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Bra158. Blackwater Plantation West (10.7 ha) TL 810229

This site should be considered in conjunction with Blackwater plantation (Bra186) as part of an important riverside wildlife corridor. Comprising well maintained open plantations of Cricket Bat Willow (*Salix alba* var. *caerulea*), this site provides an interesting mix of woodland, tall herb marsh and riverine habitat. Other trees present include Poplar (*Populus* sp.) and Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*), over a scattered scrub layer of Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), Elder (*Sambucus nigra*) and Goat Willow (*Salix caprea*). The marsh flora includes Water Figwort (*Scrophularia aquatica*), Comphrey (*Symphytum* sp.), Marsh Woundwort (*Stachys palustris*), Angelica (*Angelica sylvestris*), Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*), Lesser Pond Sedge (*Carex acutiformis*) and Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*).

Selection Criteria: HCr2(c)