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Bra169. Rivenhall Thicks (11.9 ha) TL 817182

This large, important ancient wood has an exceptionally rich flora. The structure of the wood is primarily old coppiced Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) with standards of Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*). There are also small stands of Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) and Field Maple (*Acer campestre*), with one area of invasive Elm (*Ulmus* sp.). In all, 28 species of tree and shrub have been recorded, including Midland Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*), Spurge Laurel (*Daphne laureola*), Spindle Tree (*Euonymus europaeus*) and Deadly Nightshade (*Atropa belladonna*).

The rich ground flora includes many ancient woodland species, such as Wood Anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Hairy St. John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*), Hairy Wood-rush (*Luzula pilosa*), Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*), Three-veined Sandwort (*Moehringia trinervia*), Early Purple Orchid (*Orchis mascula*), Primrose (*Primula vulgaris*) and Early Dog Violet (*Viola reichenbachiana*). Twayblade Orchid (*Listera ovata*) and Greater Butterfly Orchid (*Platanthera chlorantha*) are also present.

Selection Criteria: HCr1(a), SCr13