

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, crowberry 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*.

