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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

POWYS

GWAUN BRYN (BRYN PASTURE)

Date of Notification: 1989

National Grid Reference: SJ 254067

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Site Area: 0.84 ha

Description:

A fine example of dry unimproved pasture supporting plant communities characteristic of slightly base-rich and more mesotrophic soils. The site comprises a single steeply-sloping field on a west-facing hillside.

The upper slopes are dominated by common bent *Agrostis capillaris* with frequent sweet vernal-grass *Anthoxanthum odoratum*, sheep's-fescue *Festuca ovina*, red fescue *F. rubra*, yellow oat-grass *Trisetum flavescens* and common bird's-foot-trefoil *Lotus corniculatus*. Characteristic associates include quaking-grass *Briza media*, spring-sedge *Carex caryophyllea*, harebell *Campanula rotundifolia*, lady's bedstraw *Galium verum*, mouse-ear hawkweed *Hieracium pilosella*, fairy flax *Linum catharticum*, common milkwort *Polygala vulgaris* and trailing tormentil *Potentilla anglica*.

The lower slopes are dominated by common bent, sweet vernal-grass and Yorkshire-fog *Holcus lanatus*. A number of calcifuge species occur here, including heath-grass *Danthonia decumbens*, bitter-vetch *Lathyrus montanus*, field wood-rush *Luzula campestris*, tormentil *Potentilla erecta* and devil's-bit scabious *Succisa pratensis*.

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