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**SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION**

**CARMARTHENSHIRE**

**RHÔS DOLAU-BRÂN**

**Date of Notification:** 1982

**National Grid Reference:** SN 794381

**O.S. Maps:** 1: 50,000 Sheet number: 160  
1: 25,000 Sheet number: SN 73

**Site Area:** 5.5 ha

**Description:**

This part of the valley of the river Brân supports a diverse range of natural and semi-natural habitats. In this area of gravel ridges, oxbows, marsh, alder woodland, river and river-bank habitats over 150 species of higher plants have been recorded. Notable species include greater butterfly-orchid *Platanthera chlorantha*. The site would appear to support an equally diverse range of mammals, birds and invertebrates.

The continuing development of habitats of this kind is nowadays largely precluded by modern agriculture and river works, which often eliminate or reduce meanders and other features. This site demonstrates well these declining habitats and shows the importance of such places for wild plants and animals.

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