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Kennet and Lambourn Floodplain

Site details

Country	England
Unitary Authority	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area
Centroid*	SU313704
Latitude	51.43138889
Longitude	-1.549722222
SAC EU code	UK0030044
Status	Designated Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
Area (ha)	112.24

* This is the approximate central point of the SAC. In the case of large, linear or composite sites, this may not represent the location where a feature occurs within the SAC.

General site character

Inland water bodies (Standing water, Running water) (1%)

Bogs, Marshes, Water fringed vegetation, Fens (59%)
Humid grassland, Mesophile grassland (40%)

[Natura 2000 standard data form](#) for this site as submitted to Europe (PDF, < 100kb).

[Interactive map](#) from MAGIC (Multi-Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside).

Note:

When undertaking an appropriate assessment of impacts at a site, all features of European importance (both primary and non-primary) need to be considered.

Annex I habitats that are a primary reason for selection of this site

Not applicable

Annex I habitats present as a qualifying feature, but not a primary reason for selection of this site

Not applicable.

Annex II species that are a primary reason for selection of this site

1016 [Desmoulin's whorl snail](#) *Vertigo moulinsiana*

The cluster of sites selected in the Kennet and Lambourn valleys supports one of the most extensive known populations of **Desmoulin's whorl snail** *Vertigo moulinsiana* in the UK and is one of two sites representing the species in the south-western part of its range in the important chalk stream habitat. Integrity of the population is being maintained by taking measures, including habitat creation, to safeguard populations. The habitat occupied at this site differs from the Fenland sites in East Anglia in that it is predominantly reed sweet-grass *Glyceria maxima* swamp or tall sedges at the river margins, in ditches and in depressions in wet meadows.

Annex II species present as a qualifying feature, but not a primary reason for site selection

Not applicable.

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Location of Kennet and Lambourn Floodplain SAC/SCI/cSAC

