



Role Title: Rapid Woodland Assessment volunteer

Main Activity:

Plantlife, Exmoor National Park and the National Trust (with other partners) are collaborating on the Building Resilience in South West Woodlands project which is working to conserve some of the region's most vulnerable Atlantic woodland sites, and the rare lichens, mosses and liverworts that grow in them.

Rapid Woodland Assessment volunteers are needed now carry out surveys and help us find woodlands that are likely to support important lichen and bryophyte (moss and liverwort) communities. By taking part volunteers can contribute important information to help us better understand the region's woods and the threats they face, so we can use this information to target conservation management and training. The Rapid Woodland Assessment involves a 1-2 hour walk around a woodland while scoring the woodland based on its tree species, age structure, habitat features (e.g. presence of veteran trees, glades and boulders) and presence of easy to ID indicator lichen species.

Location:

You can survey any woodland that has public rights of way, or where you have permission from a landowner to access the wood. If you would like help choosing woodland to survey, you can contact Plantlife for help.

Time Commitment:

Varies depending on how many Rapid Woodland Assessments you choose to complete. Each survey takes around 1-2 hours plus travel and preparation time.

Duration:

This survey is open now and can be done any time of year in your own time.

**Skills/Ability needed:**

No previous experience of woodland surveys or lower plant ID is necessary. The survey requires walking but can be carried out from footpaths. Free training will be available for those that would like support to carry out the survey.

What you need to bring:

You will need the Rapid Woodland Assessment survey form and guidance notes, available from Plantlife. You will also find it useful to bring something to lean on to write (a clipboard) and pen/pencil, as well as a compass, map of the woodland you are surveying and a camera or camera phone. You will need to wear clothing appropriate to the weather conditions and have sturdy footwear. Detailed information on equipment that is useful for the survey is provided in the survey guidance notes.

What's in it for you:

Full training will be given for volunteers that would like to attend this (though it's not compulsory). By taking part you will learn about the Atlantic woodland habitat and the important and often rare lichens, mosses and liverworts that they are home to. You will be contributing important information to help with their conservation.

To Apply:

If you are interested please click on this link to provide your details
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BRWoodMonVol>

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