

## Developing a vision for the Cairngorm ski area

### Description

Following my post <https://parkswatchscotland.co.uk/2016/06/17/ring-ouzels-new-vision-cairngorm-ski-area/> Ron Greer sent parkswatch some photos of montane scrub from North America and Norway and some useful links which help illustrate the type of landscape that might result from planting the ski area.



Montane heath woodland from eco-equivalent zone in North America. With our own native species complex, this is very like what could be obtained at Coire-Cas and environs. We could thus have an upland sylvan environment with high amenity value and conservation qualities with pistes (with self-repairing& carbon sequestrating capacity living "fences") and walking trails built integrally to it. This is an "as well as" and not "an either or scenario". Photo commentary Ron Greer



Fjällvåxter-Norwegian hills near Sweden. The plant species that are pictured in this photo are essentially the same as can be found at Cairngorm and the hill in the background even looks similar.

Here are some useful links from Ron:

- <http://www.snh.org.uk/publications/on-line/heritagemanagement/montanescrub/>
- <http://www.nhdfi.org/about-forests-and-lands/bureaus/natural-heritage-bureau/photo-index/labrador-tea-heath-krummholz.aspx> (more photos from eco-equivalent zones in North America)
- <http://mylittlenorway.com/2011/07/guide-to-cloudberry/> Ron sent this in response to my photo of Cloudberry in Coire Cas. The 2012 price for Cloudberry in Norway was 350NOK per kilo ( £30 per kilo) ??? perhaps Natural Retreats could serve them at the Day Lodge?

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