

Magnesian Limestone Plants

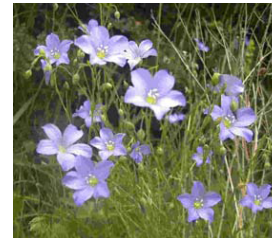
Magnesian Limestone grassland

Very little of this unique grassland now exists within the region. It is therefore necessary to conserve as much grassland as possible. It is only found on the solid geology of Magnesian Limestone of Magnesian Limestone. Magnesian limestone grassland is only found on shallow immature soils on outcrops of Magnesian Limestone.

There are many species living on the grassland and it supports a number of insects and other invertebrates including the Northern Brown Argus Butterfly (see picture).



Birds Eye Primrose



Perennial Flax



Blue Moor Grass
a rare grass

Abandoned limestone quarries contain a significant number of the plants common to this type of grassland.

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Lady's Bedstraw



cowslip



Primrose



Common
Milkwort



Common Birds Foot
Trefoil



Salad Burnett



Wild Thyme



Fairy Flax



Small Scabious



Common Rock
rose



Autumn Gentian



Hoary
Plantain



Mouse ear
Hawkweed



Rough
Hawkbit



Common
Knapweed



Common
Spotted
Orchid



Early Purple
orchid



Early marsh
orchid



Bee Orchid



Goatsbeard