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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

POWYS

TWENTY-FIVE ACRE WOOD

Date of Notification: 1981

National Grid Reference: SO 066664

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Site Area: 13 ha

Description:

A gently sloping south-facing oakwood developed on acidic, poorly draining clay overlying Ordovician strata. It has close affinities with the lowland hazel-sessile oak facies of the acid birch/oak woodland grouping. The wood is largely composed of mature maiden trees of oak with occasional alder and birch. Grazing in the southern portion is light and in the northern part is largely confined to winter and early spring. In winter cattle are fed in the northern part, but poaching of the soil is only localised.

There is a well developed diverse shrub and ground flora. Damper areas support species such as meadowsweet *Filipendula ulmaria*, common valerian *Valeriana officinalis* and sanicle *Sanicula europaea*, whilst yellow pimpernel *Lysimachia nemorum* is generally abundant. Dry areas tend to be less species-rich with only occasional bluebell *Endymion non-scriptus* in a predominant grass layer with wood stitchwort *Stellaria nemorum* and local occurrences of bracken *Pteridium aquilinum*.

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