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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

CARMARTHENSHIRE

DERWEN-FÂCH MEADOW

Date of Notification: 1973, 1983

National Grid Reference: SN 682284

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Site Area: 2.5 ha

Description:

This species-rich wet pasture is notable for the abundance of whorled caraway *Carum verticillatum*, a plant with a westerly distribution in the British Isles. Other abundant plant species include meadow thistle *Cirsium dissectum*, heath spotted-orchid *Dactylorhiza maculata* and common spotted-orchid *D. fuchsii*. Petty whin *Genista anglica*, bog pimpernel *Anagallis tenaha*, creeping willow *Salix repens* and eight species of sedge also occur.

This is an excellent example of a herb-rich pasture which is still being managed in a traditional manner. The survival of its floristic interest depends on the continued absence of modern agricultural practices such as drainage, reseeding and the application of inorganic fertilizers.

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