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### **Bra103. Gosfield Lake Woods (14.5 ha) TL 774293**

Situated to the west of Gosfield Lake, Lake Wood is a valley bottom woodland on marshy ground. Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) dominates, with some Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) on the northern slope. The southern side has been planted with Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*) and Corsican Pine (*Pinus nigra*). The woodland marsh is notable for its abundance of Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*). The marginal vegetation to the east end of Lake Wood includes Reed (*Phragmites australis*), Bulrush (*Typha latifolia*) and Water Dock (*Rumex hydrolapathum*), which is experiencing a decline in numbers.

This streamside valley wood of Low Ley Plantation lies to the south-east of Gosfield Lake and comprises Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) and Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) on the drier slopes, whilst Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) dominates the lower stream course. Species of interest beneath the Alder carr include Opposite-leaved Golden-saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium oppositifolium*), Large Bittercress (*Cardamine amara*) and Water Horsetail (*Equisetum fluviatile*).

**Selection Criteria:** HCr2(d), SCr13