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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

CARMARTHENSHIRE

COEDYDD TREGYB/TREGYB WOODLANDS

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Site Area: 27 ha

Description:

Three woods, Cae'r Coed, Big Grove and Warren Tregyb make up this site and form, with surrounding contiguous areas of woodland, one of the largest blocks of deciduous woodland in south-east Dyfed. From an examination of old maps it appears that areas on the western edge of Big Grove and at the south-eastern end of Warren Tregyb were formerly fields. They are now botanically indistinguishable from the surrounding woodland which has developed on undulating ground overlaid with clay. Drier ridges alternate with flushes and damp river valleys supporting ash/oak *Quercus petraea* and *Q. robur* woodland and alder/willow carr respectively. All three woods have a well developed and species-rich shrub and ground layer, being largely free of grazing animals. At least 100 species of flowering plants have been recorded in the ground layer.

Since much of the woodland appears to have been clear felled in recent times epiphyte communities of the tree trunks are not well developed. The few old trees which do remain, especially along old boundary banks, are however of some interest and provide a refuge for many species rare or absent elsewhere in the woods.

All the larger woodland mammals are present and fallow deer occurred until recently.

Remarks:

Within the Brecon Beacons National Park.

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