

West Midlands 50 Year Biodiversity Vision & Opportunity Legend

Regional Biodiversity Opportunity Areas:

Landscape Areas

Areas considered to have the best opportunity to enhance biodiversity at a landscape scale over the next 50 years.

Strategic River Corridors

These include all the major named rivers, their tributaries & floodplains. These contain important wetland habitats, connect rural and urban landscapes and are important for supporting biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Growth Points

Major Urban Area

Cities and towns include valuable biodiversity habitats and features and play a vital role in providing greenspace for urban dwellers.

Landscape Areas:

Shropshire:

- 1 Shropshire Hills North
- 2 Wyre - Wenlock Edge
- 3 Clee Hills
- 4 Oswestry Uplands
- 5 Meres & Mosses
- 6 Clun

Staffordshire:

- 7 Needwood
- 8 Moorlands
- 9 Cannock Chase & Sutton Park
- 10 Sandstone Woods & Heaths
- 11 South Staffordshire

Birmingham & Black Country:

- 12 Sandwell Valley
- 13 Black Country Core
- 14 Smestow Valley
- 15 Plantsbrook Catchment

Warwickshire:

- 16 Arden
- 17 Princethorpe Woodlands
- 18 Tame Valley
- 19 Cotswolds

Herefordshire:

- 20 Woolhope/Malvern Link
- 21 Mortimer Forest
- 22 Golden Valley/Black Mountains
- 23 Upper Lugg
- 24 Hay to Hereford
- 25 Teme Valley
- 26 Lower Lugg
- 27 Wye Valley

Worcestershire:

- 28 Malvern Hills to Wyre Forest
- 29 Worcestershire Sandlands
- 30 Forest of Feckenham




Strategic River Corridors:

- A Severn
- B Avon
- C Teme
- D Lugg & Arrow
- E Wye
- F Trent
- G Tame & Blythe

Growth Points:

- H Shrewsbury & Atcham
- I Telford
- J East Staffordshire
- K Birmingham & Solihull
- L Coventry
- M Worcester
- N Herefordshire
- O Black Country/Sandwell

Basemap

-  Zone 1 - Large inter-connected landscapes, rich in biodiversity and providing life-supporting ecological networks.
-  Zone 2 - Extensive areas of habitat linking and buffering other areas and supporting multiple needs.
-  Zone 3 - Generally smaller, more isolated areas of habitat, often in highly modified landscapes, supporting mixed uses and providing ecosystem services.

The zones on the map give an indication of the distribution of habitat rich landscapes across the region.

The zones on the map are derived from the Landscapes for Living Biodiversity Map 2007. Local Biodiversity Maps will exist within various LBAP areas providing more detail.

 LBAP (Local Biodiversity Action Plan Partnership Boundaries)



Map Produced by Sarah Hammonds
Natural England
GI Unit Wolverhampton
9th December 2008
This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office. © Crown copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings.
Natural England 10004222 2008.