## Species Recovery Trust 'Around Britain in 30 Bryophytes' Course Handout

LOGS (+ SOIL)			NOTES
Brachythecium rutabulum	Fat with silver tips, short side branches	Forms mats when older	
Kindbergia praelonga	Light and feathery; large leaves on stem, thin on branches	Forms shaggy mats	
Hypnum cupressiforme	Forms dense interwoven mat, green to rich golden colour	'The Claw' at end of stems	
Lophocolea bidentata	Opposite pairs of translucent leaves	Two-teethed lobes on each leaf	
Fissidens taxifolius	Flattened stems of opposite leaves with white stripes up centre of leaf	Forms small patches on bare ground	
TREES - trunks			
Frullania dilatata	Dark brown/purple when wet forming dark circles, esp. on Ash trees	Overlapping inflated rounded leaves	
Metzgeria furcata	Flat green patches on trees	Broad strap-shaped leaves splitting into Ys with thick visible mid-vein	

Radula complanata	Flat pale green patches	Very overlapping leaves	
TREES - bases			
Isothecium myosuroides	Bush like, forming mats	Very fine leaves	
Hypnum andoi	Long stems dropping downwards	'The Claw' on some ends. Nipple shaped capsules sometimes present	
Homalothecium sericeum	Silky creeping arms, leading out from large design mats on trunk and walls	Curls up to glossy yellow curls when dry	
TREES - branches  Orthotrichum affine	Loose cushions with buried capsules		
Ulota crispa	Cushion with capsules sticking out		
Cryphaea heteromalla	Some branches flush to bark, most sticking upwards	Curls over to one side when dry, fluffs out in wet. Capsules halfway down stem on one side	

WOODS - deciduous			
Thamnobryum alopecurum	Forms loose cushions on forest floor	Individual plants tree-like have almost woody dark stem	
Mnium hornum	Forms compact mats, sometimes with drooping capsules	Leaves translucent and toothed	
Plagiomnium undulatum	Longish stems with long wavy leaves	Becoming branched when older	
Atrichum undulatum	Leaves undulate, slightly toothed. Often dark green	Forms loose mats	
WOODS - coniferous			
Polytrichastrum formosum	Forms loose mats of dark green truly stems, superficially resembling pine trees	Needle like leaves with ridges along backs	
Thuidium tamariscinum	Very feathery, green through to golden yellow	Forms loose shaggy mats	
Hylocomium splendens	Very feathery with red steam	Fronds 'piggy- back' off each other	
Plagiothecium undulatum	Draping silver tongues	Leaves inflated and overlapping	

HEATHLAND			
Hypnum jutlandicum	Pale green with silvery tinge. Claws at stem ends	Forms dense mats	
Dicranum scoparius	Slightly curved leaves, forming fur- like mats	Leaves toothed at tip	
Pleurozium schreberi	Robust with fat branches	Forms large raised mats	
Polytrichum juniperinum	Forms low mats of dark green pine-like shoots	Untoothed leaves. Very different appearance in male and female plants	
Polytrichum piliferum	As above, but with long hairs at tips of leaves	Leaves tend to be clumped towards tops of shoots	
GRASSLAND			
Rhytidiadelphus squarrosus	Starry-tipped with leaves coming out in all directions	Forms extensive springy mats in wide range of grassland types	
Homalothecium lutescens	Robust golden moss forming sprawling patches	Fine leaves lead to velvety appearance	
Pseudoscleropodium purum	Green stems with fat inflated leaves		

Calliergonella cuspidata	Red stems	Pointy tips		
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