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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

CARMARTHENSHIRE

CAE MAES-Y-FFYNNON

Date of Notification: 1984

National Grid Reference: SN 747231

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Site Area: 1.9 ha

Description:

A small area of wet unimproved pasture rich in wild plants. The vegetation type represented here is a variant of the sedge-rich grassland characteristic of much of south-west Wales, but which is now becoming very localised due to land improvement. The site is fringed by scrub and in its present condition is a favourable habitat for insects and small birds.

The vegetation contains many water-loving plants, including bog species growing in the wetter peaty parts. Some of the more notable plants are marsh helleborine *Epipactis palustris* in one of its few mid Wales localities, fragrant orchid *Gymnadenia conopsea*, bog pimpernel *Anagallis tenella*, round-leaved sundew *Drosera rotundifolia*, bog asphodel *Narthecium ossifragum*, meadow thistle *Cirsium dissectum* and marsh valerian *Valeriana dioica*, together with several species of sedge.

Remarks:

Within the Brecon Beacon National Park.

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