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Bra213. Cross End Marsh (5.1 ha) TL 855337

This site represents a very scarce Essex habitat, being composed of wet swamp and woodland, which supports many plants of limited distribution and a varied fauna. The site is notable for the large quantities of Opposite-leaved Golden-saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium oppositifolium*), along with Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*), Large Bittercress (*Cardamine amara*), Water Horsetail (*Equisetum fluviatile*) and Greater Tussock Sedge (*Carex paniculata*), which has become very rare in the county due to the destruction of sedge beds.

Wooded areas have a canopy of Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*), Field Maple (*Acer campestre*), Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and Grey Willow (*Salix cinerea*). The ground cover in these areas includes Ramsons (*Allium ursinum*), Wood Anemone (*Anemone nemorosa*), Pendulous Sedge (*Carex pendula*), Buckler Ferns (*Dryopteris* spp.) and Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*).

Selection Criteria: HCr23, SCr13