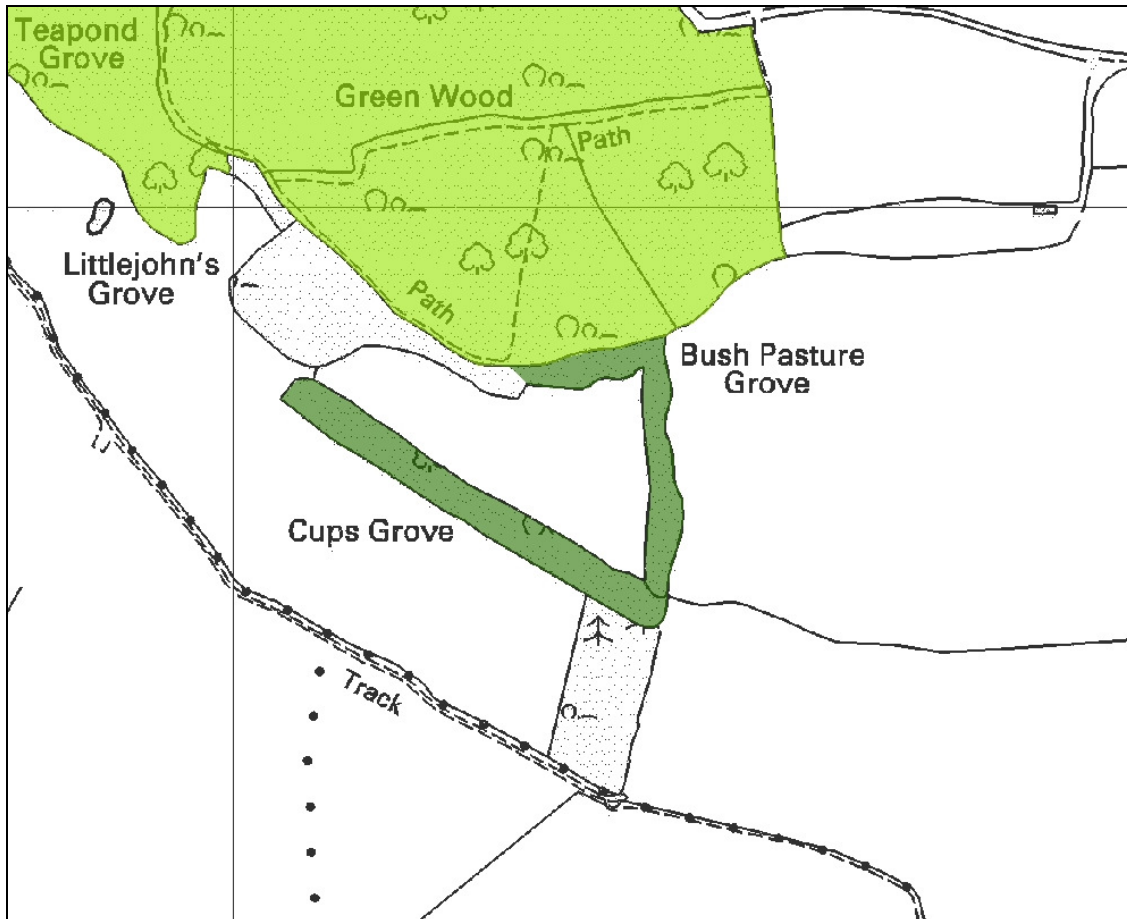


LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES.  
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT  
Ufd51. Cups/Bush Pasture Groves



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These two groves, which may be partly ancient, have markedly different canopies. Cups Grove is an Elm (*Ulmus* sp.)/Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*) wood which includes several very old Elm coppice stools, making it an intrinsically interesting and unusual stand type. Dead standards from Dutch Elm Disease provide a good habitat for invertebrates, with much new regrowth of Elm reforming the canopy.

Bush Pasture Grove has a more typical canopy of Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Field Maple (*Acer campestre*) and Hazel (*Corylus avellana*). The ground flora is typified by Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*), Wood False Brome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*), Bearded Couch (*Elymus caninus*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Hairy St. John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*), Wood Millet (*Milium effusum*) and Violets (*Viola* sp.).

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