



# Acid Grassland

LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES

Acid grassland is associated with acidic soils (pH 4 to 5.5) that are free-draining and low in nutrients. Acid grassland contains a diversity of fine-leaved grasses and wildflowers such as red fescue, sheep's sorrel, heath bedstraw and harebell.

Richmond has the largest total area of acid grassland in Greater London where you can also find nationally scarce plants such as clustered clover, upright chickweed and autumn squill.

Top sites that you can visit include:

- Bushy Park
- Home Park
- Richmond Park
- Barnes, East Sheen and Ham Commons

Acid grasslands are important for butterflies and a large range of invertebrates, which attract many birds such as the green woodpecker. Also of importance are the small mammals, reptiles and various fungi such as the brightly coloured waxcaps.



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