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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

CARMARTHENSHIRE

CORSYDD A RWYTH CILYBLAIDD

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National Grid Reference: SN 539460, SN 542459 & SN 542457

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Site Area: 8.1 ha

Description:

Cilyblaidd, located on the Teifi flood-plain, is notable for the varied mosaic of wetland habitats that is concentrated within a small area. There is a complex mire with small ombrogenous areas bordered by base-rich flushes, and also small basins of fen vegetation which, in places, have wet woodland dominated by grey willow *Salix cinerea* and alder *Alnus glutinosa*. Additionally, there are further more substantial areas of tall fen vegetation with much reed canary-grass *Phalaris arundinacea*, meadowsweet *Filipendula ulmaria* and yellow loosestrife *Lysimachia vulgaris*. Bladder sedge *Carex vesicaria* and water sedge *Carex aquatilis* occur, the latter at the southernmost edge of its range in Britain. The old oxbow is characterised by tall stands of water dock *Rumex hydrolapathum* within a mixture of other fen vegetation.

A rich and diverse wetland mollusc fauna is present, including the snails, *Vertigo substriata* and *V. lillieborgi* (a glacial-relict species) which, apart from a handful of periglacial sites in the Teifi system, has not been found south of Snowdonia.

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