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Bra241. Loshes Meadow Complex (part EWT Reserve) (8.4 ha) TL 877368

The majority of this site is a reserve managed by Essex Wildlife Trust, with only a small portion outside the reserve boundary. Bounded by Loshes Brook to the north, the reserve contains grassland, woodland, new plantation, hedgerows and a marsh. A narrow strip of woodland along the stream consists mainly of Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) and Willows (*Salix* spp.) with Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) and occasional Guelder Rose (*Viburnum opulus*). Beneath this a ground flora including Yellow Archangel (*Lamium galeobdolon*), Moschatel (*Adoxa moschatellina*), Greater Tussock Sedge (*Carex paniculata*) and Ramsons (*Allium ursinum*) are found.

The area known locally as the Hop Grounds, with Hop (*Humulus lupulus*) being abundant), includes an area of marshy meadow between coppice stools and includes Cuckooflower (*Cardamine pratensis*), Soft Rush (*Juncus effusus*) and Common Spotted Orchid (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*). The non-reserve section of the site is wooded with Elms (*Ulmus* spp.) over abundant Bluebells (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*).

Selection Criteria: HCr2(b), HCr2(c)