

TECHNICAL APPENDIX 8.2: TERRESTRIAL ECOLOGY - HABITAT TARGET NOTES


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- 1.1.1 This ecology Technical Appendix should be read with reference to with **Volume 1: Chapter 8: Terrestrial Ecology** of this EIA Report. Table 8A.2 contains habitat descriptions and photographs of Target Notes displayed on **Volume 2: Figure 8.2 a – f: Phase 1 Habitats**.



Table 8A.2: Habitat Target Notes



Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
1	NH 26354 00265	<p>In woodland around the proposed Coire Glas Switching Station in Glengarry Forest, large mature Scots pine (<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>) trees are found scattered throughout Glen Garry pinewood regeneration zone that have a heathy understorey. These trees are likely remnants of native Caledonian pinewood forests. These areas have been underplanted with additional Scots pine trees.</p>	



Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
2	NH 26201 00336	An area of Scots pine plantation within Glengarry Forest with bracken (<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>) dominating the understorey.	
3	NH 26351 00322	Trackside bund with marshy/marshy grassland dominated by Soft rush (<i>Juncus effusus</i>).	


Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
4	NH 26386 00559	Tributary of the Allt Ruighe Bhlair in woodland north of proposed Coire Glas Switching Station location.	
5	NH 26419 00496	Wet woodland with Downy birch (<i>Betula pubescens</i>) over understorey of <i>Juncus effusus</i> and Purple moor-grass (<i>Molinia caerulea</i>).	

Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
6	NH 26844 00602	View over planted birch woodland with <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> bank in foreground.	
7	NH 26631 00639	Planted birch woodland with dry heath understorey dominated by Heather (<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>).	



Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
8	NH 27285 01110	Conifer plantation woodland is extensive within Glen Garry Forest. Sitka spruce (<i>Picea sitchensis</i>) dominates with Norway spruce (<i>Picea abies</i>), where limited light penetrating into to understorey.	
9	NH 27580 01482	Stand of well thinned Scots pine woodland on the southern banks of the River Garry with <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> dominated understorey.	



Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
10	NH 27735 01726	Stands of tall, mature Norway spruce are common within Glengarry Forest.	
11	NH 27710 01788	The riparian zone along the River Garry includes oak (<i>Quercus robur/petraea</i>), birch, hazel (<i>Corylus avellana</i>), rowan (<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>) and occasional beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>).	



Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
12	NH 28080 01577	View over River Garry with mixed woodland on north side of river.	
13	NH 28401 02414	Conifer plantation woodland with <i>Picea sitchensis</i> in Munerigie Wood, with birch scattered along woodland edge.	



Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
14	NH 28966 02339	View across bog and wet heath with the existing 132 kV Skye to Fort Augustus overhead line (OHL) ¹ visible in background. M17 <i>Trichophorum germainicum</i> – <i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i> blanket mire is the most commonly recorded blanket bog within the Study Area, with most areas characteristic of M17a <i>Drosera rotundifolia</i> - <i>Sphagnum</i> spp. sub-community.	



¹ It is anticipated that this OHL will eventually be replaced by the Skye Reinforcement Project (In Planning - Ref: ECU000043395)



Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
15	NH 28852 02276	Scattered <i>Rhododendron ponticum</i> , a non-native invasive species, is found occasionally scattered throughout the mire and heath habitats between Munerigie Wood and Drynachan Wood.	
16	NH 29053 02455	Approximate proposed crossing point for Eas a' Bhainne downstream of the existing Skye to Fort Augustus OHL ¹ .	



Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
17	NH 29088 02410	Small stand of mature Scots pine trees along Eas a' Bhainne.	
18	NH 29940 02635	Blanket bog and wet heath habitats are extensive along plantation edge close to OHL junction (known as the 'Skye Tee' junction) near the proposed Loch Lundie Substation location.	

Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
19	NH 30298 02419	View north across wet heath within wayleave for existing 132 kV Invergarry Tee OHL along section that would be rerouted into the proposed Loch Lundie Substation and dismantled.	
20	NH 30183 02427	View across a mosaic of bog and wet heath habitats along open glade where a section of the existing 132 kV Fort William to Fort Augustus OHL would be diverted into the proposed Loch Lundie substation and dismantled.	



Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
21	NH 30245 02643	<p>Low yield class Lodgepole pine (<i>Pinus contorta</i>) within plantation woodland at the proposed Loch Lundie Substation location within Drynachan Forest. Needle litter dominates the understorey.</p>	
22	NH 29981 02690	<p>M2 <i>Sphagnum cuspidatum/fallax</i> bog pool within blanket mire habitats west of Drynachan Forest, near the proposed Loch Lundie Substation location.</p>	



Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
23	NH 30458 03464	Typical ride within Drynachan plantation forest.	
24	NH 30670 03030	A drier forest ride within Drynachan Forest with bracken and occasional scattered <i>Rhododendron ponticum</i> , a non-native invasive species.	



Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
25	NH 30761 03558	Open glade within Drynachan plantation Forest, with bracken on drier knolls and wet heath in between the knolls.	
26	NH 31043 03327	Unnamed watercourse to be crossed by one of the proposed new access tracks within Drynachan Forest.	



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27	NH 30842 03308	M25 <i>Molinia caerulea</i> – <i>Potentilla erecta</i> mire within a ride within Drynachan Forest and is the most commonly recorded community within wet modified bog habitats.	
28	NH 30880 04023	Whilst M17 is the most commonly encountered blanket mire habitat within the Study Area, M19 <i>Calluna vulgaris</i> – <i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i> can be found in certain areas to a lesser extent.	



Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
29	NH 30940 04654	View east over M17 blanket mire and M15 wet heath which dominate the habitats between Drynachan Forest and Achadh-nan-darach.	
30	NH 31264 05470	Area of extensive bracken at Achadh-nan-darach	


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31	NH 31417 05309	Area of semi-improved acid grassland with scattered bracken at Achadh-nan-darach.	
32	NH 31597 05408	Scattered scrub along Invervigar Burn surrounded by wet heath.	


Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
33	NH 31575 05293	Semi-natural broadleaved woodland dominated by Downy birch (<i>Betula pubescens</i>) at Doire nan Duilleag.	
34	NH 31895 05285	Betula pubescens and Silver Birch (<i>Betula pendula</i>) with <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> understorey.	

Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
35	NH 31948 05684	Tributary of the Invervigar Burn crossed by the proposed OHL and proposed new access track.	
36	NH 32140 05797	View over area cleared of plantation woodland, with marshy grassland dominating and bracken found on drier knolls.	



Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
37	NH 32018 05899	Area of young conifer planting.	
38	NH 31898 05406	Birch (<i>Betula pubescens</i> and <i>B. pendula</i>) and Alder (<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>) along banks of the Invervigar Burn	

Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
39	NH 32035 05608	View over felled plantation woodland within Inchnacardoch Forest.	
40	NH 33421 05950	Ride and wayleave for an existing distribution OHL within Inchnacardoch forest dominated by bracken.	

Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
41	NH 32936 06097	View over conifer plantation woodland with birch scattered along woodland edge.	

Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
42	NH 33951 06691	View over path following the existing temporary Skye Tee to Fort Augustus OHL ² .	

² It is anticipated that this OHL would be decommissioned and dismantled following the construction and commissioning of the Skye Reinforcement Project (In Planning - Ref: ECU000043395).

Target Note ID	Grid Reference	Description	Photograph
43	NH 34656 06810	Area of felled woodland with the bracken covered Torr Dhuin Pictish Fort in the background.	
44	NH 34940 07335	Semi-improved acid grassland grazed by sheep at Auchterawe.	

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45	NH 35389 07314	Well thinned mixed conifer woodland south of Auchterawe.	