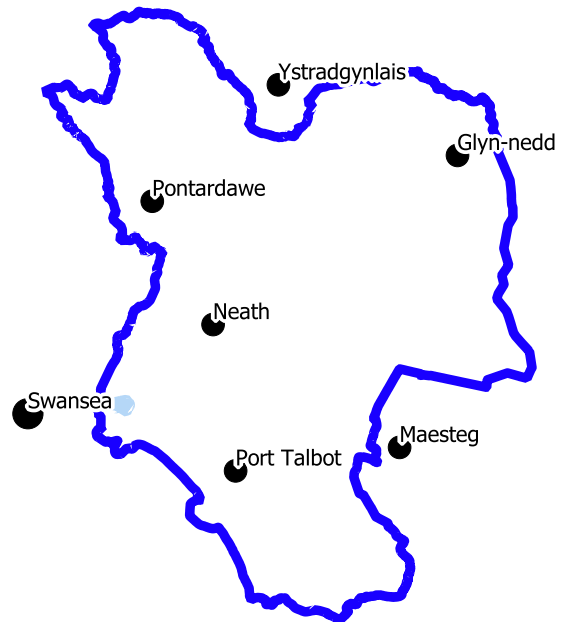


AMAZON WOODLANDS

Reference No: NPTSINC003
Ward: Coedffranc West
Grid ref at centre: SS7057993472
Area (ha): 11.31

Reason for selection:
H1:3 Native Woodlands
S6 Vascular Plants



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

AMAZON WOODLANDS

Site Description:

Lying approximately 1km to the south of Jersey Marine, this is 2.24ha remnant of what was formerly a much more extensive area of wet woodland established on the blown sands of the coastal plain. The uncommon woodland type is isolated by industrial developments to the east and west but functions as an important stepping stone between similar habitats at Crymlyn Burrows and the boggy woodland communities at Crymlyn Bog. The site readily floods and is unmanaged.

Qualifying features

H1:3 Native woodland - semi natural with wet woodland component
S6 Vascular plants - PS Common wintergreen

Important species

Species recorded: Common wintergreen (PS), Royal Fern, Barn Owl
Habitat suitable for: Bats, nesting birds

Management Recommendations

Other than some limited stands of Japanese Knotweed that require treatment to prevent further spread, the woodland habitat requires minimal intervention. The woodland regularly floods which is essential for maintaining the wet woodland communities and some method of notification or other measures should be put in place to ensure the existing hydrological regime is not adversely affected by changes to adjacent land drainage. Margin areas of open mosaic habitats on previously developed land could be enhanced by provision of pond(s) for amphibians and invertebrates, herpetile refugia and periodic scrub clearance / open land rejuvenation. Suitable for community projects.

Last surveyed: 2012 Surveyor: BS Author: BS

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