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Bra26. The Willows/Hawkins Harvest (6.3 ha) TL 702304

This woodland represents an increasingly scarce habitat, remaining wet and marshy and supporting an excellent flora. The canopy is composed of Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), planted White Willow (*Salix alba*), some Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) and Goat Willow (*Salix caprea*) with Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) in drier areas. The rich and varied flora includes Pendulous Sedge (*Carex pendula*), Sweet Vernal Grass (*Anthoxanthum odoratum*), Cuckooflower (*Cardamine pratensis*), Giant Horsetail (*Equisetum telmateia*), Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*), Opposite-leaved Golden-saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium oppositifolium*) and, most notably, Alternate-leaved Golden-saxifrage (*C. alternifolium*) which is rare in Essex.

Selection Criteria: HCr2(d), HCr5, SCr13