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Bra207. The Squire's Plantation (7.7 ha) TL 849248

The main feature of importance for The Squire's Plantation is the marshy ground flora. Amongst the canopy of Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*), Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) and Willows (*Salix* spp.) a number of exotics have been planted and Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) invasion is well advanced. The ground flora is most notable for the extensive stand of Giant Horsetail (*Equisetum telmateia*) in a marsh which also includes Angelica (*Angelica sylvestris*), Lesser Pond Sedge (*Carex acutiformis*), Pendulous Sedge (*Carex pendula*), Opposite-leaved Golden-saxifrage (*Chrysosplenium oppositifolium*), Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*) and Hemp-agrimony (*Eupatorium cannabinum*). On the drier slopes Ramsons (*Allium ursinum*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Creeping Soft-grass (*Holcus mollis*) and Enchanter's Nightshade (*Circaea lutetiana*) can be found.

By contrast, Stamner's Wood - possibly ancient - comprises overgrown coppice of Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Sweet Chestnut (*Castanea sativa*), Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) and Ash, with Small-leaved Lime (*Tilia cordata*) on the eastern boundary and standards of Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) throughout. Mature Sycamore is widespread. The diverse flora includes Remote Sedge (*Carex remota*), Midland Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*), abundant Bluebell, Wood Melick (*Melica uniflora*) and Bog Stitchwort (*Stellaria alsine*).

Selection Criteria: HCr1(b), HCr2(d)