Growth stage definitions

- **In leaf**: When >10% of plants in the section have some leaves which are fully open – *bilberry and rowan*.

- **In flower**: When >10% of plants in the section have some flowers with petals that are open enough to make the inside of the flower visible – *bilberry, crowberry, heather and rowan*.

- **With ripe fruit**: When >10% of plants in the section have fruit that is ripe (soft to touch and in full colour) – *bilberry, crownberry and rowan*.

- **Leaf fall**: When >50% of plants in the section have some bare twigs or branches – *bilberry and rowan*.

- **Plant bare**: When >50% of plants in the section are completely bare except for shrivelled leaves – *bilberry and rowan*. 