

ABERBAIDEN FARM MEADOWS

Reference No: NPTSINC112

Ward: Margam

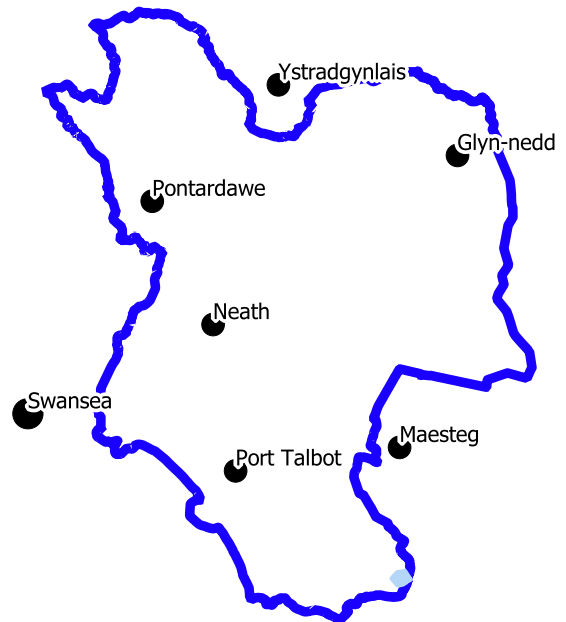
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Area (ha): 4.53

Reason for selection:

H9:3 Purple Moor-grass and Rush
Pastures

S2 Breeding birds



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

The site is near the Neath Port Talbot-Bridgend county boundary and consists of connected fields of marshy grassland. The occurrences here of Devil's-bit Scabious (*Succisa pratensis*), Meadow Thistle (*Cirsium dissectum*) and Marsh Orchids (*Dactylorhiza* spp.) are notable. The fields are currently managed by Aberbaiden Farm and grazed heavily by horses. Meadow G (SS851844) supports the most diverse component of the site. Lapwing are known to breed on the site.

Qualifying features

H9:3 PMGRP 32/12.
S2 Breeding birds - Lapwing

Important species

Species recorded: Meadow thistle, Bog pimpernel, Devil's-bit scabious, Lesser skullcap, sedges, marsh orchids, Ragged robin, Gipsywort, Marsh pennywort breeding Lapwing
Habitat suitable for: Marsh fritillary, bats, herps, Lapwing, Song thrush, Lesser redpoll

Management Recommendations

All 3 fields are grazed heavily by horses and would benefit from a less intense grazing regime.

Last surveyed: 2016 Surveyor: MRG/CH Author: CH

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