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Bra29. Park Wood, Chapelend Way (14.3 ha) TL 704397

This ancient wood comprises Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) and Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) standards over a dense Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) shrub layer amongst which Midland Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*) and Wayfaring Tree (*Viburnum lantana*) are to be found. The dense canopy cover precludes much light from reaching the woodland floor, although species of interest include Oxlip (*Primula elatior*). This plant has a very restricted distribution in Britain, being confined to parts of East Anglia, and includes the north-west part of the county. Other plants include Pendulous Sedge (*Carex pendula*), Remote Sedge (*Carex remota*) and the somewhat scarcer Greater Burnet-saxifrage (*Pimpinella major*), which is generally confined to the chalk of NW Essex.

Selection Criteria: HCr1(a), SCr13