

# EC Directive 92/43 on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora

## Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

**Name:** Ensor's Pool  
**Unitary Authority/County:** Warwickshire  
**SAC status:** Designated on 1 April 2005  
**Grid reference:** SP348903  
**SAC EU code:** UK0012646  
**Area (ha):** 3.80  
**Component SSSI:** Ensor's Pool SSSI

### Site description:

Ensor's Pool lies on the western edge of Nuneaton and was formed in an abandoned clay pit. It has an average depth of 8 metres and is fed by groundwater. The pool overlies Etruria Marl which was extracted for brick-making early in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Ensor's Pool holds a very large and healthy population of native white-clawed crayfish *Austropotamobius pallipes*. It is of one of the best lake populations of crayfish in England. Although crayfish plague outbreaks have occurred in the Midlands, this water body is isolated from river systems and is a good example of a 'refuge' site in an important part of the species' former range.

The pool has some marginal vegetation of hard rush *Juncus inflexus*, common spike-rush *Eleocharis palustris*, water horsetail *Equisetum fluviatile* and lesser bulrush *Typha angustifolia*. Water plants include spiked water-milfoil *Myriophyllum spicatum* and broad-leaved pondweed *Potamogeton natans*. The pool is surrounded by areas of scrub and grassland.

**Qualifying species:** The site is designated under **article 4(4)** of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following species listed in Annex II:

- White-clawed (or Atlantic stream) crayfish *Austropotamobius pallipes*.

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.  
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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment,  
Food and Rural Affairs