

## CITATION

### COBBINSHAW RESERVOIR SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST West Lothian / South Lanarkshire

Site code: 374

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NT 016570

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 65  
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 344

AREA: 61.87 ha

## NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES

Biological: Fens: Open water transition fen

## DESCRIPTION

Cobbinshaw Reservoir SSSI is a small sub-section of the main Cobbinshaw Reservoir lying a few hundred metres to the east of the village of Woolfords Cottages and about 10km south of Livingston.

It contains the largest area of fen in West Lothian and South Lanarkshire. The site supports representative examples of fen, marsh and swamp plant communities, which are scarce and decreasing wetland habitats in the local area. A number of uncommon plant species are present, such as water horsetail *Equisetum fluviatile* and marsh cinquefoil *Potentilla palustris*. An area of raised bog is an integral part of the site, and together with freshwater and scrub add to the diversity of the area.

## NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1949 Act: 1972

Re-notified under the 1981 Act: 21 May 1985 with a 17.6 ha decrease in area

Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 02 November 2009

## REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected (from 62.77 ha)