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Debden Water SSSI (20.8 ha) TL 535342

This site supports a wide variety of habitats ranging from calcareous grassland through to sandy gravel pits, fen vegetation and woodland. Typical species from the chalky grassland include Crested Dog's-tail (*Cynosurus cristatus*), Quaking Grass (*Briza media**), Salad Burnet (*Sanguisorba minor**), Cowslip (*Primula veris*), Downy Oat-grass (*Helictotrichon pubescens**) and Woolly Thistle (*Cirsium eriophorum**), a county rarity.

The fen areas are characterised by Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*), with good quantities of Greater Tussock-sedge (*Carex paniculata**), Lesser Pond-sedge (*Carex acutiformis*), Reed Canary-grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) and Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*). Southern Marsh Orchid (*Dactylorhiza praetermissa**) has also been recorded.