



A wet meadow on the northern boundary of the site, adjacent to the River Evenlode, supports great burnet *Sanguisorba officinalis*, devil's-bit scabious *Succisa pratensis*, betony *Stachys officinalis* and the regionally uncommon lady's mantles *Alchemilla xanthochlora* and *A. filicaulis* sub-species *vestita*. Wetland species growing in the pond and streams include lesser spearwort *Ranunculus flammula*, sweet grass *Glyceria fluitans* and brooklime *Veronica beccabunga*.

The wood has twenty-two species of butterfly recorded including the regionally uncommon wood white, white admiral and silver-washed fritillary. Bould Wood is one of the very few sites in Oxfordshire which still supports the silver-washed fritillary, a butterfly which has declined nationally and regionally in the last decade. Other uncommon insects include the lesser marsh grasshopper *Chorthippus albomarginatus*, a species associated with wet, grassy sites, and the hoverflies *Ferdinandea cuprea* and *Brachyopa scutellaris* which are found in association with sap runs on deciduous trees.

The vertebrate fauna of the wood includes foxes, grass snake, adder and a long-standing badger population. The site holds a large range of breeding birds including snipe.