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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

POWYS

CAEAU BRONYDD-MAWR

Date of Notification: 1985

National Grid Reference: SN883768

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Site Area: 7.9 ha

Description:

The site is one in a series of unimproved herb-rich grassland sites in Brecknock demonstrating the range in variation which occurs in the Borough. It consists of two fields with contrasting plant communities.

The field to the west has dry banks with the uncommon wood bitter-vetch *Vicia orobus*, betony *Betonica officinalis*, quaking-grass *Briza media* and saw-wort *Serratula tinctoria*. The lower slopes have wet flushes, notable for their abundance of fen bedstraw *Galium uliginosum*, devil's-bit scabious *Succisa pratensis* and meadow thistle *Cirsium dissectum*.

The flushed, acidic peaty slopes of the easterly field are dominated in part by purple moor-grass *Molinia caerulea*. A small-sedge sward is present in places with tawny sedge *Carex hostiana*, carnation sedge *C. panicea*, flea sedge *C. pulicaris* and petty Whin *Genista anglica*. Along the southern edge a more species-rich flush surrounded by willows is also included in the site.

Although the fauna has not yet been recorded in any detail, the site gives every indication of being rich in insects, twelve species of butterfly having been noted up to the summer of 1984.

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