

RHYSLYN

Reference No: NPTSINC094

Ward: Pelenna

Grid ref at centre: SS7983994113

Area (ha): 1.23

Reason for selection:

H1:3 Native woodland

H1:4 Scrub communities

H5:1 Lowland meadows

H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures

H16:2 Other bracken communities



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

A south-facing slope and valley floor in the central section of the Afan Valley immediately east of Pontrhydyfen. The elevation ranges from 70m up to 80m asl, the underlying geology comprising of the South Wales Upper Coal Measures Formation, partly overlain with a mix of till and alluvium. The habitats primarily comprise a mix of dry neutral/acid grassland, scrub and Bracken on previously developed land. Ownership is unknown and there is no apparent management, which has resulted in the development of scrub. Recorded taxa include 117 vascular plants, 31 bryophytes, 12 birds, 1 fungus and 1 invertebrate

Qualifying features

H1:3 Native woodland
H1:4 Scrub communities
H5:1 Lowland meadows 9/8

Important species

Species recorded: Dunnock, Song Thrush, Barren Strawberry, Bilberry, Carline Thistle, Common Bird's-foot-trefoil, Common Dog-violet, Common Knapweed, Early Hair-grass, Eyebright, Fairy Flax, Field Wood-rush, Kidney Vetch, Meadow Vetchling, Whitlow-grass, Yellow-wort, Zig-zag Clover

Management Recommendations

There appears to be no formal management at the site. Periodic inspections should be undertaken to inform management aimed at; i) controlling scrub/bramble encroachment, ii) topping of areas dominated by rushes and or coarse grasses and Bracken

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: BS Author: BS

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