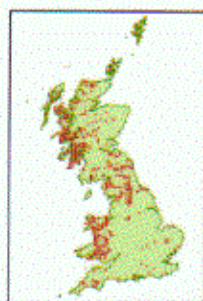
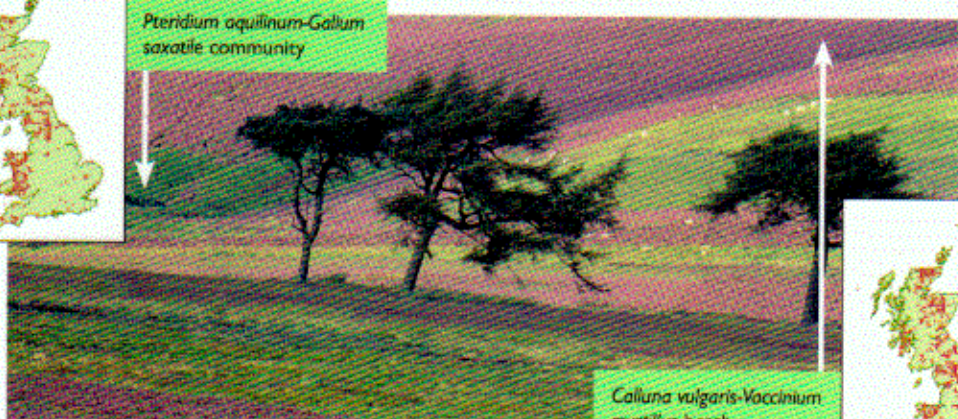


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Pteridium aquilinum-Gallium saxatile community



Calluna vulgaris-Vaccinium myrtillus heath



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