

County: Humberside

Site Name: Wrawby Moor

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981

Local Planning Authority: Glanford Borough Council

National Grid Reference: TA 032110

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 112 **1:10,000:** TA 01 SW

Area: 17.7 (ha) 43.73 (ac)

First Notified: 1966*

Date of Revision: 1984

Description:

Wrawby Moor, one of only four sites notified in South Humberside for coversand communities, exhibits the later stages of seral succession in which the heathland has been invaded by birch woodland. Some heathland remains, and the site is enhanced by the occurrence of limited areas of species-rich marsh.

The birch *Betula pubescens* woodland varies from dense even-aged stands, particularly in the north east of the site, to more open woodland containing additional species such as oak *Quercus robur*, sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus*, elder *Sambucus nigra* and hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*. The ground flora is generally dominated by either bracken *Pteridium aquilinum*, creeping soft-grass *Holcus mollis*, or in damper hollows by brown bent *Agrostis canina*. Herbaceous species include heath bedstraw *Galium saxatile*, ground ivy *Glechoma hederacea* and three-nerved sandwort *Moehringia trinervia*. Brambles *Rubus fruticosus* and raspberry *R. idaeus* are widespread, and there are clumps of *Dryopteris* ferns.

The heath communities are largely restricted to a single open area in the woodland, which has a mosaic of wavy hair-grass *Deschampsia flexuosa*, bell heather *Erica cinerea*, cross-leaved heath *E. tetralix* and heather *Calluna vulgaris*.

The woodland is crossed by a number of small drainage ditches and there are two flighting ponds. The southernmost of these has a fringing marsh dominated by rushes *Juncus* spp., and also contains greater bird's-foot trefoil *Lotus uliginosus*, marsh pennywort *Hydrocotyle vulgaris*, water mint *Mentha aquatica*, water horsetail *Equisetum fluviatile*, common spike-rush *Eleocharis palustris*, carnation sedge *Carex panicea*, oval sedge *C. ovalis*, gipsywort *Lycopus europaeus*, common spotted orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* and pink water-speedwell *Veronica catenata*.

Other Information:

See also Risby Warren SSSI, Manton & Twigmoor SSSI, Messingham Heath SSSI.

* Under Section 23 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949.