

Register of Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation

SINC number	C236
SINC name	Gurnard Marsh
Grid reference	SZ 474953
Area ha	7.86
Site managed by	Private landowner
Access	Private no access
Local Nature Reserve	No
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	No
Ancient Woodland Inventory	No
Statutory Main River	Yes

Geology Alluvium, Osborne/Headon Beds,

General description of site

The site consists of two sub-sites. The first sub-site consists of an area of upper grazed marsh adjoining the Gurnard Luck, including an area of semi-improved brackish pasture dominated by Sea Club-rush and Sea Couch. There is a stand of the nationally scarce Divided Sedge at the mouth of the River Luck. The second sub-site (Gurnard Meadow) consists of an area of herb-rich grassland on a complex soil including Alluvium, Osborne and Headon Beds, and Bembridge limestone. As a consequence, a remarkable herb-rich vegetation is established including Quaking Grass, Dyer's Greenweed, Corky-fruited Water Dropwort, Adder's-tongue Fern, Devil's-bit Scabious, French Oat Grass and six orchid species.

Major habitat	Grazing marsh
Subsidiary habitat	Unimproved neutral grassland
National BAP Priority Species	None recorded
Protected species	None recorded
Red Data book species	None recorded
Nationally scarce species	Divided Sedge
Locally important species	None recorded
Associated sites	
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