

Soils of Britain

*AN INTERESTING PATTERN OF SAND, CLAY
AND PEAT PACKED INTO A SMALL ISLAND*



There's more to soil than just 'mud'! In fact, there are over 1,800 different types of soil in Britain, each with its own unique story.

Here are just a few examples of common British soils to look out for...



THE SOIL-SPOTTERS HANDBOOK...

PEATY SOILS

(such as *Histosols*), are formed in waterlogged environments where there is a large amount of organic matter, such as decomposing plant remains.



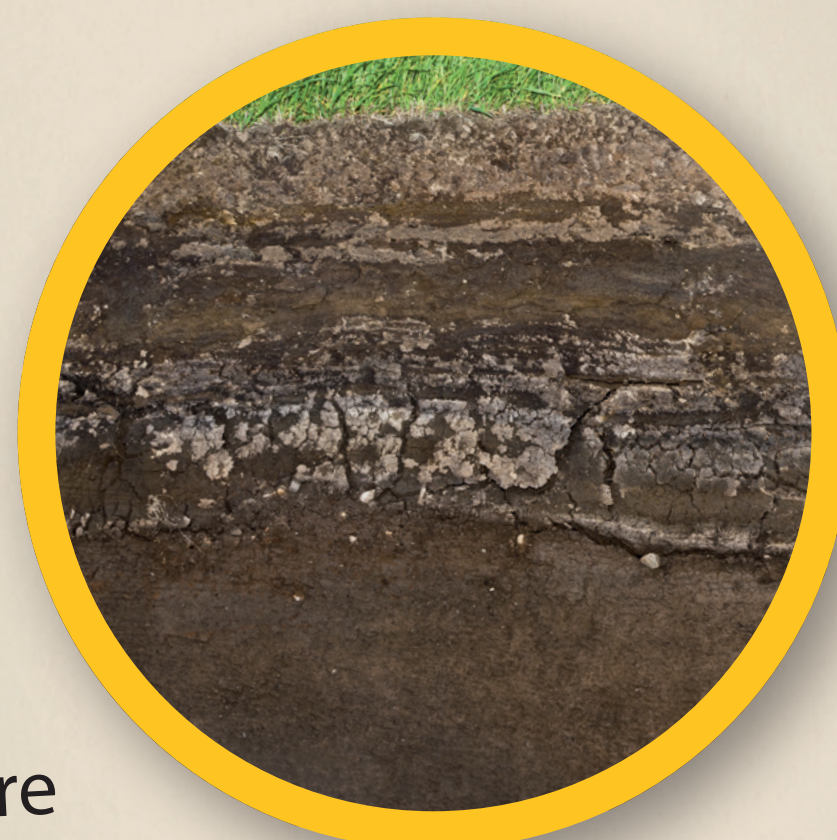
UPLAND SOILS

(such as *Leptosols*) are found in mountainous areas and are usually very shallow – barely deep enough to dig a spade into!



WETLAND SOILS

(known as *Gleysols*) form in areas saturated by groundwater for long periods of time.



YOUNG SOILS

(known as *Cambisols* or 'brown earths') are those that are in the process of being formed.



SANDY SOILS

(such as *Podzols*) often have a whiteish, upper layer on top and much darker layer beneath.

