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**RHONDDA CYNON TAFF**

**NANT GELLIWION WOODLAND**

**Date of Notification:** 1972, 1985

**National Grid Reference:** ST 059887

**O.S. Maps** 1:50,000 Sheet number: 170  
1:25,000 Sheet number: ST 08

**Site area:** 12.35 ha

**Description**

The Nant Gelliwion Woodland SSSI (Coed Gelli Draws) occupies a small tributary valley of the Rhondda which flows over Pennant Sandstone and superficial deposits of boulder clay. The mixed deciduous woodland is dominated by stands of sessile oak which occur with a scattering of beech on the free-drainage valley slopes. Alder dominates areas of wetter ground while birch, ash, hazel, hawthorn, willow and rowan are locally abundant.

The woodland ground flora shows the effects of grazing with variations again occurring between areas of wet and well drained soils. Sweet vernal grass, creeping soft grass, bluebell, bracken and wood sorrel are fairly typical of the drier grazed areas. Marsh violet, sedges, valarian horsetail, reed grass and meadow sweet are typical of the wetter areas.

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