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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

CARMARTHENSHIRE

CAE CILMAENLLWYD

Date of Notification: 1984

National Grid Reference: SN 670204

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Site Area: 1.6 ha

Description:

An area of unimproved pasture supporting a wide variety of wild plants. Some areas are fairly dry and heathy, whilst others are wet, and the vegetation varies accordingly.

The flora of some of the wet areas indicates a rather calcareous soil condition. The grassland community represented here is a variant of a distinctive sedge-rich type which was once widespread in South-west Wales, but is now localised as a result of land improvement. A feature of the sward is the frequent occurrence of whorled caraway *Carum verticillatum*, a plant which appears to be concentrated on the Carmarthen Coalfield and its environs.

Other notable plants include bog pimpernel *Anagallis tenella*, bogbean *Menyanthes trifoliata*, marsh lousewort *Pedicularis palustris*, marsh arrowgrass *Triglochin palustris* and marsh valerian *Valeriana dioica*. A variety of sedges grow in the wetter parts, including the uncommon long-stalked yellow-sedge *Carex lepidocarpa*.

Remarks:

Within the Brecon Beacons National Park.

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