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### Ufd88. River Cam Wet Woods (8.1 ha) TL 522379

This site consists of two main blocks of tall swamp, sedgebed and willow plantation either side of the River Cam adjacent to Audley Park, forming a rare and declining Essex habitat. These habitat conditions also surround this Site in more diffuse form, with these two identified blocks forming the core of good quality habitat.

The principal fen species are Pond-sedge (*Carex* spp.), Reed Sweet-grass (*Glyceria maxima*), Branched Bur-reed (*Sparganium erectum*), Reedmace (*Typha latifolia*), Reed Canary-grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) and Great Willowherb (*Epilobium hirsutum*). The over-topping canopy is largely one of planted Willows (*Salix* spp.) but native willows also occur here.

**LoWS Selection Criteria:** HCr5, HCr23

**Condition and Management Issues:** Cropping planted willows will not be to the detriment of the marsh ground flora unless stocking density is too high. Maintenance of a high groundwater table is also important.

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