

## CITATION

**BEMERSYDE MOSS  
SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST**  
Scottish Borders

Site code: 175

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NT 613340

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger series 74  
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer series 338

AREA: 23.93 hectares

## NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES

**Biological: Fens: Open water transition fen**  
**Birds: Black-headed gull (*Larus ridibundus*), breeding**

## DESCRIPTION

Bemersyde Moss Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is an open water transition fen, lying 4 km north-east of Newton St Boswells.

The open water transition fen consists of a mineral-rich lowland fen. The centre is a mosaic of fen vegetation with open pools of water, surrounded by sedge, reed-swamp and poor fen of a high inorganic content. The vegetation is dominated by reed canary-grass *Phalaris arundinacea* and common reedmace *Typha latifolia*, with mats of floating bog-bean *Menyanthes trifoliata* extending out into the open pools. The locally rare species nodding bur-marigold *Bidens cernua*, green figwort *Scrophularia umbrosa* and celery-leaved buttercup *Ranunculus sceleratus* are typical of the habitat but are rare or extremely localised in the Scottish Borders.

The site is also important for large numbers of breeding black-headed gulls *Larus ridibundus*.

## NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1981 Act: 16 January 1987  
Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 6 August 2010

## REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected (from 24.6 ha).