

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NORTHERN IRELAND PRIORITY SPECIES

Species fulfilling any of the following criteria:

1. UK Priority Species.
2. Rapidly decline in Northern Ireland (2% per year over the last 25 years).
3. Declining (1% year) with Northern Ireland being a stronghold consisting either:-
 - >50% Irish population or
 - >20% UK population/range
4. Rare (e.g. a small population and/or confined to one or two sites in Northern Ireland) with Northern Ireland being a stronghold consisting of either:-
 - >50% Irish population or
 - >20% UK population/range
5. Significant proportion (>20%) of the international population of a species (or well-recognised subspecies) occurring in Northern Ireland.
6. Published or proposed Irish Red Data Book species classed as either critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable.
7. Red-listed species in either the Ireland or UK Birds of Conservation Concern (BOCC) lists.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NORTHERN IRELAND SPECIES OF CONSERVATION CONCERN

Species fulfilling any of the following criteria:

1. Northern Ireland Priority Species.
2. Declining (1% per year)
3. Scarce and with Northern Ireland being a stronghold (S) consisting of either:-
 - >50% of the Irish population or
 - >20% of the UK population/range occurring in Northern Ireland
4. Amber-listed species in either the Ireland or UK Birds of Conservation Concern (BOCC) lists.
5. Species listed as Rare in an Irish Red Data Book published with the last 15 years.

Note:

Some of the criteria listed in *Biodiversity in Northern Ireland: Recommendations to Government for a Biodiversity Strategy* for species of conservation concern have not been applied fully because of difficulty in applying the criteria or their application would result in unduly large list. These may be reviewed at a later stage and include:-

- Species which are rare or scarce without conforming to any of the above criteria
- Genetically distinct in Ireland (e.g. Irish sub-species)
- Species which are functionally critical to ecosystems