

COUNTY: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

SITE NAME: BULWELL WOOD

Local Planning Authority: ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL

National Grid Reference SK 518 463

Area: 17.07 (ha.) 41 (ac.)

Description:

The site is of Regional importance and contains good examples of ancient semi-natural woodland and unpolluted open water.

Biology

Bulwell Wood is developed on superficial deposits overlying strata of the Permian Lower Magnesian Limestone. Although modified by the establishment of sycamore the dominant semi-natural stand type, characterised by oak *Quercus robur*, ash *Fraxinus excelsior*, hazel *Corylus avellana* and rowan *Sorbus aucuparia* is still clearly evident. Much of the wood carries a ground-flora characteristic of ancient woods including such species as wood anemone *Anemone nemorosa*, ramsons *Allium ursinum*, giant bellflower *Campanula latifolia* and early purple orchid *Orchis mascula*. In other areas this flora is replaced by one dominated by bracken. A valuable complement to the wood is the adjacent Bulwell Wood Hall Pond, a clean-water pool having a well-developed aquatic plant and animal community.