

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

## Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

**Name:** Eversden and Wimpole Woods  
**Unitary Authority/County:** Cambridgeshire  
**SAC status:** Designated on 1 April 2005  
**Grid reference:** TL340526  
**SAC EU code:** UK0030331  
**Area (ha):** 66.48  
**Component SSSI:** Eversden and Wimpole Woods SSSI

### Site description:

The site comprises a mixture of ancient coppice woodland (Eversden Wood) and high forest woods likely to be of more recent origin (Wimpole Woods). A colony of barbastelle bats *Barbastella barbastellus* is associated with the trees in Wimpole Woods. These trees are used as a summer maternity roost where the female bats gather to give birth and rear their young. Most of the roost sites are within tree crevices. The bats also use the site as a foraging area. Some of the woodland is also used as a flight path when bats forage outside the site.

**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:

- Barbastelle bat *Barbastella barbastellus*

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.  
Register reference number: UK0030331  
Date of registration: 14 June 2005

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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment,  
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