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|  | Disturbed grassland | Continuous grassland\* | Evolved grassland\* | Hay meadow | Wetmeadow |
| Number of patches | 10 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| Management | Un-managed | Un-managed | Un-managed | Mown twice a year | Mown onceevery 1-2 years |
| Fertilization | No | No | No | <50 kg N ha-1 yr-1 | No |
| Soil disturbance by flood | Recent | Medium | Undisturbed | None | None |
| Bare ground cover | > 75% | 10-30% | <10% | 0% | 0% |
| Shrub cover | < 5% | < 5% | > 15% | 0% | 0% |
| Soil water conditions | Extremely dry | Dry | Dry | Mesic | Wet |