert group.

<sup>v</sup> This information has been derived from Stage 1 of the priority species review, and is presented in the “marine”, “terrestrial invertebrates” and “other terrestrial species” sheets within the spreadsheet of the [Stage 1 species evidence](#). The information presented here varies according to the taxonomic group. Please note that some of these data have been written for other Expert Group members and may not be of great value to a wider audience.

<sup>vi</sup> Information on conservation designations has been extracted from JNCC’s collation of information on [species designations](#). The designations shown in version 2 of these pages are as at December 2010.

<sup>vii</sup> As part of the 2008 UK BAP reporting round lead partners of national plans were asked to answer a number of specific questions. The data will be analysed and used for the UK and country level reports. All of the responses provided through BARS as part of the 2008 reporting exercise are available to [download](#). Note that in the December 2010 version of these pages (version 2) includes corrections to previously truncated text fields.