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Ufd101. Emanuel Wood (9.1 ha) TL 531419

The native canopy composition of this wood is Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) standards with Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Field Maple (*Acer campestre*) and some Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) coppice. Part of the eastern portion has been replanted with Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) and conifers, whilst a section of the western arm has been recently replanted with native trees. The ground flora is varied, with an ancient woodland flora that includes Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Early Purple Orchid (*Orchis mascula**), Yellow Archangel (*Lamium galeobdolon*), Primrose (*Primula vulgaris*) and Black Bryony (*Tamus communis*).

One of the most notable features of the wood is a small grassy glade within the eastern block. Here, a chalk grassland flora is flourishing, including many species now scarce in Essex. These include Quaking Grass (*Briza media**), Fairy Flax (*Linum catharticum**), Wild Thyme (*Thymus polytrichus**), Woolly Thistle (*Cirsium eriophorum**), Eyebright (*Euphrasia* agg.), Milkwort (*Polygala vulgaris**), Stemless Thistle (*Cirsium acaule**), Common Gromwell (*Lithospermum officinale**), Salad Burnet (*Sanguisorba minor**) and Yellow-wort (*Blackstonia perfoliata**).

LoWS Selection Criteria: HCr1(a), HCr15, SCr15

Condition and Management Issues: Removal of planted trees in favour of native species is desirable. The chalk grassland area is in need of significant scrub control measures.

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