

Red squirrels and woodland operations (V1)

Complete all sections of the Checklist

Checklist



Details

1 Are you within, or close to, the known mapped range of Red squirrels?
See distribution maps in the Red Squirrel Good Practice Guidance and the Woodland - Red Squirrel Management (England) layer via <https://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx>

- Yes
 No

YES

NO

Name of Wood:

Grid Reference:

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2 Does your wood contain any of the favourable habitat features listed in table 2 of the good practice guidance? Please list below.

Details:

YES

NO

Area: (ha)

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Date of Assessment:

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3 Have red squirrels been recorded in this wood or on adjoining sites? Tick any that apply.

Indicate which sources of information you have checked:

- National Biodiversity Network (www.nbn.org.uk)
 Local Biological Records Centre
 Local Red Squirrel Group
 Local Wildlife Trust
 Other

Specify Other:

YES

NO

Name of Assessor:

4 Have your inspections or any expert surveys found any of the following signs or evidence for the presence of red squirrels? Tick any that apply.

- Signs (e.g. cones gnawed by Squirrels)
 Sightings (or camera trap footage)
 Potential breeding sites (i.e. dreys and/or tree dens)
 Confirmed breeding sites (i.e. evidence of dreys and/or tree dens actually being used)

Details:

YES

NO

CHECK POINT

If you have answered NO to ALL of the above then red squirrels will NOT need to be considered in planning and delivering woodland management activity. If you have answered YES to any of the above then red squirrels must be considered in planning and delivering woodland management activity.

Notes

5 Do the operations comply with Good Practice for red squirrels or can the operations be modified to do so?

Details: Use reverse of form to expand as required:

YES

NO

Continue to sections 6 and 7 below

You will need to revisit your operational planning in order to comply with good practice for red squirrels

6 Has the information been communicated to operators (including the location of breeding sites and sensitive areas)? Tick any that apply.

- Included in documentation (e.g. contract, letter of instruction, site assessment or other management plan)
 Shown to operators and/or their supervisor
 Marked with paint or hazard tape
 Shown on the site plan

Other means:

YES

NO

You may commit an offence if you do not tell your operators about this protected species in your wood.

7 Have arrangements for supervision been made to ensure Good Practice guidance is complied with during the operations?

Details:

YES

NO

You may commit an offence if you do not take steps to ensure that your operators comply with the Good Practice guidance.