

LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES.
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT
Ufd226. Little Bendysh Wood



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Ufd226. Little Bendysh Wood (33.3 ha) TL 613395

This large ancient wood has been almost entirely replanted with conifers, along with some Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) to the north. The native canopy of Oak, Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Field Maple (*Acer campestre*) and Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) is restricted to the external boundary and the edges of rides. The ground flora is largely restricted to these areas also, with only Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*) occurring patchily under the conifers. The vestiges of a rich flora remain, with plants such as Wood Anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*), Pendulous Sedge (*Carex pendula*), Hairy St. John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*), Oxlip (*Primula elatior*) and Sanicle (*Sanicula europaea*). The marshy grassland of the rides includes Angelica (*Angelica sylvestris*), Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*) Jointed Rush (*Juncus articulatus*) and Ragged Robin (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*).

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