

Take a closer look at... WET WOODLAND

Wet Woodlands are damp and mysterious. Alder, birch and willows are common trees found in wet woodland. They can grow in places where they don't mind getting their feet wet!

The wet ground and plentiful dead wood can be home to lots of wildlife, e.g. mosses, ferns, beetles and moths. Wet woodland can also provide cover for otters and feeding sites for flocks of birds flitting through the trees.

In Carmarthenshire, wet woodlands generally occur in small pockets in river valleys, the edges of bogs and damp fields and in hollows in larger woodlands.

- Much of our wet woodlands in Britain have been lost, mainly due to clearance for agriculture or development. We need to look after the areas we have left!
- Willow and alder support more types of insect than any other tree apart from oak.
- As time goes by, wet woodland may naturally change to a much drier habitat as the water conditions vary and new species grow.
- Wet woodland is also good for bats, newts and breeding birds.
- In Wales the timber from wet alder woodlands was often used to make clogs.



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