

5.6 Carrock Fell 7

Images from the walk to the waymarker tree.



The aged rowan emerges from the lowest rock outcrop – a valuable waymarker on the faint track across the broad plateau of bracken and heather.



Wood sorrel, a delicate herbaceous flower of damp shady places, perfectly at home in the rotting debris of the old rowan's trunk.



Significant damaged, dead and decayed wood indicates the tree has survived exposure to harsh weather over a long time period – both shielding and sustaining the animal, insect and plant life sharing its rocky home.



A host of lichen species inhabit the rocks around and beneath the rowan, including the crimson-topped grey flutes of red pixie cup (*Cladonia diversa*) and the smeared yellow-green crust of map lichen (*Rhizocarpon geographicum*) together with a bryophyte grey-coloured hairy moss. A tiny world.