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Ufd72. Broom/Burney Woods (34.6 ha) TL 510284

This large complex of ancient woodland has been extensively replanted with conifers and Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) with scattered standards of Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*). On the south and west boundaries, relic stands of overgrown Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*) coppice still survive. The ground flora includes good quantities of Creeping Soft-grass (*Holcus mollis*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Hairy St. John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*), Dog's Mercury (*Mercurialis perennis*), Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus*) and Remote Sedge (*Carex remota*). The ground flora would be improved by replacing the planted trees with a native semi-natural cover, which would greatly increase the wildlife value of this large woodland complex.

LoWS Selection Criteria: HCr1(a)

Condition and Management Issues: Rather poor condition on account of coniferisation. Reversion to a semi-natural broadleaved canopy should be a high priority.

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