

LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES.
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT
Ufd109. Westley Wood



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This ancient wood's original canopy of Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*), Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and Field Maple (*Acer campestre*) now survives as scattered stands, with Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) locally frequent. Much of the south-eastern section of the wood has been replanted with conifers, with a more recent plantation of broadleaved species to the north-west. The ground cover is grassy with tall ruderals in areas of plantation, with Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Nettle (*Urtica dioica*) and Hairy St. John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*) under the mature canopy.

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