

## Foxglove - *Digitalis purpurea*



### Description

The conspicuous size and distinctive flower of Foxglove make it an iconic plant. The plant grows up to 1.5m tall, with 20-30cm oval, serrated leaves at the base, which have soft, hairy undersides. The pink flowers form in vertical clusters at the top of the plant and exhibit a dappled pattern inside.

The species prefers moderately moist, slightly acidic, rich soils. Foxgloves are frequently found in open woodland (the plant cannot tolerate heavy shade), in particular in NVC communities W10-11. Commonly seen in disturbed ground, in particular following clearing of conifer plantations.

### Soil regimes

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| <b><i>Soil reaction (R)</i></b>                                    | 4 |
| <b><i>Nitrogen availability (N)</i></b>                            | 5 |
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