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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

POWYS

BRECHFA POOL

Date of Notification: 1972, 1983

National Grid Reference: SO119377

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Site Area: 5ha

Description:

This shallow mud-bottomed lake supports a number of rare plant species typical of the exposed mud of lake margins, e.g. orange foxtail *Alopecurus aequalis*, and pennyroyal *Mentha pulegium*. Of particular interest is the strange fern called pillwort *Pilularia globulifera*, endemic to Europe and a species threatened with extinction over most of its range by loss of its habitat. In spring and autumn the pool attracts wading birds on migration and in winter it is a resort for small numbers of teal and other waterfowl.

Remarks:

Managed as a nature reserve.

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