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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

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LLYN ALAW

Date of Notification: 1968, 1985

National Grid Reference: SH390865

O.S. Maps: 1:50000 Sheet number: 114
1:25000 Sheet number: SH38 & SH48

Site Area: 360 ha

Description:

Llyn Alaw is the largest mesotrophic open water in West Gwynedd. It has considerable ornithological interest especially for overwintering wildfowl and the number of teal, shoveler and whooper swans at times are around 1% of the British population. Other wildfowl species which occur, include mallard, wigeon, goldeneye, pochard and tufted duck and more recently ruddy duck and sometimes pink-footed geese. Common terns and black-headed gulls nest on islands in the reservoir while tufted duck, great crested grebe and coot also nest. In autumn large flocks of waders, in particular curlew, lapwing and golden plover, visit the exposed mud areas.

The uncommon slender spike-rush *Eleocharis acicularis* occurs in the reservoir margins.

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