

What are Floodplain Meadows?

1 minute masterclass

Floodplain meadows are very rich wildflower meadows

They can contain more than 40 different plant species per 1m²

Floodplains are naturally productive

Floodplains bring in fertile sediments that are deposited on the land

Floodplain meadows have been created by farmers who need hay to feed animals over winter

They are an agricultural crop

The hay is cut in June, then the meadows are used for grazing until they become too wet

The hay crop and grazing land doubles the agricultural value

People love wildflower meadows and visit in their thousands every year

Meadows were once the main landuse of all lowland floodplains in England

Less than 3,000 hectares now remain in the UK

For more information visit floodplainmeadows.org.uk

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