Waldridge Fell SSSI
Vascular Plant Species Checklist 2011

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Habitats	Lowland heath and W5 woodland. Waldridge Fell is the largest and best example of heathland in lowland Durham.
Area	113.5 hectares
Key species	Waldridge Fell has a large number of species that are common in upland Durham, but have their best lowland sites here. Juniper has been re-introduced after dying out.
Access	Several car parks around NZ252498
Facilities	Information boards.
Management	Managed by Durham County Council as a country park
More information	Natural England, County Council websites.
Data	This checklist is based on 600 records.

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Scientific Name	English Name	Last seen
Acer campestre	Field Maple	
Acer pseudoplatanus	Sycamore	
Achillea millefolium	Yarrow	
Achillea ptarmica	Sneezewort	
Aegopodium podagraria	Ground-elder	
Aesculus hippocastanum	Horse-chestnut	
Agrostis canina	Velvet Bent	
Agrostis vinealis	Brown Bent	
Aira caryophyllea	Silver Hair-grass	
Ajuga reptans	Bugle	
Alisma plantago-aquatica	Water-plantain	
Alnus glutinosa	Alder	
Anemone nemorosa	Wood Anemone	
Angelica sylvestris	Wild Angelica	
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass	
Anthriscus sylvestris	Cow Parsley	
Anthyllis vulneraria	Kidney Vetch	
Apium nodiflorum	Fool's-water-cress	
Arctium nemorosum	Wood Burdock	
Arrhenatherum elatius	False Oat-Grass	
Artemisia vulgaris	Mugwort	
Arum maculatum	Lords-and-Ladies	
Athyrium filix-femina	Lady-fern	
Bellis perennis	Daisy	
Betula pendula	Silver Birch	
Betula pubescens	Downy Birch	
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Betula x aurata	B. pendula x pubescens	2011
Blechnum spicant	Hard-fern	
Callitriche agg.	Water-starwort	
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	2011
Caltha palustris	Marsh-marigold	
Campanula rotundifolia	Harebell	
Cardamine amara	Large Bitter-cress	
Cardamine pratensis	Cuckooflower	
Carex acuta	Slender Tufted-sedge	
Carex acutiformis	Lesser Pond-sedge	
Carex flacca	Glaucous Sedge	
Carex laevigata	Smooth-stalked Sedge	1997
Carex nigra	Common Sedge	
Carex pallescens	Pale Sedge	1976
Carex panicea	Carnation Sedge	
Carex paniculata	Greater Tussock-sedge	2011

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Carex pilulifera	Pill Sedge	1976
Carex pulicaris	Flea Sedge	1917
Carex remota	Remote Sedge	
Carex sylvatica	Wood-sedge	
Carex vesicaria	Bladder-sedge	
Centaurea nigra	Common Knapweed	
Chamerion angustifolium	Rosebay Willowherb	
Chenopodium bonus-henricus	Good-King-Henry	1977
Chrysosplenium oppositifolium	Opposite-leaved Golden-saxifrage	
Cirsium arvense	Creeping Thistle	
Cirsium palustre	Marsh Thistle	
Cirsium vulgare	Spear Thistle	
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	
Crepis capillaris	Smooth Hawk's-beard	
Crepis paludosa	Marsh Hawk's-beard	
Cynosurus cristatus	Crested Dog's-tail	
Cytisus scoparius	Broom	
Dactylis glomerata	Cock's-foot	
Dactylorhiza fuchsii	Common Spotted-orchid	
Dactylorhiza maculata ericetorum	Heath Spotted-orchid	1972
Deschampsia cespitosa	Tufted Hair-grass	
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass	
Digitalis purpurea	Foxglove	
Dryopteris affinis	Scaly Male-fern	
Dryopteris affinis borreri	Scaly Male-fern	
Dryopteris carthusiana	Narrow Buckler-Fern	2011
Dryopteris dilatata	Broad Buckler-fern	
Dryopteris filix-mas	Male-fern	
Dryopteris x deweveri	D. carthusiana x dilatata	
Eleocharis palustris	Common Spike-rush	
Elodea canadensis	Canadian Waterweed	
Empetrum nigrum	Crowberry	1978
Epilobium hirsutum	Great Willowherb	
Epilobium montanum	Broad-leaved Willowherb	
Epilobium palustre	Marsh Willowherb	
Equisetum arvense	Field Horsetail	
Equisetum fluviatile	Water Horsetail	
Equisetum palustre	Marsh Horsetail	
Equisetum sylvaticum	Wood Horsetail	
Erica cinerea	Bell Heather	1965
Erica tetralix	Cross-leaved Heath	1965
Eriophorum angustifolium	Common Cottongrass	2011
Eriophorum latifolium	Broad-leaved Cottongrass	1917

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Eriophorum vaginatum	Hare's-tail Cottongrass	2011
Eupatorium cannabinum	Hemp-agrimony	
Fallopia japonica	Japanese Knotweed	
Festuca gigantea	Giant Fescue	
Festuca rubra	Red Fescue	
Festuca vivipara	Viviparous Sheep's-fescue	
Filipendula ulmaria	Meadowsweet	
Fraxinus excelsior	Ash	
Galeopsis tetrahit	Common Hemp-nettle	
Galium aparine	Cleavers	
Galium palustre	Marsh-bedstraw	
Galium saxatile	Heath Bedstraw	
Geranium robertianum	Herb-Robert	
Heracleum sphondylium	Hogweed	
Hieracium vagum	Glabrous-headed Hawkweed	
Hieracium vulgatum	Common Hawkweed	
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire-fog	
Holcus mollis	Creeping Soft-grass	
Hyacinthoides non-scripta	Bluebell	
Hydrocotyle vulgaris	Marsh Pennywort	1997
Hypochaeris radicata	Cat's-ear	
Impatiens glandulifera	Indian Balsam	
Iris pseudacorus	Yellow Iris	
Isolepis setacea	Bristle Club-rush	1972
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp-flowered Rush	
Juncus articulatus	Jointed Rush	
Juncus bufonius	Toad Rush	
Juncus conglomeratus	Compact Rush	
Juncus effusus	Soft-rush	
Juncus inflexus	Hard Rush	
Juncus squarrosus	Heath Rush	1971
Juncus x diffusus	J. effusus x inflexus	1954
Juniperus communis	Juniper	2011
Lemna minor	Common Duckweed	
Lemna trisulca	Ivy-leaved Duckweed	
Leontodon autumnalis	Autumn Hawkbit	
Leontodon hispidus	Rough Hawkbit	
Linum catharticum	Fairy Flax	
Lolium perenne	Perennial Rye-grass	
Lonicera periclymenum	Honeysuckle	
Lotus corniculatus	Common Bird's-foot-trefoil	
Lotus pedunculatus	Greater Bird's-foot-trefoil	
Luzula multiflora	Heath Wood-rush	

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Luzula sylvatica	Great Wood-rush	
Lychnis flos-cuculi	Ragged-Robin	
Lysimachia nemorum	Yellow Pimpernel	
Malus sylvestris	Crab Apple	
Malva moschata	Musk-mallow	
Meconopsis cambrica	Welsh Poppy	
Medicago lupulina	Black Medick	
Mentha aquatica	Water Mint	
Menyanthes trifoliata	Bogbean	1998
Molinia caerulea	Purple Moor-grass	2011
Myosotis laxa	Tufted Forget-me-not	
Nardus stricta	Mat-grass	2011
Narthecium ossifragum	Bog Asphodel	1998
Oenanthe crocata	Hemlock Water-dropwort	
Oreopteris limbosperma	Lemon-scented Fern	2011
Osmunda regalis	Royal Fern	2011
Oxalis acetosella	Wood-sorrel	
Pedicularis sylvatica	Lousewort	1953
Phragmites australis	Common Reed	
Pilosella aurantiaca aurantiaca	Fox-and-cubs	
Pilosella officinarum	Mouse-ear-hawkweed	
Pinguicula vulgaris	Common Butterwort	1953
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain	
Plantago major	Greater Plantain	
Poa annua	Annual Meadow-grass	
Poa nemoralis	Wood Meadow-grass	
Poa pratensis sens. lat.	Smooth Meadow-grass	
Poa trivialis	Rough Meadow-grass	
Polygonum aviculare agg.	Knotgrass	
Polypodium vulgare	Polypody	2001
Populus nigra betulifolia	Native Black Poplar	2011
Populus nigra sens. lat.	Poplar	
Potamogeton berchtoldii	Small Pondweed	1984
Potamogeton natans	Broad-leaved Pondweed	
Potamogeton polygonifolius	Bog Pondweed	2011
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil	
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken	
Quercus cerris	Turkey Oak	
Quercus robur	Pedunculate Oak	
Quercus sp.	an oak	
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup	
Ranunculus flammula	Lesser Spearwort	
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup	

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Reseda lutea	Wild Mignonette	
Reseda luteola	Weld	
Rhinanthus minor	Yellow-rattle	
Rosa canina agg.	Dog-rose	
Rubus echinatoides	Bramble	
Rubus errabundus	Bramble	
Rubus fissus	Bramble	
Rubus fruticosus agg.	Bramble	
Rubus idaeus	Raspberry	
Rubus nemoralis	Bramble	
Rumex acetosa	Common Sorrel	
Rumex acetosella	Sheep's Sorrel	
Rumex crispus	Curled Dock	
Rumex obtusifolius	Broad-leaved Dock	
Salix aurita	Eared Willow	
Salix caprea	Goat Willow	
Salix cinerea	Grey Willow	
Salix cinerea subsp. oleifolia	Rusty Willow	
Salix fragilis	Crack-willow	
Salix myrsinifolia	Dark-leaved Willow	2001
Salix pentandra	Bay Willow	
Salix phylicifolia	Tea-leaved Willow	1972
Salix x coriacea	S. aurita x myrsinifolia	1942
Sambucus nigra	Elder	
Scirpus sylvaticus	Wood Club-rush	2011
Scrophularia auriculata	Water Figwort	
Scutellaria galericulata	Skullcap	1974
Sedum acre	Biting Stonecrop	
Silene vulgaris	Bladder Campion	
Silene x hampeana	Pink Campion (S. dioica x latifolia)	
Solanum dulcamara	Bittersweet	
Solidago gigantea	Early Goldenrod	
Sonchus asper	Prickly Sow-thistle	
Sorbus aucuparia	Rowan	
Spergularia rubra	Sand Spurrey	
Stachys officinalis	Betony	
Stachys palustris	Marsh Woundwort	
Stachys sylvatica	Hedge Woundwort	
Stachys x ambigua	Hybrid Woundwort (S. palustris x sylvatica)	
Stellaria nemorum	Wood Stitchwort	
Stellaria uliginosa	Bog Stitchwort	
Succisa pratensis	Devil's-bit Scabious	
Syringa vulgaris	Lilac	

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Teucrium scorodonia	Wood Sage	
Tilia x europaea	Lime	
Torilis japonica	Upright Hedge-parsley	
Tragopogon pratensis	Goat's-beard	
Trifolium dubium	Lesser Trefoil	
Trifolium pratense	Red Clover	
Trifolium repens	White Clover	
Triglochin palustre	Marsh Arrowgrass	
Trisetum flavescens	Yellow Oat-grass	
Tussilago farfara	Colt's-foot	
Ulex europaeus	Gorse	
Ulmus glabra	Wych Elm	
Urtica dioica	Common Nettle	
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry	2011
Valeriana dioica	Marsh Valerian	
Valeriana officinalis	Common Valerian	
Veronica chamaedrys	Germander Speedwell	
Veronica scutellata	Marsh Speedwell	
Viburnum lantana	Wayfaring-tree	
Viburnum opulus	Guelder-rose	
Vicia cracca	Tufted Vetch	
Viola palustris	Marsh Violet	

Re-established juniper bushes.