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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

MERTHYR TYDFIL

DAREN FACH

Date of notification: 1960, 1983

National Grid Reference: SO019105

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Site Area: 12.1 ha

Description:

The site consists of an open scrub on low limestone cliffs with screes and woodland on the gentler slopes. The latter are dominated by ash inter-mixed with wych elm together with a well developed understorey of hazel and hawthorn. Field maple is present and a group of small-leaved lime lies at the northern end. The primary interest lies in a concentration of *Sorbus* spp. on the southern end of the Darren Fach crags. This is the type locality for the rare Ley's Whitebeam *Sorbus leyana*. Several shrubs of *S. leyana* together with a specimen of *S. rupicola* grow in association with ash, yew and holly.

Remarks:

Within the Brecon Beacons National Park

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