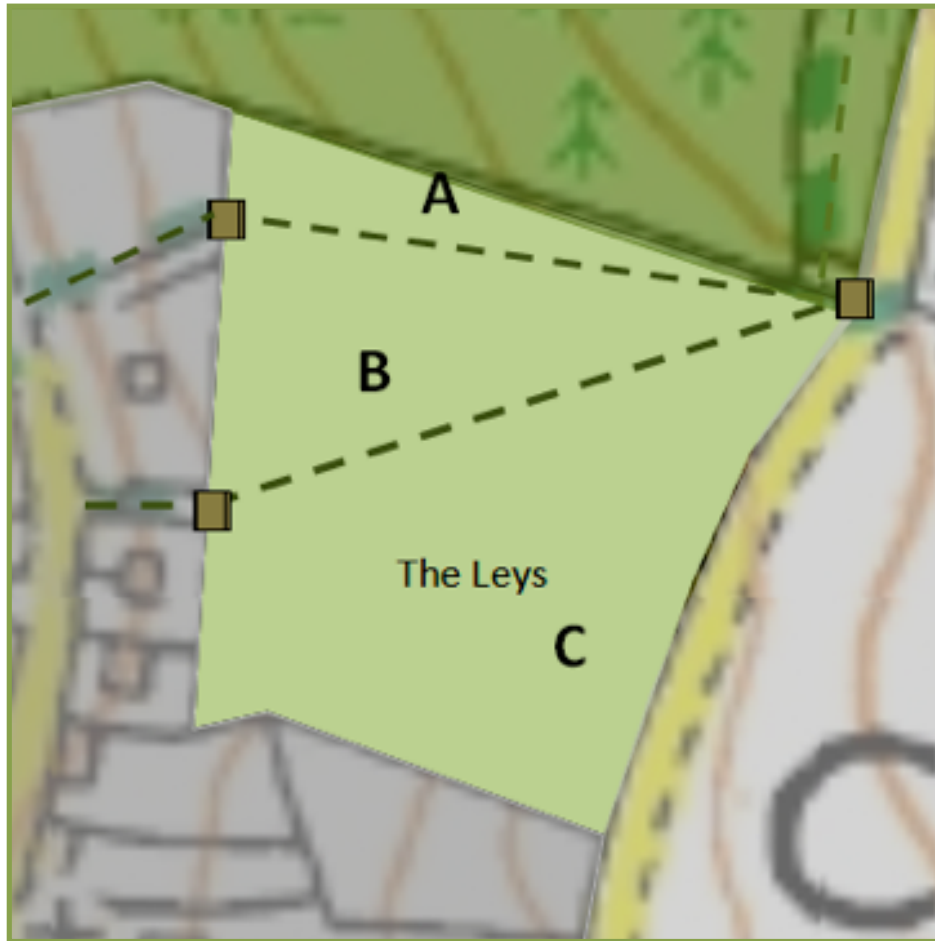


Biodiversity in the Leys

Trees, grasses and flowers



Area A - Woodland boundary

Trees

Hawthorn and Bramble, with locally frequent Field Maple, Wild Privet and Blackthorn, with some Midland Hawthorn scrub, Traveller's-joy, Ash, Apple, Dog Rose, Elder and Elm.

Flowers

Cow parsley, False-brome, Ivy and Ground-ivy, and a range of typical shade species, including rare Hedge Bedstraw, Spurge-laurel and Hairy Violet.



Hawthorn berries ripe for the birds

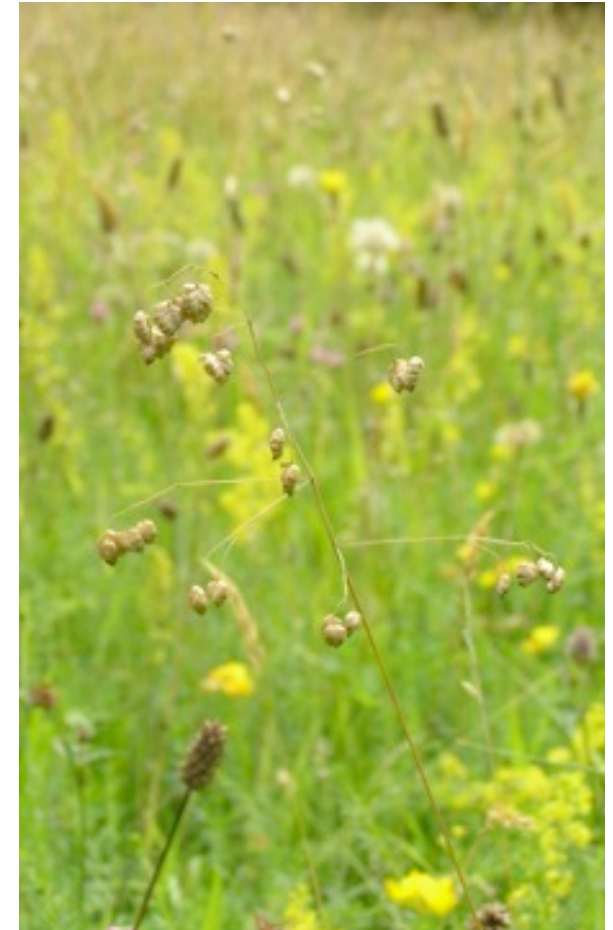


Glaucous sedge is locally abundant (photo: Steven Falk)

Area B- Upper slopes to North and West

Flowers

Forbs are a type of grassland flowering plant. They are very diverse in this part of The Leys, with locally abundant Glaucous Sedge, Common Mouse-ear, Lady's Bedstraw, Meadow Vetchling, Common Birdsfoot Trefoil, Meadow and Bulbous Buttercups, and Red Clover; frequent instances of Crow Garlic, Common Knapweed, Field Bindweed, Black Medick, Red Bartsia, Creeping Cinquefoil and Cowslip, Rare-occasional forbs include Spiked Sedge, Pignut, Rough Hawkbit, Oxeye Daisy, Salad Burnet, Hoary Ragwort, Pepper Saxifrage and Goatsbeard.



Common quaking-grass may be spotted (photo: Steven Falk)

Grasses (23 species in all)

This is a much more diverse area with abundant Meadow Foxtail, Meadow Fescue, together with locally frequent Upright Brome, Crested Dogstail, Red Fescue, Downy Oat-grass, Meadow Barley and Yellow oat-grass (23 species - a high incidence for such a small area) - including occasional Common quaking-grass and Fern Grass.



Small local pockets of Meadow vetchling are found in this part of The Leys, and is abundant in Area B (photo: Steven Falk)

Area C: Central, Eastern and Southern parts

Flowers

Plants include small local pockets of Meadow Vetchling, Crow Garlic found in the north-east corner, and tall herbs dominated by Cow Parsley, Creeping Thistle, Cleavers and Common Nettle are mainly found in the borders



Cow parsley seed head at the end of the summer

Grassland

This grassland is composed mainly of a kind of grassland called 'False Oat-grass dominant' - a type of coarse grassland that is widespread throughout Britain on unmanaged sites. This is the part that needs most attention if it is to be restored. The grasses in this area are: False Oat-grass and Tall Fescue, Cocksfoot, Yorkshire Fog, Perennial Ryegrass and Smooth Meadow-grass.

Look at all the plants and trees that have been found in the Leys!

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Field Maple	Field Bindweed	Meadow Vetchling	Brambles raspberries etc.
Sycamore	Midland Hawthorn	Rough Hawkbit	Common Sorrel
Ground-elder	Hawthorn	Oxeye Daisy	Curled Dock
Horse-chestnut	Crested Dog's-tail	Wild Privet	Broad-leaved Dock
Common Bent	Cock's-foot	Perennial Rye-grass	Wood Dock
Wild Onion	Spurge-laurel	Common Bird's-foot-trefoil	Crack-willow
Meadow Foxtail	Tufted Hair-grass ssp.	Apple	Elder
Cow Parsley	Great Willowherb	Black Medick	Salad Burnet
Burdock	Tall Fescue	Red Bartsia ssp.	Hoary Ragwort
False Oat-grass	Meadow Fescue	Smaller Cat's-tail	Common Ragwort
Downy Oat-grass	A Red Fescue ssp.	Timothy	Pepper-saxifrage
False Brome	Ash	Norway Spruce	Hedge Woundwort
Quaking-grass	Cleavers	Scots Pine	Black Bryony
Upright Brome	Hedge Bedstraw	Ribwort Plantain	Dandelions
White Bryony	Lady's Bedstraw	Greater Plantain ssp.	Upright Hedge-parsley
Glaucous Sedge	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	Annual Meadow-grass	Goat's-beard ssp.
Hairy Sedge	Herb-Robert	Smooth Meadow-grass	Lesser Trefoil
Spiked Sedge	Ground-ivy	Rough Meadow-grass	Red Clover
Fern-grass	Ivy	Creeping Cinquefoil	White Clover
Common Knapweed	Hogweed	Cowslip	Yellow Oat-grass
Common Mouse-ear	Yorkshire-fog	Blackthorn	Wych Elm
Rough Chervil	Meadow Barley	Meadow Buttercup	English Elm
Creeping Thistle	Common Cat's-ear	Bulbous Buttercup	Stinging Nettle
Spear Thistle	Jointed Rush	Creeping Buttercup	Germander Speedwell
Traveller's-joy	Hard Rush	Dog-rose	Hairy Violet
Pignut	Nipplewort		