

CITATION

WESTWATER RESERVOIR SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST Scottish Borders

Site code: 1621

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NT 117523
OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 72
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 344
AREA: 49.77 hectares

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES

Biological: Birds: Pink footed goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*), non-breeding

DESCRIPTION

Westwater Reservoir Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) lies 2km west of West Linton on the edge of the Pentland hills. This upland reservoir holds a roost of up to 11% of the UK wintering population of pink-footed geese *Anser brachyrhynchus* between September and April (inclusive).

The reservoir and adjacent shorelines also have a varied breeding wildfowl, gull and wader population.

NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1949 Act: 1972, 1975
Re-notified under the 1981 Act: 9 May 1986 with a 9 ha increase in area.
Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 9 February 2011

REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected (from 51 ha).

Westwater Reservoir SSSI is also designated as Westwater special protection area (SPA) for the birds listed below.

Birds: Pink-footed goose (*Anser brachyrhynchus*), non-breeding
Waterfowl assemblage, non-breeding