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## **A bat and otter assessment of the tower house on the island in Ballynahinch, Clifden, Co Galway**

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## **Summary**

5 soprano pipistrelle roosts were found within the buildings on the island, 3 on the castle and two within fascia on the attached building. The main roost, with at least 10 bats was above the window within the small turret within the tower to the west. This roost is on the inside of the tower. Both other tower roosts were within stonework to the north and west of the tower with individual bats. Two individual bats entered the fascia on the roofed section of the building at two points. Natterer's bats and Daubenton's bats were also seen but were not roosting in the building on this occasion. There was much soprano pipistrelle activity and social calling within and around the building during the night.

3 species of bat were observed during the night feeding around the castle and along the waterway beside the castle. Daubenton's and Natterer's bats were seen around the castle and to the south of the island.

Otter data is included but are not the subject of the derogation application.

## **Bat species found roosting**

Soprano pipistrelle                      *Pipistrellus pygmaeus*

## **Bat species found feeding and commuting on the site**

Soprano pipistrelle                      *Pipistrellus pygmaeus*

Daubenton's bat                         *Myotis daubentonii*

Natterer's bat                             *Myotis nattereri*

## **Recommendations**

(1) A derogation licence must be sought from NPWS prior to any work commencing. As part of this derogation process the alternatives (to the destruction of the roost) considered and rejected must be documented. If a roof is installed on the building a system availing of louvres must be designed for at least two windows to facilitate bat

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access. The addition of any glass structures within the open windows may restrict bat access in addition to being a collision risk for birds. The introduction of louvres may also reduce accessibility but would create greater opportunities for access for bats. This would still constitute interference with access to a roost, and in the absence of a derogation issued by NPWS, would be a criminal offence .

**Bat access must also be facilitated through the use of at least 4 access points at slate level.**

(2) No work can take place on the building from May to September as bats may be breeding. All timber treatment used within the building must be bat friendly. Bat-friendly roof membrane will be used in the roofing (no Tyvek), such as Siga Majcoat 350 bat-safe breathable roof membrane or equivalent

(3) Crevices must be checked with a torch or fibrescope before any disturbance. The roost areas must be retained and work around them supervised by an ecologist.

(4) Monitoring of bat populations both during construction and post construction will take place.

## **Introduction**

### **Objective of the proposed works-**

The reinstatement of a roof on the tower and weatherproofing of windows to protect the exposed masonry, internal eighteenth-century plasterwork fragments and the historic graffiti which are exposed to weather.

The proposed works entail the reinstatement of a double-pitch, natural slate roof, the installation of a steel staircase internally and glazed windows and door to window and door opens and wooden vent to two windows on the north elevation (provision for bat entry and egress). The aim of the intervention is twofold: to arrest deterioration of the masonry, plasterwork and important historic graffiti within the structure of the tower house, preserving its contribution to the Romantic setting and archaeological integrity and to enable enjoyment and interaction of visitors with the structure in a manner that is safe for both visitors and the building.



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**Name, qualifications and relevant experience of scientific staff, including trainees, (e.g. ecologist) involved in the preparation of the application and those responsible for carrying out the proposed activity.**

Donna Mullen and Brian Keeley prepared the application. See qualifications below.

**If this application is for the carrying out of surveys that may cause disturbance, qualifications of all involved must be provided and trainees must be clearly identified.**

Donna Mullen, Brian Keeley and Ferdia Keeley will be working on this project. There will be no trainees present.

### **About Our Team**

Wildlife Surveys Ireland Ltd. was founded by Brian Keeley and Donna Mullen. The company undertakes a variety of ecological evaluations and operations and have provided advice to County Councils, government departments, NPWS, OPW, developers, individuals applying for planning applications, local community groups, Tidy Towns organisations and many more. Brian and Donna have been engaged in bat detector surveys since the late 1980s on a voluntary basis and were first trained by Bat Conservation Trust in 1992. They have been involved in surveying for over 30 years and have surveyed in every county on the island of Ireland.

Brian and Donna are engaged in all surveys undertaken by Wildlife Surveys Ireland and are involved in the fieldwork for all larger projects or where there is a project that requires long-term experience and expertise. All reports are co-written by either Director and the principal fieldworker, to ensure that they address the issues of bat conservation correctly and thoroughly.

We trial our mitigation at our own nature reserve in North Meath – Golashane Nature Reserve, so we have firsthand knowledge of working mitigation.

Our company was a finalist in the RDS Rural Sustainability Awards in May 2022. In 2019, we achieved a Rural Inspiration Award and presented our work on our nature reserve to Mr Phil Hogan in Brussels. A tree is planted on our reserve for each survey and 5% of our company profits are given to charities.

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## **Brian Keeley BSc (Hons) in Zool**

### **Director**

Brian has been involved in overseas survey work in Wales, England, France, Hungary and Poland and was involved in the compilation of the NRA / TII publications on bat survey and mitigation for roads. Brian has been involved in bat conservation since 1988 and founded the Dublin Bat Group (and later Bat Conservation Group Dublin) and Bat Conservation Ireland and has served as chair of this group for much of its existence. Brian is still a Council member of BC Ireland. Brian has been vaccinated against Rabies and is licensed to disturb roosts for the purpose of survey.

## **Donna Mullen M.P.P.M D.E.N.V.S.P**

### **Director**

Donna Mullen is a founder member of Bat Conservation Ireland and the Irish Environmental Network. She was involved in drawing up the guidelines for the Heritage Council on bats and traditional farm buildings and has worked on providing new roosts and adapting old roosts to facilitate bats. This work includes surveying, advising architects, working with derogations and monitoring. She has been a Trustee of Eurobats for 6 years. She has also worked with the Irish Landmark Trust and the OPW providing advice on castles and old buildings. She has a strong interest in environmental law and worked on case 183/05 which was successful in the ECJ. She has recently published a book "Make Your Home A Nature Reserve" – O'Brien Press and is a frequent contributor on wildlife matters with the Claire Byrne Show on RTE. Donna has been vaccinated against Rabies and is licensed to disturb roosts for the purpose of survey.

## **Ferdia Keeley BSc (Hons). Cert in Field survey techniques**

### **Field ecologist**

Ferdia Keeley has been undertaking bat surveys for seven years. During this time, he has been tutored by both Brian and Donna in bat activity survey techniques and has operated a variety of bat detectors including Echometer EM2 and EM3, Echometer Touch, Echometer Touch 2 Pro, Anabat, Batbox III, Pettersson D240X and most recently Batlogger M2. Ferdia has also installed static monitors within sites: Songmeter 2, Songmeter Mini Bat and Songmeter Mini Bat 2. Ferdia has been trained in bat tree surveys with Flight Ecology Surveying England. He is training with Bat Conservation

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Ireland for trapping techniques and has been training with WSI in capturing and handling bats and identification of Irish bats. Ferdia has been vaccinated against Rabies and is licensed to disturb roosts for the purpose of survey. (Note: the welfare of bats is paramount in the survey work of WSI and once a roost has been established, no further disturbance to the roost is permitted).

**Background to proposed activity including location, ownership, type of and need for the proposed activity, planning history, policy context, zoning in relevant Development plan (or equivalent), etc.**

Ballynahinch Tower House located on a small island, Castle Island, in the western part of Ballynahinch Lake in Connemara, County Galway (Figure 3.1). The nearest settlement of size is the town of Clifden which is c. 10km west of the lake. The village of Recess is located c. 10km east of the lake. In the vicinity there is a large country house, located near the southern end of Ballynahinch Lake, which is known as Ballynahinch Castle. As a monument and historic site in its own right, the structures on the island form a well-preserved ruin. While the walls of the tower house are relatively intact the structure is roofless. It has undergone modification, such as when the fishing lodge structure was attached to it (probably in the late eighteenth or very early nineteenth century). Exposure to the elements over the last 150 years has led to some deterioration of the site. The site is a Recorded Monument, afforded protection under the National Monuments Act. Conservation and stabilisation works were undertaken approximately ten years ago (under licence from the National Monuments Service and in accordance with a grant of planning permission from Galway County Council, and in 2023 works to re-instate a natural slate pitched roof and stone floor to the single storey 19th Century lodge were completed.

The tower house sits at the heart of the Ballynahinch Castle Country House demesne/ attendant grounds. The tower house and the island on which it stands is listed on the Site and Monuments Record and on the Record of Monuments and Places (Ref: GA036-00101 tower house, GA036-00102 Crannóg) and is therefore protected under the Historic and Archaeological Heritage and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023. The tower house also lies within the much larger attendant grounds/ demesne setting (designed landscape) of Ballynahinch Castle Country House which is a Protected structure (RPS: 620)

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Ballynahinch Castle (RMP GA0036-001001) is a ruined tower house first constructed in mid-16th century (before 1574 AD). The castle is said to have been built by Donal O'Flaherty, known as Donal an Chogaidh or 'Donal of the battles', in the first half of the 16th century. In or about the year 1546 Donal married Grace O'Malley or Granuaile, the famous pirate queen of Connacht, the marriage uniting the powerful O'Flaherty's of Iar Connacht and O'Malley's of Murrisk. Donal was Tánaiste, the heir apparent of the O'Flaherty clan, and when he died Grace took over as head of the family. In 1584 Queen Elizabeth appointed Murrough na dTuadh O'Flaherty as head of the family causing a rift in the clan and resulting in the capture of Ballynahinch Castle by said Murrough na dTuadh O'Flaherty. Grace O'Malley's sons, Owen and Murrough, recaptured the castle in the same year. A couple of years later Owen and eighteen of his followers were captured and killed at Ballynahinch by the local lieutenant Captain John Bingham and five hundred of his men. Owen's brother Murrough is said to have retained possession of the castle until the early 17th century.

A branch of the Anglo-Norman family of Martin, one of the tribes of Galway, was granted the O'Flaherty lands in Connemara in the mid-17th century, and the Westport Estate Papers record the sale of over 27,000 acres in the baronies of Moycullen and Ballynahinch to Richard Martin in 1699. The first house at Ballynahinch was built as an inn in the mid-18th century and the addition of the industrial building containing kilns on the north elevation may have been associated with this phase of development. The location of kilns on a lake island is very unorthodox and inconvenient for any industrial process and begs the question if the buildings were used for the drying of grain for the manufacture of illicit alcohol. The tower house appears then to have received attention by 'Humanity Dick' Martin, when he moved there in 1813. The tower house was enhanced with internal decorative plasterwork in the form of cornices and a staircase and apparently used as a folly. These later modifications to the building, although largely of 18th century date, must also be regarded as representing a significant element of the historic fabric of the building. Later owners (The Martin's Connemara estate was acquired in 1852 by the Law Life Assurance Society 1852, the Berridge family in 1872, Indian Prince Ranjitsinhji in 1926, Frederic C. McCormack in 1933, the Irish Tourist Board in 1946 Ballynahinch 1952 onwards in private ownership) appear not to have carried out any changes to the tower house.



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**Full details of proposed activity to be covered by the derogation (including a site plan). The site may be inspected by an NPWS representative, so the details given should clearly reflect the extent of the project. This information will be used to compare site conditions with the Method Statement.**

### **Proposed works**

Planning ref 26/60226.

The project includes the proposed reinstatement of a simple gabled stone roof and glazed screens, including the insertion of a modest viewing gallery to the late Medieval Tower House on Ballynahinch Lake island.

The proposed roof intervention is designed to protect the historic fabric from further degradation while maintaining architectural integrity and interpretive clarity. The proposal is reversible, discernible, and grounded in comparative analysis of similar structures.

The reinstated roof and safe viewing gallery will stabilise the structure for continued guided interpretation, enhancing visitors' understanding of the Tower House and its wider landscape context. The works will support sustainable, high-quality heritage tourism offered by Ballynahinch Castle Hotel and preserve the monument's historic dignity while allowing safe, meaningful public access.

The description of the proposed works is as follows, with full details and drawings included in the accompanying documents prepared by the project architects, de Blacam and Meagher:

#### Reinstatement of a Simple Gabled Stone Roof

Installation of a simple gabled stone roof. Ridge to feature a rebated saddleback form, informed by comparative regional examples. Roof covering in diminishing-course Liscannor slates (Cliffs of Moher/Liscannor), selected for durability and visual compatibility. Structure supported on a self-supporting oak truss system, incorporating non-invasive, reversible bearings. No masonry build-up or intrusive works. No reconstruction of parapets or battlements. All interventions will remain discernible, reversible, and grounded in comparative analysis of analogous tower houses.

#### Glazed Screens

The proposed reinstatement of steel glazed screens to the existing openings to the late Medieval Tower House involves introducing slim-profile glazing within the existing masonry reveal, ensuring minimal physical intervention and clear visual distinction between original and new elements.

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### Insertion of a Viewing Gallery

A lightweight, reversible viewing gallery will be inserted internally following the footprint of earlier vertical access within the tower house, allowing safe public appreciation of interior fabric and spatial qualities. Minimal load transfer; full reversibility. No replacement, concealment, or removal of medieval fabric.

Following receipt of approval to carry out the works (planning permission) and issue of the derogation licence the Contractor will review of all ecological Information available including the presence of potential roost features (PRFs) such as stone crevices, joints, voids, wall-head gaps.

All works will be undertaken under the supervision of the licence holder.

### Site set-up

Scaffolding is to be erected without obstructing bat access points. Temporary weather protection installed without sealing openings and Safe storage for materials established.

No external night lighting will be permitted, all essential lighting will be low-level, warm spectrum.

### Roof Installation Methodology

Installation of structural elements will involve the Installation new oak arch-truss rafters as per conservation design, using reversible, non-invasive bearings; no enlarging of historic masonry pockets. All voids and crevices that may serve as bat access points will be retained.

The Installation of a breathable roofing membrane will be installed without covering or sealing wall-head crevices and to avoid damage to the medieval stonework.

Stone Slate Installation will be in diminishing-course stone slates from eaves upward. The ridge stones will be fitted using traditional reversible techniques and lead flashings installed with minimal impact ensuring no oversealing of voids or crevices.

Following the works a final roof inspection will be carried out to ensure no bat access points have been blocked. Ventilation pathways will remain open ensuring no unnecessary mortaring or pointing occurred.

### Window Installation

No invasive works are proposed. The preparation of openings will be carried out by hand.

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No rebuilding, pointing, or sealing is proposed unless separately approved as essential conservation repair to preserve any existing bat access points. The new frames will be installed with reversible fixings, applying minimal, narrow sealant beads avoiding structural joint filling, to retain the visibility of historic stone features such as lintels, cills and internal splays.

#### Waste Management

Due to the off site procurement of materials waste will be kept to a minimum. Any waste produced due to the works will be removed by lowering manually to the ground.

No waste is to be stored on the island overnight.

All waste is to be transferred to the mainland daily and stored within the designated compound<sup>1</sup>.

#### Protection of Heritage Fabric and Avoidance of Ecological Impacts

No pointing or mortar replacement is proposed in this phase of works, including no repointing to roof, gables, wall-heads, or windows. No infilling of joints functioning as bat access points.

Louvre openings will be introduced in the window openings to provide unrestricted access for bats to the roosts.

The roof slates will incorporate gaps and bat access points to facilitate bat access and egress as at present.

Bat-friendly roof membrane will be used in the roofing (no Tyvek), such as Siga Majcoat 350 bat-safe breathable roof membrane or equivalent.

#### Summary

This detailed sequential methodology will ensure that the proposed works are sequential and clearly managed conservation-led, fully compliant with bat protection legislation, reversible and minimally invasive and protective of heritage and biodiversity

No works will occur that could harm bats, block roost entrances, or compromise the historic integrity of the structure. The aim of the project is to safeguard both medieval heritage and ecological value, ensuring the Tower House remains protected, legible, and meaningful for future generations





**Preliminary survey details**

**Desktop survey of the existing environment**

A bat and otter survey took place in Sept 2020, undertaken by Eire Ecology

**Results from the Eire Ecology Survey 2020**

Ballynahinch Castle Hotel, September 2020 This report details the findings of a bat and otter survey completed as part of a planning application at Ballynahinch Castle Tower House, Recorded Monuments GA036-00101 - Tower House located on GA036-00102 - Crannog in Ballynahinch Townland. The results of the surveys presented above show low bat activity on this site, with only one distant call recorded and no bats observed flying. The buildings on site are unsuitable for hosting large roosts with some potential within small wall crevices. Impacts on bats have been assessed with reference to the Irish Wildlife Manual Vol 25. The overall impact on bats is low due to the lack of evidence of roosting bats. The site revealed low potential for otter holts and no evidence of otter spraints or footprints were found. The otters may walk over this site on occasion however it has no potential as a breeding site.

**Results from Bat Conservation Ireland**

Thanks to Bat Conservation Ireland for their data. All data from this report will be placed on their database.

**Bat data from within 1km of the site:**

BCIreland data: search results 30 Sep 2025					
Search parameters: Roosts Transects Ad-hoc observation sites with observations of all species within 1000m of L7629948015					
Roosts					
Name	Grid reference	Grid ref	Grid ref	Address	Species observed



		east ing	north ing		
Emalaghda uroe Bridge	L7582648 585	7582 6	24858 5	Emalaghda uroe Bridge	Myotis daubentonii
Transects					
Name	Grid reference start	Grid ref east ing start	Grid ref north ing start	Species observed	
Ad-hoc observations					
Survey	Grid reference	Grid ref east ing	Grid ref north ing	Date	Species observed
BATLAS 2010	L7551347 967	7551 3	24796 7	5/26/2009	Unidentified bat, Pipistrellus pygmaeus, Myotis spp., Myotis nattereri, Plecotus auritus

See Appendix IV for bat data from within 10km of the site.

**Status of the species in the local/regional area**



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The overall trend for this species is increasing. The main maternity roost for soprano pipistrelles in this area is in a low ESB building, close to the hotel. Soprano pipistrelles are also using the hotel attics to roost in, in small numbers.

**Objective of survey**

To locate bat roosts, feeding and commuting routes, and examine the impact on them of any proposed development.



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## Field Survey of the existing Environment

### Habitat classification and descriptions (Fossitt 2000)

WS1 Scrub

BL3 Buildings and artificial surfaces

### Connectivity – Map of site showing the wider area with ecological features



#### Yellow circle – site

The Tower house is on an island within Ballynahinch lake, surrounded by forestry and farmland bordering the lake on all sides.

**Date:** 18 Sept 2025

**Sunrise time:** 7.19

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**Sunset time:** 19.47

**Lux Levels** -0 on site

**Temperature and weather conditions** Temperature during the evening survey was 16°C, with a temperature of 13°C during the morning survey .Light rain showers at dawn.

### **Complexity of lands and ability to cover ground during surveys**

All areas were accessible

**Grid reference-** L 76299 48015

### **Survey constraints**

(1) Mobility of bats: Bat species are mobile and can move from roost to roost, depending on roost availability, feeding availability and weather conditions. They may move to roosts which have not been identified in this report in order to hibernate or create mating or feeding perches. A bat survey is a snapshot of bat activity over the survey time.

(2) Identification of bats: It can be difficult to differentiate *Myotis* species. For this reason, sound files are included within the report.

(3) Timing of survey: Bat surveys generally take place when the bats are active – May – September. A bat survey which takes place outside these dates may miss roosting activity. Because of this the precautionary principle is applied.

The otter survey was undertaken in early and late autumn 2025. This is a time when vegetation has begun to die back but has not fully reached the winter exposure levels. The survey was undertaken first at a time of very high-water levels following a period of heavy rain and then after these floods. Surveys are best undertaken at a dry period to ensure that spraints and paw prints in mud are not washed away. At low water levels, otter holts may also become more obvious along river banks and shorelines. Given the size of the island upon which the castle stands and given the nature of the terrain, there is no possibility that a holt could be overlooked. Equally, at the harbour area, there is no possibility that a holt could be overlooked. Therefore, the survey was not impeded by the high-water levels or the removal of otter signs by the water. It is likely that the water removed otter spraints, but this has had no bearing on the evaluation of the site for holts.

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## **Methodology**

### **Bats**

Donna Mullen and Brian Keeley of Wildlife Surveys Ireland carried out this survey.

### **Equipment**

- Exide Lamps (one per surveyor)
- Petzl Tikka Head torches (one per surveyor)
- Batlogger M2 time expansion detectors and Kaleidoscope Pro sound analysis software with GPS (one per surveyor)
- Two song meter mini static bat detectors with Kaleidoscope sound analysis software
- One thermal imager per surveyor
- Mobile phones for communication during the survey (one per surveyor)
- One lux meter per surveyor

### **Survey procedure**

Surveyors arrive on site shortly before sunset. All lands, trees, buildings and hedgerows are assessed for suitability for bats, including their suitability as feeding habitat and/or suitability as bat roosts. Areas and features with high potential are identified throughout the site and used as points of interest during the active survey. Survey routes are planned so that a surveyor can efficiently cover as much land as possible while maintaining a focus on these key points of interest. Larger sites are divided up into sections to be covered across multiple nights. Static bat monitoring devices are placed near areas and features of especially high interest, particularly features that bats may be using as roosts, in order to provide a timeline of bat activity throughout the night.

Over the next 90 minutes, surveyors cover the walkable area of the site along their planned routes, with adjustments being made to account for especially high or low bat activity in an area – for example, a surveyor may examine a tree associated with a high level of bat activity, as it may be a bat roost. After the 90 minutes have elapsed, most



bats will already have emerged from their roosts in order to feed for the night, making the period shortly after sunset one of the best times to identify roosts and feeding habitats.

Surveyors return to a site approximately 90 minutes before sunrise the next morning. At this time, any changes in temperature and weather conditions are noted, as well as any other factors (e.g. street lighting) that may have impacted bat activity during the night. Surveyors cover the site area again, this time with particular attention paid to possible roosts, as bats can be seen returning to their roosts during this time period. Any static monitors left out the previous night are collected for analysis.

### **Surveys are conducted with reference to the following documents –**

- (1) NPWS BAT MITIGATION GUIDELINES FOR IRELAND – V2 Ferdia Marnell, Conor Kelleher & Enda Mullen
- (2) Heritage Council's Bat Survey Guidelines for the Traditional Farm Buildings Scheme
- (3) Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists – Good Practice Guidelines 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2024. Developed on behalf of the Bat Conservation Trust
- (4) CIEEM Bat Mitigation Guidelines 2023

Both emergence and return surveys are necessary on most occasions and go beyond these guidelines to ensure dawn roosts are located.

### **Otters**

Brian Keeley and Donna Mullen carried out this survey with the aid of Martin O'Malley, an employee of Ballynahinch Castle Hotel. The survey involved examination of the river and lakeshore at night with the aid of thermal imagers (Pulsar Helion 2 and FLIR) and high intensity torches on September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and an examination of the departure quay and island on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



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Further to this, the entire lake was examined from a boat on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, searching for otter holts, otter slides, otter spraints and feeding signs.

A motion-activated camera was installed on the quayside on the night of September 19<sup>th</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and on the island on the night of September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to record any otter activity.



**Area covered within the lake for evidence of otters plotted with GPS**

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**Access to the shoreline was greatly increased by surveying from a boat**

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## Bats

### Results

#### Assessment of buildings as potential roosts with photos



The tower house has a roofed section with fascia which is suitable for bat usage. The tower is exposed, with several cracks and crevices suitable for roosting bats. The building has high bat roost potential.

## Placement of static bat detectors



Yellow circles – Placement of static detectors overnight

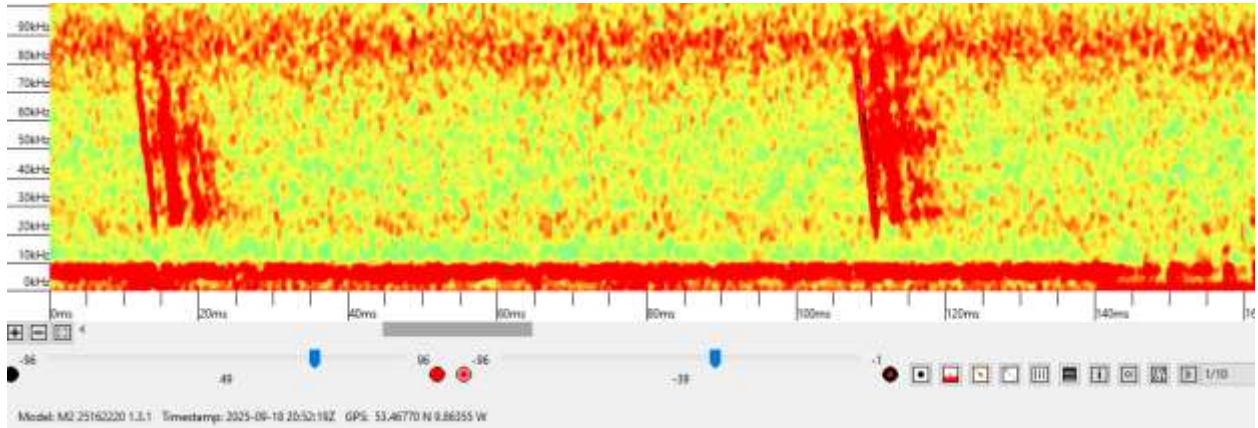
## Emergence/re-entry survey

The survey commenced at 19.00 on 18 Sept with two surveyors working overnight. Two static detectors were placed overnight, one by the chimney in the centre of the tower, and one outside on the window ledge to the east. At 19.59 a soprano pipistrelle was seen near the tower. It seemed to exit from a point inside the tower. It moved outside, circling and then flying north. A second soprano pipistrelle was seen exiting from stonework on the western side of the tower. At 20.11 a soprano pipistrelle was seen over the tower. It was joined by a second soprano pipistrelle, and a third flew around the edge of the tower house, feeding low along the vegetation and social calling. It flew around to the north at the front of the roofed building, social calling and feeding until 20.31.



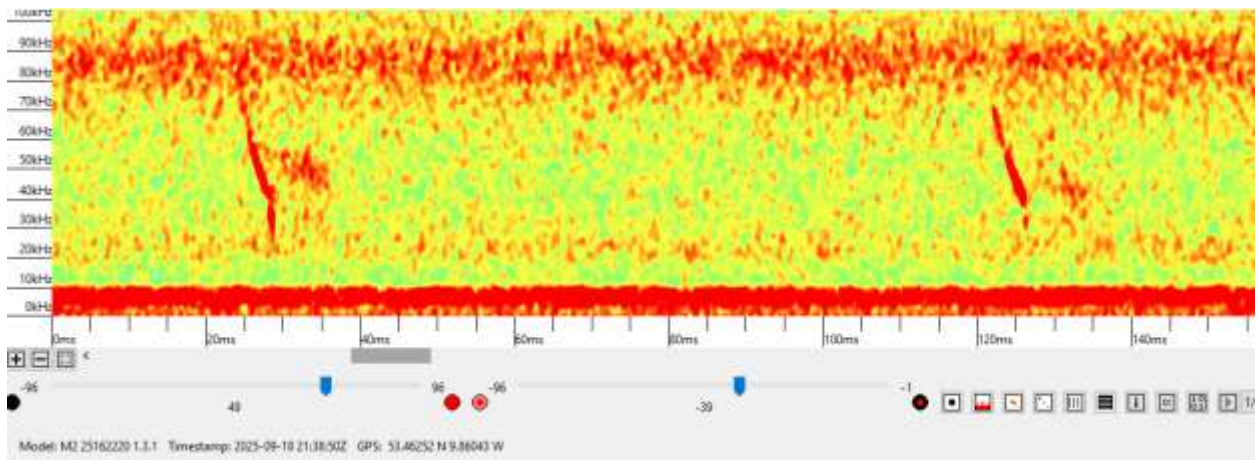
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At 20.52 there was a myotis (Natterer's bat) seen in the south of the tower house, and a soprano pipistrelle on the lake.



### **Natterer's bat – note the echoes bouncing off the stonework**

At 21.37 a soprano pipistrelle was seen entering the tower house above the window on the east side of the tower house. A Daubenton's bat was seen at this time over the water.



### **Daubenton's bat.**

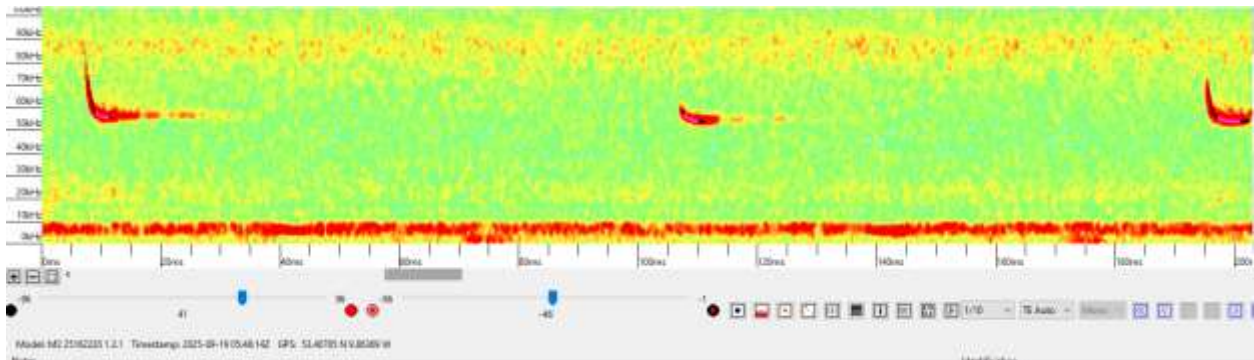
At 5.52 a Daubenton's bat began circling above the window to the west of the building. It then moved offsite. A myotis bat was seen moving inside the castle, then out again at 6.02. Soprano pipistrelles and Daubenton's bats were seen circling outside the castle at 6.05, moving out to the lake to feed and then back. At 6.08, 6 soprano pipistrelles began

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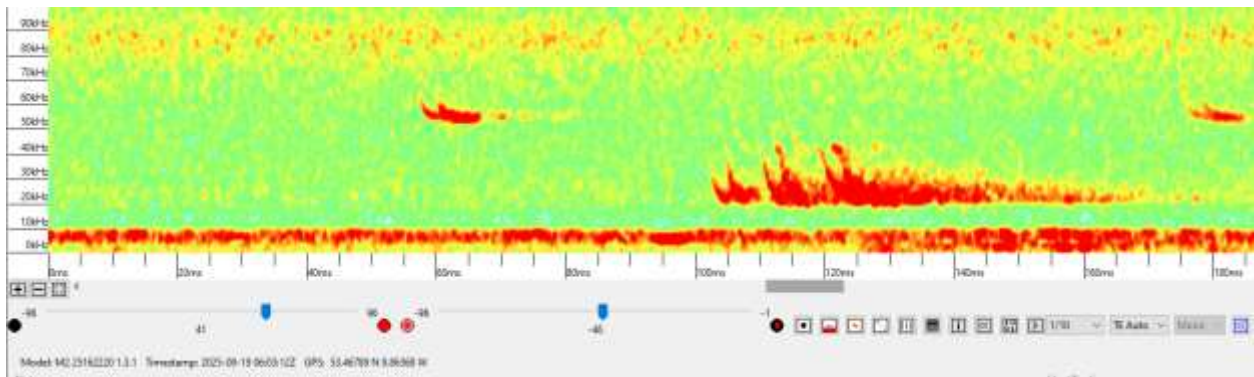


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to swarm at the window inside the small tower within the castle to the west. They entered the roost just above the window. A Daubenton's bat was also seen to the west of the castle, and soprano pipistrelles were seen by the southern wall. Three more soprano pipistrelles began to swarm at the window within the tower, and another soprano pipistrelle began to swarm at the apex of the house and entered it. A second soprano pipistrelle entered the fascia beside it, and another soprano pipistrelle entered the stonework at the centre of the building at 7.04.



**Soprano pipistrelle 5.48**



**Soprano pipistrelle social calling**

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## Photos of Roosts



**Red arrow – Main roost area within building**



**Soprano pipistrelle roost in brickwork**



**Red arrow roost points at apex and fascia**



**Soprano pipistrelle roost in stonework**



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## Map of roost areas

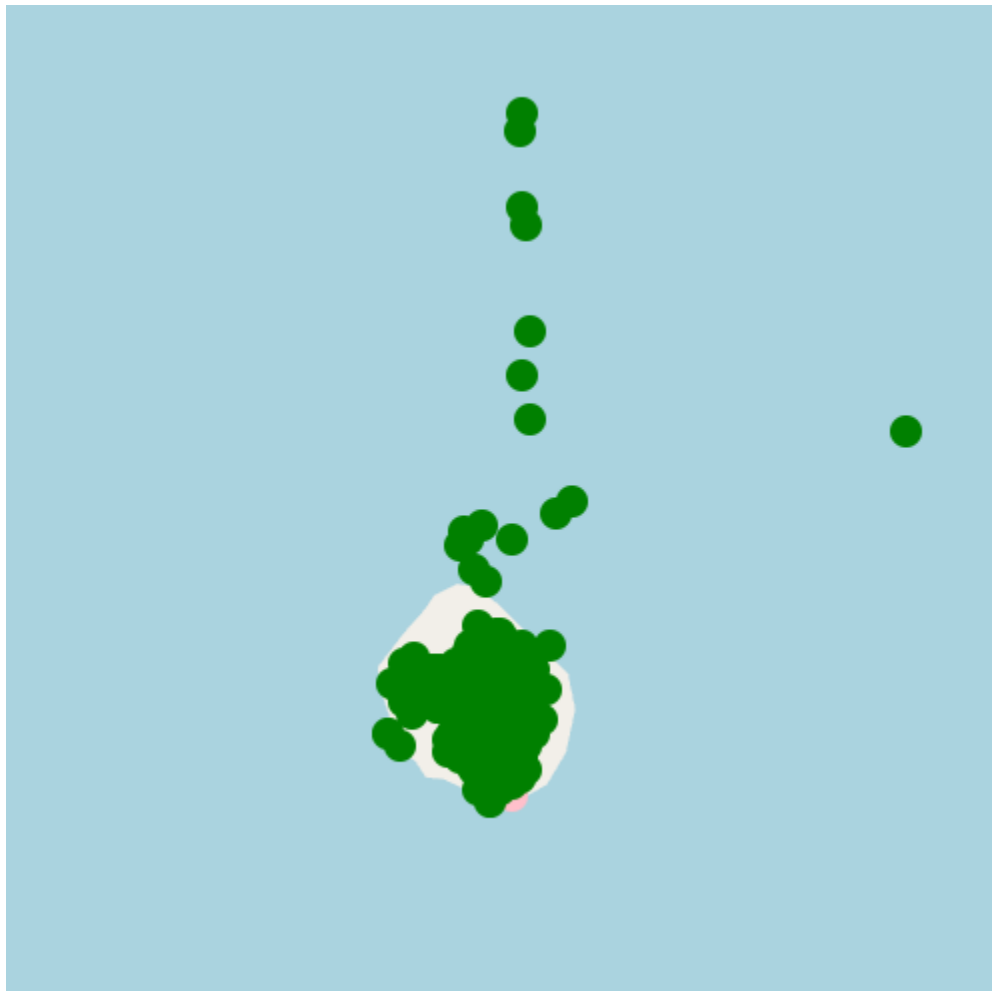


**Red and yellow circles – Roost areas**

**Red circle – main roost at least 10 bats roosting here.**

**Batlogger data – surveyor 1**

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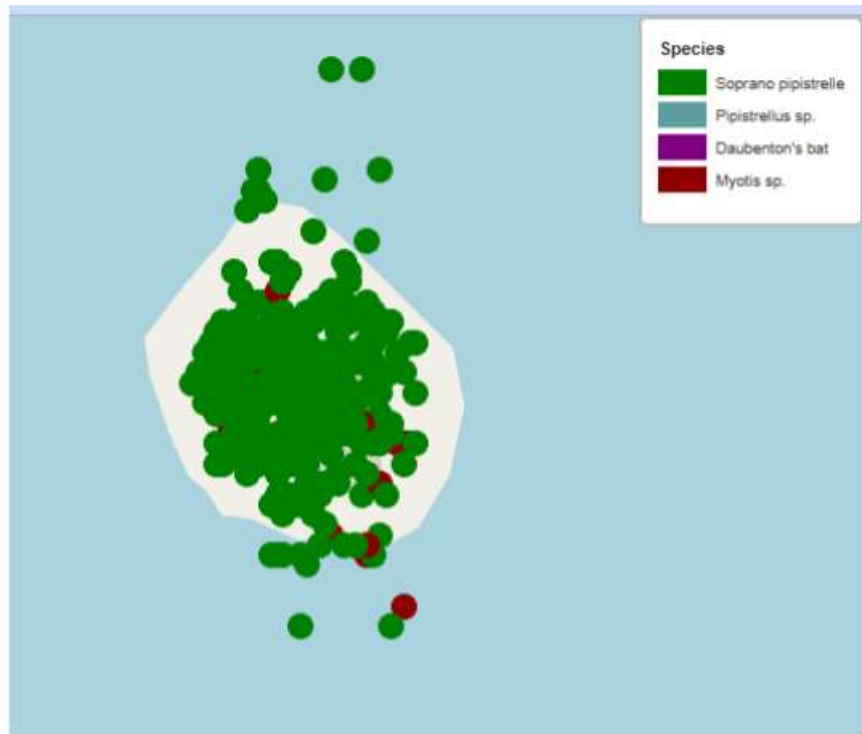
**Species**

-  Common pipistrelle
-  Soprano pipistrelle
-  Leisler's bat
-  Daubenton's bat
-  Natterer's bat



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## Surveyor 2



Data once soprano pipistrelle signals have been removed



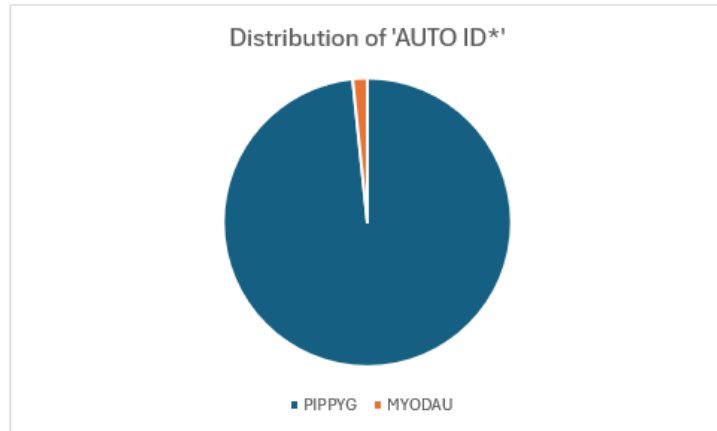
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**Data from remote static Songmeter Mini Bat detector placed within the chimney inside the Tower House.**

*Distribution of 'AUTO ID\*'*

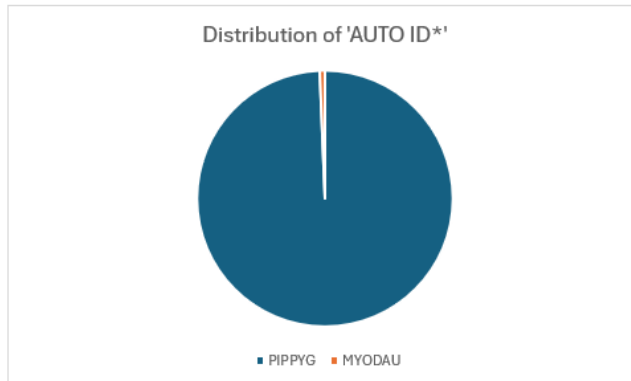
AUTO ID*	Count of AUTO ID*
PIPPYG	482
MYODAU	8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>490</b>



**Data from remote static song meter mini bat detector placed on the windowsill of the building to the east.**

*Distribution of 'AUTO ID\*'*

AUTO ID*	Count of AUTO ID*
PIPPYG	457
MYODAU	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>460</b>





### **Results of survey and population assessment of roosts.**

5 soprano pipistrelle roosts were found within the buildings on the island, 3 on the castle and two within fascia on the attached building. The main roost, with at least 10 bats was above the window within the small turret within the tower to the west. This roost is on the inside of the tower. Both other tower roosts were within stonework to the north and west of the tower with individual bats. Two individual bats entered the fascia on the roofed section of the building at two points. Natterer's bats and Daubenton's bats were also seen but were not roosting in the building on this occasion. There was much soprano pipistrelle activity and social calling within and around the building during the night.

3 species of bat were observed during the night feeding around the castle and along the waterway beside the castle. Daubenton's and Natterer's bats were seen around the castle and to the south of the island.

### **Bat species found roosting**

Soprano pipistrelle                      *Pipistrellus pygmaeus*

### **Bat species found feeding and commuting on the site**

Soprano pipistrelle                      *Pipistrellus pygmaeus*

Daubenton's bat                         *Myotis daubentonii*

Natterer's bat                             *Myotis nattereri*

### **Otters**

No otter holts were noted either on the island, on the Long Island or along any point of the lake during the examination on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Equally, no otter evidence was found on the island on September 18<sup>th</sup> or October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. There was a fresh mink spraint in the garderobe of the tower on October 10<sup>th</sup>, and this was the only aquatic mustelid evidence recorded (see following page).



**Mink spraints in the tower upstairs in the garderobe October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (above) and pine marten scats on bridge (below)**





A pine marten scat was also noted on a bridge over the river closer to the hotel on October 10<sup>th</sup> (see images on previous page).

While there were no signs that otters are in residency, there was clear evidence that otters feed at the hotel and within the river and lake as an otter was observed on September 18<sup>th</sup> within the river close to the hotel. This otter was present for approximately 15 minutes within the one area (see below).



**Otter feeding within the river close to the hotel September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

### **Camera records of otters**

The camera did not record otter presence on the island or on the quay. The window of observation for the camera was low (3 nights in total), and it would be expected that only if an animal were very close or resident would it be recorded in such a short survey period (or exceptionally through fortunate timing). The results confirm that there was no otter activity at these locations during this period and that otters were not resident immediately around the camera at this time. It does not exclude the possibility that



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otters visit these locations regularly, but it adds to the field survey evaluation that otter holts are absent from the immediate area. All that was recorded was a variety of aquatic bird species including a night fishing heron.



The main species recorded by the camera was a grey heron during the night. Other birds included mallards and a moorhen.

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**Reason for Derogation-** Where the reason is for “other imperative reasons of overriding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment”,

A derogation licence is required as reroofing and the addition of windows may affect bat access to the building. The work is necessary to protect the internal walls of the building, and the historic graffiti – see attached report.

### **Absence of Alternative Solutions**

A do- nothing approach would lead to further degradation of the walls

Re-roofing, repointing and adding windows to seal the building would exclude the bats and could result in entombment.

### **Potential impacts**

#### **Predicted Impacts Before Mitigation**

(1) Loss of roosting habitat. Removal of the roosts through exclusion will have a significant long-term negative impact on individual bats.

***There are no predicted Impacts upon otters from any of the proposed modifications within the site or from any operations required for the restoration and alteration of the tower.***



## **Mitigation and recommendations**

Mitigation measures should follow the hierarchy of 1) avoid the impact, 2) reduce or minimise the scale or severity of the impact and, if these are not possible, then 3) abate the impact at the source or 4) abate the impact at the receptor through provision of alternative feeding areas, roosts or flight path features (e.g. hedgerows, treelines). (*Bat Conservation Ireland Appropriate Assessment Guidelines*)

### **Mitigation by remedy**

(1) A derogation licence must be sought from NPWS prior to any work commencing. As part of this derogation process the alternatives (to the destruction of the roost) considered and rejected must be documented. If a roof is installed on the building, a system availing of louvres must be designed for at least two windows to facilitate bat access. The addition of any glass structures within the open windows may restrict bat access in addition to being a collision risk for birds. The introduction of louvres may also reduce accessibility but would create greater opportunities for access for bats. This would still constitute interference with access to a roost, and in the absence of a derogation issued by NPWS, would be a criminal offence. Bat access must also be facilitated through the use of at least 4 access points at slate level.

(2) No work can take place on the building from May to September as bats may be breeding. All timber treatment used within the building must be bat friendly. Bat-friendly roof membrane will be used in the roofing (no Tyvek), such as Siga Majcoat 350 bat-safe breathable roof membrane or equivalent.

(3) Crevices must be checked with a torch or fibrescope before any disturbance. The roost areas must be retained and work around them supervised by an ecologist.

4) Monitoring of bat populations both during construction and post construction will take place.

### **Impacts after mitigation**



- (1) Loss of roosting habitat. Bat access will be facilitated by the use of louvered windows and access gaps along the roof. No repointing will take place on any stonework, and no lighting is proposed for the site. However, bat access to the interior of the tower house will be reduced with the addition of a roof and windows. The mitigation measures outlined above will reduce the impact to a moderate long term negative impact on individual bats.

### **Impact of a Derogation on Conservation Status**

**Please summarise the possible impacts on the population of the species that is subject to this application, taking into account all the mitigation and/or compensation measures that are to be undertaken. Evidence that such mitigation has been successful elsewhere should be provided where relevant. Mitigation measures being relied upon must ensure that the derogation will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the populations of the species to which the Habitats Directive relates at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.**

Soprano pipistrelle populations have increased steadily since 2019 (Article 17 Report, NPWS 2025). A previous survey on this site found no bats roosting, and improvements to part of the tower house resulted in two additional roosts in the new area.

Soprano pipistrelles may be impacted by restricting the access into their roost areas; however, access will be retained through a system of louvered windows and gaps in slates. These have worked well in buildings in Golashane Nature reserve, where bat access is retained. In addition, water ingress will be prevented, which will prevent further deterioration of the building.

No repointing will take place in the Tower House, so there is no possibility of bat entombment.

### **Monitoring the impacts of the derogations**

**Applicants must include details of how they propose to verify whether the derogations have been implemented correctly and whether they achieved their objective, using scientifically based evidence, and, if necessary, how the applicant will take corrective measures where required.**

**Applicants should provide details of proposed reports to be submitted to the NPWS including the results of monitoring.**



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### **(1) Monitoring of the construction work**

Monitoring of the work will take place as construction work proceeds under derogation. The wildlife ranger will be informed before work proceeds. Cracks and crevices will be inspected with a fibrescope if any work is taking place nearby.

### **(2) Post construction monitoring**

A summer survey will take place after construction takes place. If bats appear to be excluded, additional openings will be inserted into the building.

Derogation reports, returns forms and monitoring reports will all be submitted to NPWS.



## Appendices

### Appendix 1

#### **Bat Biology**

Female bats gather in groups known as maternity roosts in summer to have their young. They generally have one baby each year, so are slow to reproduce, and disturbance of a maternity roost can be catastrophic.

In winter bats move to old stonework, trees and caves to hibernate. They are especially vulnerable here as they are slow to awaken, and if tree felling is carried out, they can easily be killed.

Species descriptions from Bat Conservation Ireland (2025), Biodiversity Ireland (2025) and further as listed below:

#### **Common Pipistrelle and Soprano Pipistrelle**

##### *Pipistrellus pipistrellus* and *Pipistrellus pygmaeus*

Ireland's two smallest bat species, and also the commonest, the common and soprano pipistrelles are the bats most likely to be seen flying around soon after dusk in both urban and rural areas. Both have a rapid, twisting flight as they pursue tiny prey of midges, mosquitoes and small moths. A single pipistrelle (weighing no more than 5-6g, the weight of a 1-euro piece) may consume as many as 3,000 of these insects in one night. Pipistrelles are frequently found roosting in houses, although they also roost in other locations such as tree holes. In houses they prefer to occupy confined spaces such as behind hanging tiles and soffit boards or between roofing felt and roof tiles, rather than the main attic space.

The two are called common and soprano because the latter echolocates at a higher frequency peaking at 55kHz, compared with the former which echolocates at a peak frequency of 46kHz. The soprano pipistrelle tends to form nursery (or maternity) roosts with larger numbers of individuals (up to 1,500) compared with the common pipistrelle which would typically have a much smaller nursery roost size.

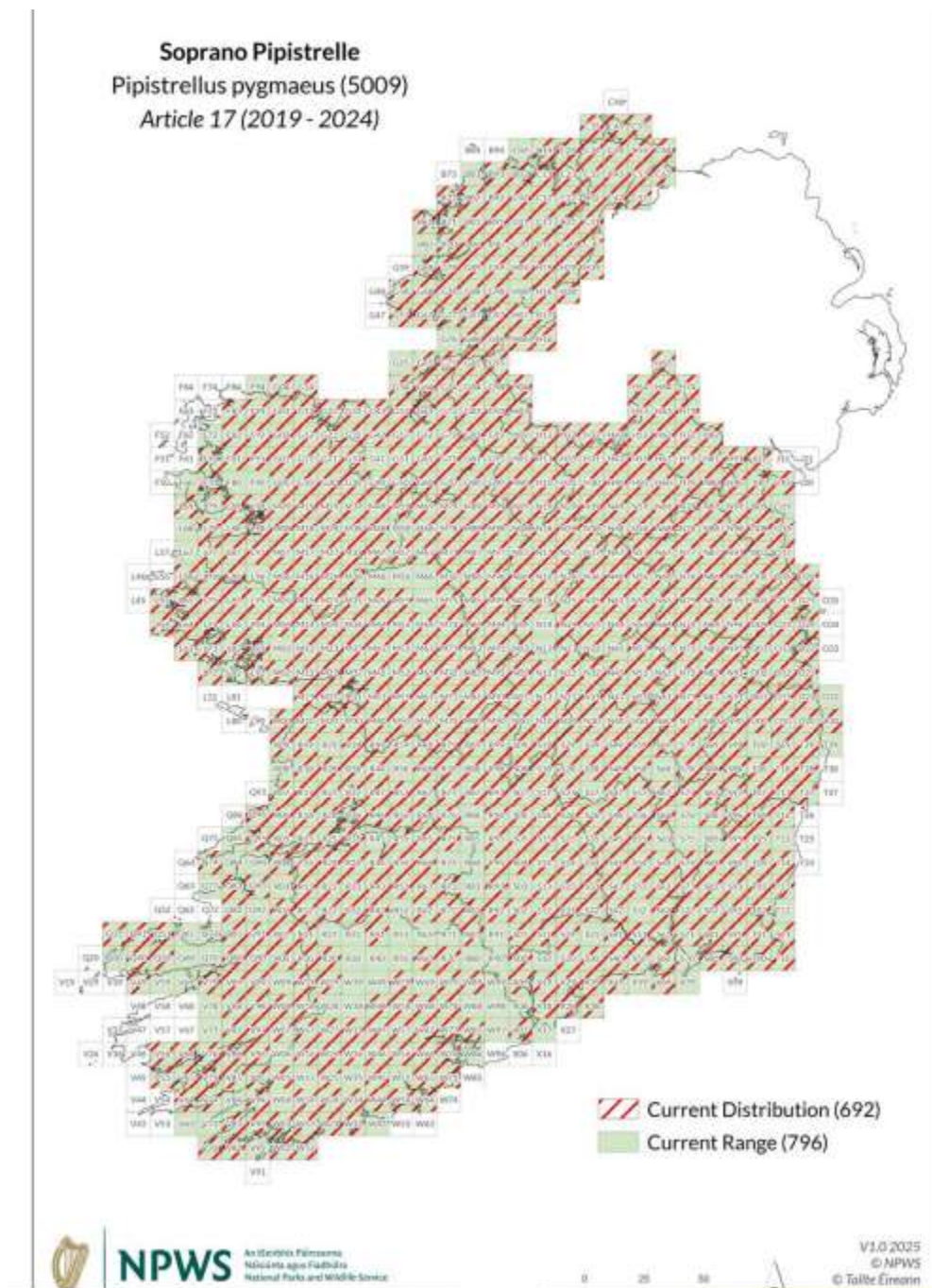


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Trends in these species are monitored annually using the [Car-based Bat Monitoring Scheme](#). Results from this scheme indicate that since 2003 the soprano pipistrelle has increased significantly while the common pipistrelle has also increased, albeit more slowly. The reasons for these increases are poorly understood but both species may be recovering from past declines or responding to increased woodland cover and/or climate change.

### **Conservation status**

HABITATS DIRECTIVE ARTICLE 17 REPORTING 2025 Soprano pipistrelle



A total of 12,120 distribution records were collated for this species between 2012 and 2023. These records translated to 692 10x10 km grid cells. Using the range tool, with gap closure set to two 10x10 km grid cells, an additional 104 grid cells were incorporated giving a total range of 796



cells or 79,600 km<sup>2</sup>. This is thought to provide a slight underrepresentation of the true extent of the species' distribution in Ireland. The range of the Soprano Pipistrelle bat in 2019, based on data from 2007-2018, was calculated as 79,900 km<sup>2</sup>, almost exactly the same as has been calculated for the current period. The minor discrepancy is considered to be a reflection of the data period used and in particular the absence now of the significant body of data collected for BATLAS 2010 which fed into the 2019 report, rather than a genuine decrease. The short-term and long-term trends are considered to be stable. The Favourable Reference Range is retained from the previous reporting period. It is considered to be large enough to allow the long-term survival of the species.

This analysis suggests that there is a Soprano Pipistrelle population of approximately 1.2-2.7 million in Republic of Ireland. Trends for Soprano Pipistrelle have shown a significant increase since the inception of the Car-based Bat Monitoring Scheme in 2003. The short-term trend (2011-2023) shows an increase of 221.6%, equivalent to an annual increase of 7.62%. The longer-term trend covering the full length of the Car Transect survey (2003-2023) has been estimated at 278.5%, an annual rate of increase of 6.88% (Roche & Langton, 2024)

The population of this species has been increasing significantly and steadily. On this basis and given the widespread distribution and very large population present in the country, no threats or pressures are considered to be significant at this point.

Range: Favourable

Population: Favourable

Habitat: Favourable

Future Prospects: Favourable

Overall Assessment of Conservation Status: Favourable

Overall Trend in Conservation Status: N/A

Source: NPWS 2013.

IUCN Conservation Status

Ireland: Least Concern



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Europe: Least Concern

Global: Least Concern

Sources: (1) Marnell, F. et al 2009; (2) Hutson T., et al 2007 (3) Hutson, A.M. et al 2008

Legal status

Protected by the following legal instruments:

- Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), Annex IV
- Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention) Appendix II
- Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (EUROBATS)
- Wildlife Act (1976)
- Wildlife (Amendment) Act (2000)
- Wildlife (N.I.) Order of 1985

## **Daubenton's bat**

### *Myotis daubentonii*

Often called the 'water bat', this species is easily recognised in flight by its low, level flight a few centimetres above the surface of lakes, slow-moving rivers and canals. It skims like a hovercraft above the water in search of caddisflies, mayflies and midges, and may even scoop prey from the water surface using its big feet. Many other bats feed over lakes and rivers, but none has such a close association with water as the Daubenton's. The Daubenton's bat can even swim if it makes a mistake and ends up in the water.

Daubenton's bats roost under stone bridges, in ruins, canal tunnels, trees and damp caves.

The Daubenton's bat annual trend is monitored using a volunteer-based programme – the [All Ireland Daubenton's Bat Waterways Survey](#). This scheme has been ongoing since 2006 and the Daubenton's bat trend has been reasonably stable since this time.



### **Conservation status**

#### HABITATS DIRECTIVE ARTICLE 17 REPORTING

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### **Natterer's bat**

#### *Myotis nattereri*

One of the rarer Irish bat species, the Natterer's bat likes woodland, mature hedgerow and pasture habitats. The Natterer's bat has broad wings so can fly with great manoeuvrability among trees and around hedgerows. It sometimes



gleans insects or even spiders from foliage and may eat larger prey at a feeding perch. Its usual roost sites are in tree holes, old stone buildings such as churches and barns, and under bridges. This species has a fringe of stiff bristles along the trailing edge of its tail membrane, which may help to hold or trap its prey.

### **Conservation status**

#### **HABITATS DIRECTIVE ARTICLE 17 REPORTING**

Range: Favourable

Population: Favourable

Habitat: Favourable

Future Prospects: Favourable

Overall Assessment of Conservation Status: Favourable

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## **Legislation**

Bats are protected under the 1996 Wildlife Act, the 2000 Wildlife (Amendment) Act, S.I. No 477 of 2011, The Habitats Directive, The Bonn and Bern Convention, and the Eurobats agreement.

The European Community (Natural Habitats) Regulations S.I. No 477 of 2011 states:

51. (1) The Minister shall take the requisite measures to establish a system of strict protection for the fauna consisting of the species referred to in Part 1 of the First Schedule. (2) Notwithstanding any consent, statutory or otherwise, given to a person by a public authority or held by a person, except in accordance with a licence granted by the Minister under Regulation 54, a person who in respect of the species referred to in Part 1 of the First Schedule— (a) deliberately captures or kills any specimen of these species in the wild, (b) deliberately disturbs these species particularly during the period of breeding, rearing, hibernation and migration, (c) deliberately takes or destroys eggs of those species from the wild, (d) damages or destroys a breeding site or resting place of such an animal, or (e) keeps, transports, sells, exchanges, offers for sale or offers for exchange any specimen of these species taken in the wild, other than those taken legally as referred to in Article 12(2) of the Habitats Directive, shall be guilty of an offence. (3) The prohibitions referred to in paragraph (2) shall apply to all stages of life of the biological cycle of fauna to which this Regulation applies. (4) The Minister shall establish a system to monitor the incidental capture and killing of fauna consisting of the animal species referred to in Part 1 of the First Schedule and, having regard to the information gathered, he or she shall conduct further research or take such conservation measures as required to ensure that incidental capture and killing does not have a significant negative impact on the species concerned.

The EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) lists all Irish bat species in Annex IV and one Irish species, the lesser horseshoe bat (*Rhinolophus hipposideros*), in Annex II. Annex II includes animal and plant species of community interest whose conservation requires the designation of Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) because they are endangered, rare, vulnerable or endemic. Annex IV includes various species that require strict protection. Article 11 of the Habitats Directive requires member states to monitor all species listed in the Habitats Directive and Article 17 requires States to report to the EU on the findings of monitoring schemes.

The Bern and Bonn Conventions:



Ireland is also a signatory to a number of conservation agreements pertaining to bats such as the Bern and Bonn Conventions. The European Bats Agreement (EUROBATS) is an agreement under the Bonn Convention. Ireland and the UK are two of the 31 signatories. The Agreement has an Action Plan with priorities for implementation. Devising strategies for monitoring of populations of selected bat species in Europe is among the resolutions of EUROBATS.

### 1.3.1 The Bern Convention:

Article 6 of the "Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats" (Berne Convention) reads:

"Each Contracting Party shall take appropriate and necessary legislative and administrative measures to ensure the special protection of the wild fauna species specified in Appendix II. The following will in particular be prohibited for these species:

- a) all forms of deliberate capture and keeping and deliberate killing;
- b) the deliberate damage to or destruction of breeding or resting sites;
- c) the deliberate disturbance of wild fauna, particularly during the period of breeding, rearing and hibernation, insofar as disturbance would be significant in relation to the objectives of this Convention; ...

Appendix II lists strictly protected fauna species and this list includes "Microchiroptera, all species except *Pipistrellus pipistrelles*".

### The EUROBATS Agreement:

The 'Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats' (EUROBATS) was negotiated under the 'Convention for the Conservation of Migratory Wild Species' (Bonn Convention) and came into force in January 1994. The legal protection of bats and their habitats are given in Article III as fundamental obligations:

1. Each Party shall prohibit the deliberate capture, keeping or killing of bats except under permit from its competent authority
2. Each Party shall identify those sites within its own area of jurisdiction which are important for the conservation status, including for the shelter and protection, of bats. It





## **About Our Team**

Wildlife Surveys Ireland Ltd. was founded by Brian Keeley and Donna Mullen. The company undertakes a variety of ecological evaluations and operations and have provided advice to County Councils, government departments, NPWS, OPW, developers, individuals applying for planning applications, local community groups, Tidy Towns organisations and many more. Brian and Donna have been engaged in bat detector surveys since the late 1980s on a voluntary basis and were first trained by Bat Conservation Trust in 1992. They have been involved in surveying for over 30 years and have surveyed in every county on the island of Ireland.

Brian and Donna are engaged in all surveys undertaken by Wildlife Surveys Ireland and are involved in the fieldwork for all larger projects or where there is a project that requires long-term experience and expertise. All reports are co-written by either Director and the principal fieldworker, to ensure that they address the issues of bat conservation correctly and thoroughly.

We trial our mitigation at our own nature reserve in North Meath – Golashane Nature Reserve, so we have firsthand knowledge of working mitigation.

Our company was a finalist in the RDS Rural Sustainability Awards in May 2022. In 2019, we achieved a Rural Inspiration Award and presented our work on our nature reserve to Mr Phil Hogan in Brussels. A tree is planted on our reserve for each survey and 5% of our company profits are given to charities.

### **Brian Keeley BSc (Hons) zool**

#### **Director**

Brian has been involved in overseas survey work in Wales, England, France, Hungary and Poland and was involved in the compilation of the NRA / TII publications on bat survey and mitigation for roads. Brian has been involved in bat conservation since 1988 and founded the Dublin Bat Group (and later Bat Conservation Group Dublin) and Bat Conservation Ireland and has served as chair of this group for much of its existence. Brian is still a Council member of BCIreland. Brian has been vaccinated against Rabies and is licensed to disturb roosts for the purpose of survey.

### **Donna Mullen M.P.P.M D.E.N.V.S.P**

**Director**

Donna Mullen is a founder member of Bat Conservation Ireland and the Irish Environmental Network. She was involved in drawing up the guidelines for the Heritage Council on bats and traditional farm buildings and has worked on providing new roosts and adapting old roosts to facilitate bats. This work includes surveying, advising architects, working with derogations and monitoring. She has also worked with the Irish Landmark Trust and the OPW providing advice on castles and old buildings. She has a strong interest in environmental law and worked on case 183/05 which was successful in the ECJ. She has recently published a book “Make Your Home A Nature Reserve” – O Brien Press and is a frequent contributor on wildlife matters with the Claire Byrne Show on RTE. Donna has been vaccinated against Rabies and is licensed to disturb roosts for the purpose of survey.

**Ferdia Keeley BSc (Hons). Cert in Field survey techniques****Field ecologist**

Ferdia Keeley has been undertaking bat surveys for seven years. During this time, he has been tutored by both Brian and Donna in bat activity survey techniques and has operated a variety of bat detectors including Echometer EM2 and EM3, Echometer Touch, Echometer Touch 2 Pro, Anabat, Batbox III, Pettersson D240X and most recently Batlogger M2. Ferdia has also installed static monitors within sites: Songmeter 2, Songmeter Mini Bat and Songmeter Mini Bat 2. Ferdia has been trained in bat tree surveys with Flight Ecology Surveying England. He is training with Bat Conservation Ireland for trapping techniques and has been training with WSI in capturing and handling bats and identification of Irish bats. Ferdia has been vaccinated against Rabies and is licensed to disturb roosts for the purpose of survey. (Note: the welfare of bats is paramount in the survey work of WSI and once a roost has been established, no further disturbance to the roost is permitted).

**Saoirse Keeley BCL(Hons) (Law and business, Maynooth University)****Legal support**

Saoirse has a bachelor's degree in law and business and has a particular interest in European Law and Environmental Regulation. She helps with the preparation of environmental reports and contributes to applications for derogation licences. Her understanding of legal frameworks – particularly around EU and constitutional environmental legislation – has been really useful in ensuring our work meets regulatory



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requirements. She also brings strong research, analytical and communication skills to the team. Saoirse has also trained with Bat Conservation Ireland and frequently leads bat walks. Saoirse is rabies vaccinated.

### **Hugh Keeley**

#### **Student surveyor**

Hugh assists in surveying under instruction from a senior ecologist. Hugh has an interest in business economics and is studying for a degree in Maynooth University. Hugh assists with bat walks and talks and is particularly good in dealing with bat rehabilitation. Hugh is vaccinated against rabies.



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## **Appendix II-Definition of Effects – EPA 2017**



TABLE 3. DEFINITION OF SIGNIFICANCE OF EFFECTS.

Significance of Effects	Definition
Imperceptible	An effect capable of measurement but without significant consequences.
Not significant	An effect which causes noticeable changes in the character of the environment but without significant consequences.
Slight Effects	An effect which causes noticeable changes in the character of the environment without affecting its sensitivities.
Moderate Effects	An effect that alters the character of the environment in a manner that is consistent with existing and emerging baseline trends.
Significant Effects	An effect which, by its character, magnitude, duration or intensity alters a sensitive aspect of the environment
Very Significant	An effect which, by its character, magnitude, duration or intensity significantly alters most of a sensitive aspect of the environment.
Profound Effects	An effect which obliterates sensitive characteristics

3.5.2.3 Criteria Used to Define Duration of Effects

In line with the EPA Guidelines (EPA, 2017), the following terms are defined when quantifying duration and frequency of effects. See Table 4, below.

TABLE 4. DEFINITION OF DURATION OF EFFECTS.

Quality	Definition
Momentary Effects	Effects lasting from seconds to minutes
Brief Effects	Effects lasting less than a day
Temporary Effects	Effects lasting less than a year
Short-term Effects	Effects lasting one to seven years.
Medium-term Effects	Effects lasting seven to fifteen years.
Long-term Effects	Effects lasting fifteen to sixty years
Permanent Effects	Effects lasting over sixty years
Reversible Effects	Effects that can be undone, for example through remediation or restoration

Appendix III– Bat Data



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## Surveyor 1 Batlogger

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14	22200002.wav	22200002_00000_000.wav	Noise				PP	2025-09-18	19:56:25
15	22200003.wav	22200003_00000_000.wav	Noise				PP	2025-09-18	19:56:33
16	22200007.wav	22200007_00000_000.wav	Noise				Noise	2025-09-18	19:59:15
17	22200008.wav	22200008_00000_000.wav	Noise				Noise	2025-09-18	20:05:45
18	22200009.wav	22200009_00000_000.wav	Noise				Noise	2025-09-18	20:05:58
19	22200010.wav	22200010_00000_000.wav	Noise				Noise	2025-09-18	20:07:14
20	22200000.wav	22200000_00000_000.wav	Noise				Noise	2025-09-18	19:52:35
21	22200001.wav	22200001_00000_000.wav	Noise				Noise	2025-09-18	19:53:47
22	22200012.wav	22200012_00000_000.wav	Noise				Noise	2025-09-18	20:07:53
23	22200014.wav	22200014_00000_000.wav	Noise				Noise	2025-09-18	20:08:15

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176	22200621.wav	22200621_00015_000.wav	Noise					2025-09-19	06:59:52
177	22200623.wav	22200623_00015_000.wav	Noise					2025-09-19	07:00:16
178	22200624.wav	22200624_00015_000.wav	Noise					2025-09-19	07:00:34
179	22200055.wav	22200055_00000_000.wav	PPPP	2	3	1.000000		2025-09-18	20:25:36
180	22200045.wav	22200045_00000_000.wav	PPPP	8	3	0.375000		2025-09-18	20:18:15
181	22200017.wav	22200017_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	201	199	0.990000		2025-09-18	06:58:47
182	22200624.wav	22200624_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	178	172	0.966000		2025-09-19	07:00:19
183	22200618.wav	22200618_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	164	164	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:59:02
184	22200585.wav	22200585_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	154	147	0.955000		2025-09-19	06:54:32
185	22200501.wav	22200501_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	147	146	0.993000		2025-09-19	06:38:40
186	22200618.wav	22200618_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	144	143	0.993000		2025-09-19	06:59:17
187	22200522.wav	22200522_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	145	139	0.959000		2025-09-19	06:42:29
188	22200181.wav	22200181_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	139	137	0.985000		2025-09-19	06:04:49
189	22200543.wav	22200543_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	140	135	0.964000		2025-09-19	06:05:56
190	22200540.wav	22200540_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	131	129	0.985000		2025-09-19	06:05:29
191	22200574.wav	22200574_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	135	128	0.948000		2025-09-19	06:52:13
192	22200521.wav	22200521_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	126	124	0.984000		2025-09-19	06:42:14
193	22200573.wav	22200573_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	128	123	0.961000		2025-09-19	06:51:59
194	22200558.wav	22200558_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	131	123	0.939000		2025-09-19	06:46:10
195	22200548.wav	22200548_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	135	123	0.911000		2025-09-19	06:47:07
196	22200496.wav	22200496_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	128	122	0.953000		2025-09-19	06:37:32
197	22200552.wav	22200552_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	125	120	0.960000		2025-09-19	06:47:57
198	22200553.wav	22200553_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	126	117	0.929000		2025-09-19	06:48:12
199	22200557.wav	22200557_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	127	117	0.921000		2025-09-19	06:48:59
200	22200190.wav	22200190_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	123	118	0.963000		2025-09-19	06:04:34
201	22200187.wav	22200187_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	117	115	0.983000		2025-09-19	06:04:06
202	22200544.wav	22200544_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	121	114	0.942000		2025-09-19	06:46:10
203	22200217.wav	22200217_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	116	113	0.974000		2025-09-19	06:08:36
204	22200586.wav	22200586_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	116	112	0.966000		2025-09-19	06:54:47
205	22200495.wav	22200495_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	115	109	0.948000		2025-09-19	06:37:18
206	22200567.wav	22200567_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	118	109	0.924000		2025-09-19	06:50:29
207	22200568.wav	22200568_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	119	108	0.918000		2025-09-19	06:50:59
208	22200509.wav	22200509_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	110	107	0.973000		2025-09-19	06:40:03
209	22200489.wav	22200489_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	109	104	0.952000		2025-09-19	06:38:08
210	22200562.wav	22200562_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	113	104	0.920000		2025-09-19	06:49:54
211	22200573.wav	22200573_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	108	102	0.944000		2025-09-19	06:52:28
212	22200203.wav	22200203_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	113	102	0.903000		2025-09-19	06:06:18
213	22200561.wav	22200561_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	103	101	0.981000		2025-09-19	06:49:39
214	22200528.wav	22200528_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	104	100	0.962000		2025-09-19	06:43:21
215	22200545.wav	22200545_00000_000.wav	PPPYG	105	99	0.943000		2025-09-19	06:46:25

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662	22200473.wav	22200473_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	4	3	0.750000		2025-09-19	06:34:09
663	22200006.wav	22200006_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	19:56:51
664	22200023.wav	22200023_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	20:09:59
665	22200038.wav	22200038_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	20:10:48
666	22200038.wav	22200038_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	20:13:36
667	22200098.wav	22200098_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	21:00:12
668	22200090.wav	22200090_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	21:08:28
669	22200114.wav	22200114_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	05:22:32
670	22200116.wav	22200116_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	05:24:12
671	22200124.wav	22200124_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	05:35:06
672	22200125.wav	22200125_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	05:36:21
673	22200154.wav	22200154_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	05:55:15
674	22200170.wav	22200170_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:01:46
675	22200176.wav	22200176_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:02:43
676	22200211.wav	22200211_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:07:41
677	22200214.wav	22200214_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:08:09
678	22200270.wav	22200270_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:15:25
679	22200276.wav	22200276_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:15:48
680	22200314.wav	22200314_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:19:12
681	22200323.wav	22200323_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:20:38
682	22200329.wav	22200329_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:21:01
683	22200388.wav	22200388_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:27:32
684	22200429.wav	22200429_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:30:14
685	22200433.wav	22200433_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:30:31
686	22200437.wav	22200437_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:30:58
687	22200448.wav	22200448_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:31:44
688	22200448.wav	22200448_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:31:52
689	22200447.wav	22200447_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:31:36
690	22200457.wav	22200457_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:32:19
691	22200484.wav	22200484_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:33:08
692	22200473.wav	22200473_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:33:55
693	22200482.wav	22200482_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:34:48
694	22200481.wav	22200481_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:34:36
695	22200484.wav	22200484_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:37:12
696	22200513.wav	22200513_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:40:55
697	22200554.wav	22200554_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:48:27
698	22200582.wav	22200582_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:55:16
699	22200603.wav	22200603_00000_000.wav	PPFVG	2	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	06:57:06

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1	MINEBATA_20250919_214927.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_214927_000.wav	MYOJGU	10	0	0.000000		2025-09-19	21:49:27
2	MINEBATA_20250919_215000.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_215000_000.wav	MYOJGU	4	4	1.000000		2025-09-19	21:50:00
3	MINEBATA_20250919_215242.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_215242_000.wav	MYOJGU	4	4	1.000000		2025-09-19	21:52:42
4	MINEBATA_20250919_215242.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_215242_000.wav	MYOJGU	3	3	1.000000		2025-09-19	21:52:42
5	MINEBATA_20250919_215354.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_215354_000.wav	MYOJGU	3	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	21:53:54
6	MINEBATA_20250919_215354.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_215354_000.wav	MYOJGU	3	2	1.000000		2025-09-19	21:53:54
7	MINEBATA_20250919_215602.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_215602_000.wav	MYOJGU	4	2	0.750000		2025-09-19	21:56:02
8	MINEBATA_20250919_214912.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_214912_000.wav	MYOJGU	3	3	0.000000		2025-09-19	21:49:12
9	MINEBATA_20250919_200844.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_200844_000.wav	None	3	0	0.000000	MYOJGU	2025-09-19	13:08:44
10	MINEBATA_20250919_202240.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_202240_000.wav	None	2	0	0.000000	MYOJGU	2025-09-19	13:22:40
11	MINEBATA_20250919_082152.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_082152_000.wav	None	3	0	0.000000	None	2025-09-19	08:21:52
12	MINEBATA_20250919_021021.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_021021_000.wav	None	0	0	0.000000	None	2025-09-19	02:10:21
13	MINEBATA_20250919_021820.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_021820_000.wav	None	0	0	0.000000	RIF	2025-09-19	02:18:20
14	MINEBATA_20250919_034200.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_034200_000.wav	None	11	0	0.000000	RIF	2025-09-19	03:42:00
15	MINEBATA_20250919_025419.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_025419_000.wav	None	0	0	0.000000	RIF	2025-09-19	02:54:19
16	MINEBATA_20250919_040239.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_040239_000.wav	None	0	0	0.000000	None	2025-09-19	04:02:39
17	MINEBATA_20250919_080218.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_080218_000.wav	None	2	0	0.000000	None	2025-09-19	08:02:18
18	MINEBATA_20250919_080048.wav	MINEBATA_20250919_080048_000.wav	None	0	0	0.000000	None	2025-09-19	08:00:48

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228	MINIBATA_2023019_064133.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_064133.wav	PPPPV	133	133	0.970000	2023-09-19	06:41:33
230	MINIBATA_2023019_061184.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_061184.wav	PPPPV	136	136	0.960000	2023-09-19	06:11:44
231	MINIBATA_2023019_064602.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_064602.wav	PPPPV	123	118	0.967000	2023-09-19	06:46:02
232	MINIBATA_2023019_061136.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_061136.wav	PPPPV	123	118	0.966000	2023-09-19	06:11:36
233	MINIBATA_2023019_062236.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_062236.wav	PPPPV	130	119	1.000000	2023-09-19	06:22:36
234	MINIBATA_2023019_060912.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_060912.wav	PPPPV	111	106	0.970000	2023-09-19	06:09:12
235	MINIBATA_2023019_063170.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_063170.wav	PPPPV	124	107	0.863000	2023-09-19	06:31:30
236	MINIBATA_2023019_063034.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_063034.wav	PPPPV	193	104	0.960000	2023-09-19	06:30:34
237	MINIBATA_2023019_064932.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_064932.wav	PPPPV	198	104	0.963000	2023-09-19	06:49:32
238	MINIBATA_2023019_063648.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_063648.wav	PPPPV	161	103	1.000000	2023-09-19	06:36:48
239	MINIBATA_2023019_061417.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_061417.wav	PPPPV	183	102	0.980000	2023-09-19	06:14:17
240	MINIBATA_2023019_061129.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_061129.wav	PPPPV	180	96	0.990000	2023-09-19	06:11:29
241	MINIBATA_2023019_064621.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_064621.wav	PPPPV	181	96	0.950000	2023-09-19	06:46:21
242	MINIBATA_2023019_061402.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_061402.wav	PPPPV	99	95	0.969000	2023-09-19	06:14:02
243	MINIBATA_2023019_061006.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_061006.wav	PPPPV	83	94	0.880000	2023-09-19	06:10:06
244	MINIBATA_2023019_061221.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_061221.wav	PPPPV	89	89	1.000000	2023-09-19	06:12:21
245	MINIBATA_2023019_060820.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_060820.wav	PPPPV	89	88	1.000000	2023-09-19	06:08:20
246	MINIBATA_2023019_055707.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_055707.wav	PPPPV	81	88	0.967000	2023-09-19	05:57:07
247	MINIBATA_2023019_061027.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_061027.wav	PPPPV	88	88	0.880000	2023-09-19	06:10:27
248	MINIBATA_2023019_061021.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_061021.wav	PPPPV	89	87	0.970000	2023-09-19	06:10:21
249	MINIBATA_2023019_060703.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_060703.wav	PPPPV	87	86	0.960000	2023-09-19	06:07:03
250	MINIBATA_2023019_060826.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_060826.wav	PPPPV	87	86	0.980000	2023-09-19	06:08:26
251	MINIBATA_2023019_060637.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_060637.wav	PPPPV	81	85	0.930000	2023-09-19	06:06:37
252	MINIBATA_2023019_063307.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_063307.wav	PPPPV	84	84	1.000000	2023-09-19	06:33:07
253	MINIBATA_2023019_064710.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_064710.wav	PPPPV	81	80	1.000000	2023-09-19	06:47:10
254	MINIBATA_2023019_061251.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_061251.wav	PPPPV	83	82	0.880000	2023-09-19	06:12:51
255	MINIBATA_2023019_061958.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_061958.wav	PPPPV	80	80	0.911000	2023-09-19	06:19:58
256	MINIBATA_2023019_062511.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_062511.wav	PPPPV	83	79	0.952000	2023-09-19	06:25:11
257	MINIBATA_2023019_062306.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_062306.wav	PPPPV	191	76	0.782000	2023-09-19	06:23:06
258	MINIBATA_2023019_061202.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_061202.wav	PPPPV	85	76	0.975000	2023-09-19	06:12:02
259	MINIBATA_2023019_060703.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_060703.wav	PPPPV	90	76	0.895000	2023-09-19	06:07:03
260	MINIBATA_2023019_060734.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_060734.wav	PPPPV	76	76	0.987000	2023-09-19	06:07:34
261	MINIBATA_2023019_063001.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_063001.wav	PPPPV	75	74	0.987000	2023-09-19	06:30:01
262	MINIBATA_2023019_052802.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_052802.wav	PPPPV	76	74	0.970000	2023-09-19	05:28:02
263	MINIBATA_2023019_061732.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_061732.wav	PPPPV	72	72	1.000000	2023-09-19	06:17:32
264	MINIBATA_2023019_062016.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_062016.wav	PPPPV	73	72	0.980000	2023-09-19	06:20:16
265	MINIBATA_2023019_062132.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_062132.wav	PPPPV	81	72	0.791000	2023-09-19	06:21:32
266	MINIBATA_2023019_063354.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_063354.wav	PPPPV	71	71	1.000000	2023-09-19	06:33:54
267	MINIBATA_2023019_064107.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_064107.wav	PPPPV	71	71	1.000000	2023-09-19	06:41:07

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675	MINIBATA_2023019_060958.wav	MINIBATA_2023019_060958.wav	PPPPV	9	9	0.667000	2023-09-19	06:09:58
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Song meter mini bat data – placed on windowsill

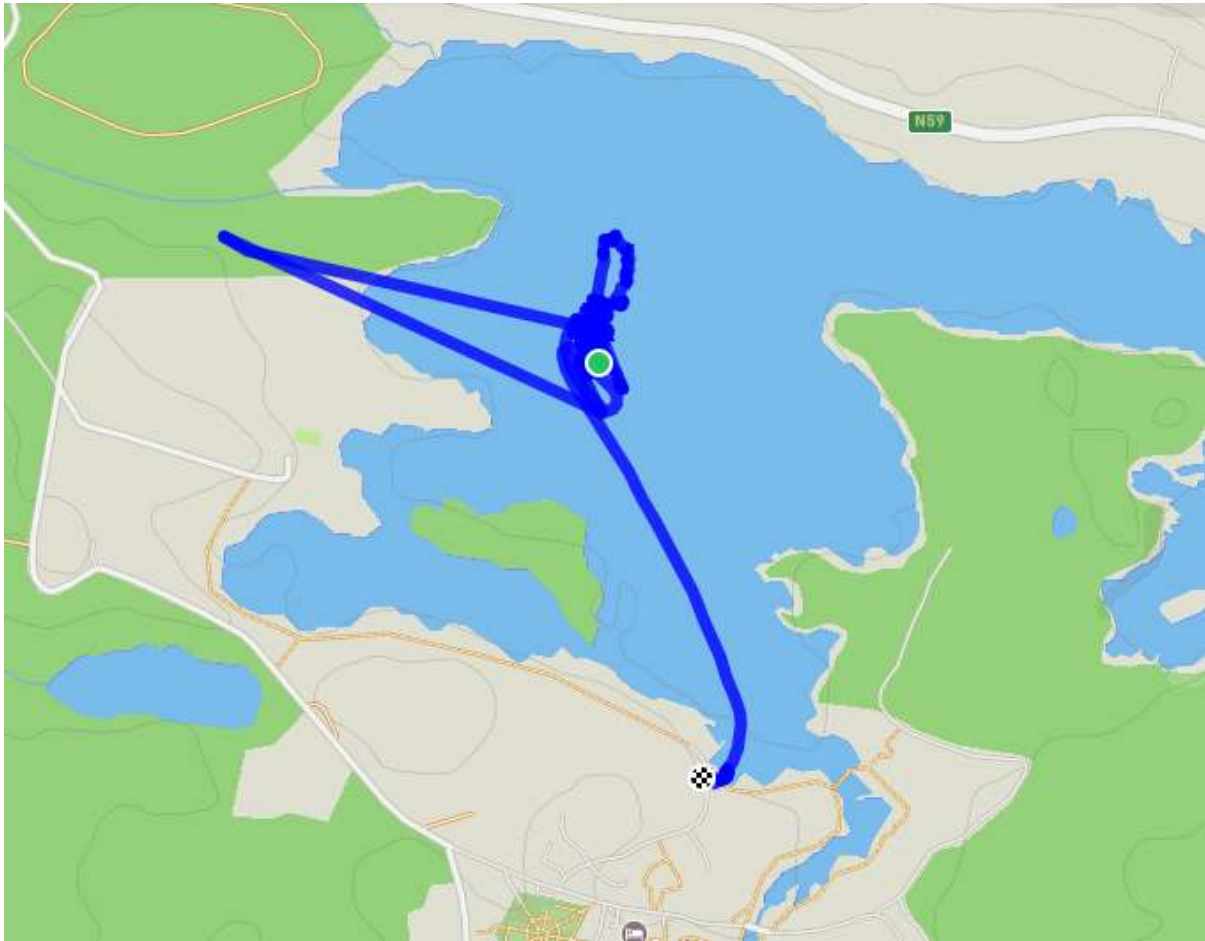
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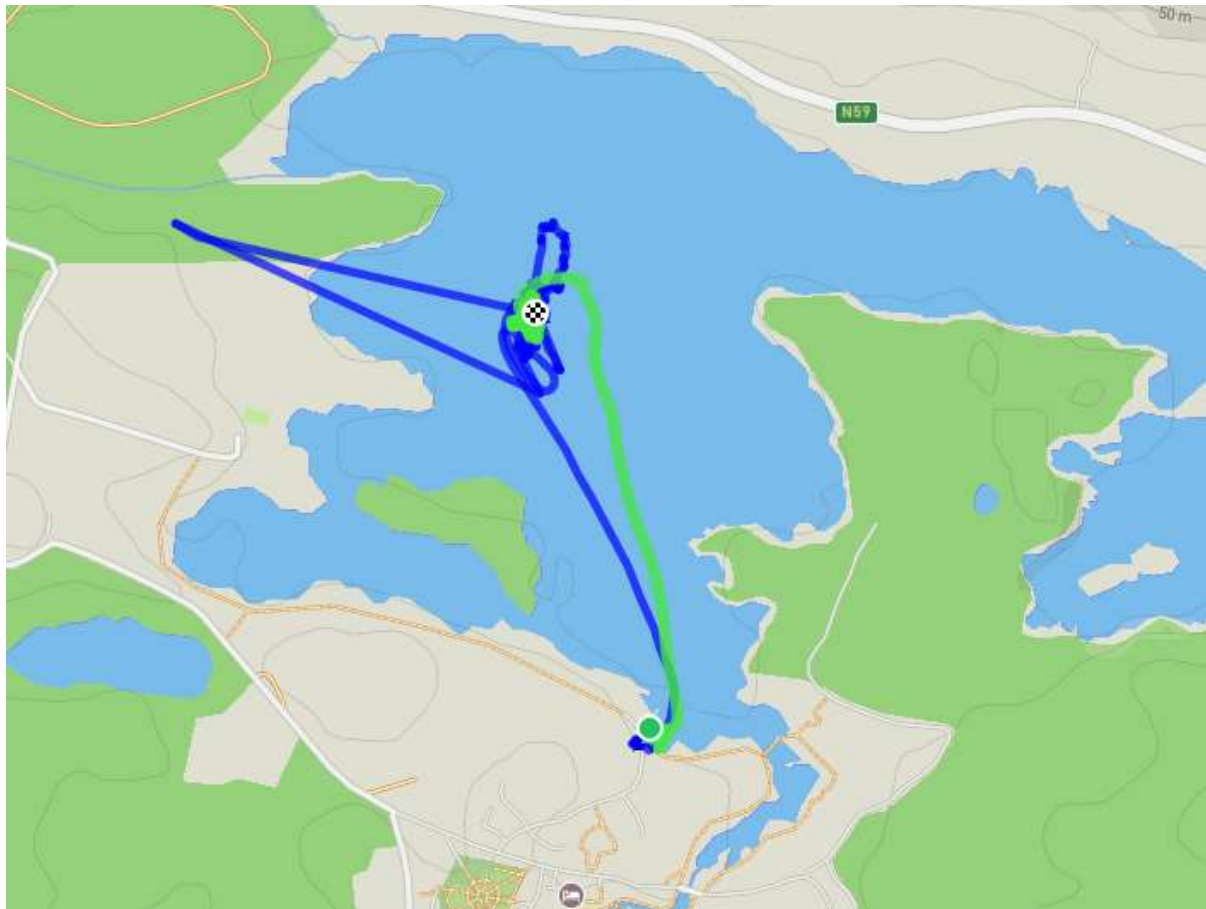
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**Appendix IV – Data from Bat Conservation Ireland – Records from within a 10km radius of the site**

<b>BCIreland data: search results 30 Sep 2025</b>					
<b>Search parameters: Roosts Transects Ad-hoc observation sites with observations of all species within 10000m of L7629948015</b>					
<b>Roosts</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Grid reference</b>	<b>Grid ref easting</b>	<b>Grid ref northing</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Species observed</b>
<b>Delphi Bridge</b>	<b>L8408256514</b>	<b>84082</b>	<b>256514</b>	<b>Delphi, County Mayo</b>	<b>Myotis daubentonii</b>
<b>Emalaghdauroe Bridge</b>	<b>L7582648585</b>	<b>75826</b>	<b>248585</b>	<b>Emalaghdauroe Bridge</b>	<b>Myotis daubentonii</b>
<b>Lettershea Bridge</b>	<b>L7308449259</b>	<b>73084</b>	<b>249259</b>	<b>Lettershea Bridge, County Galway</b>	<b>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</b>
<b>Old Monestry Hostel, Letterfrack</b>	<b>L7105857545</b>	<b>71058</b>	<b>257545</b>	<b>Letterfrack, Co. Galway</b>	<b>Plecotus auritus</b>
<b>Transects</b>					
<b>Name</b>	<b>Grid reference start</b>	<b>Grid ref easting start</b>	<b>Grid ref northing start</b>	<b>Species observed</b>	
<b>L64 (1) 2005-2007</b>	<b>L6673340195</b>	<b>66733</b>	<b>240195</b>	<b>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</b>	



L64 (10) 2005-2007	L679345 6714	6793 4	25671 4	Pipistrellus pygmaeus,Pipistrellus spp. (45kHz/55kHz)	
L64 (10) 2008-	L771804 6694	7718 0	24669 4	Pipistrellus pygmaeus,Myotis spp.,Pipistrellus spp. (45kHz/55kHz)	
L64 (11) 2008-	L667334 0195	6673 3	24019 5		
L64 (16) 2005-2007	L808185 7164	8081 8	25716 4	Pipistrellus pygmaeus,Nyctalus leisleri,Unidentified bat	
L64 (17) 2005-2007	L843085 4042	8430 8	25404 2	Pipistrellus pygmaeus	
L64 (18) 2005-2007	L845414 9744	8454 1	24974 4	Myotis spp.,Pipistrellus pygmaeus,Pipistrellus spp. (45kHz/55kHz)	
L64 (19) 2005-2007	L812024 6962	8120 2	24696 2	Pipistrellus pygmaeus,Nyctalus leisleri	
L64 (20) 2005-2007	L771804 6694	7718 0	24669 4	Pipistrellus pygmaeus	
L64 (20) 2008-2008	L679345 6714	6793 4	25671 4		
L64 (6) 2008-	L808185 7164	8081 8	25716 4	Pipistrellus spp. (45kHz/55kHz),Pipistrellus pygmaeus	
L64 (7) 2008-	L843085 4042	8430 8	25404 2	Pipistrellus pygmaeus,Myotis spp.,Pipistrellus spp. (45kHz/55kHz),Unidentified bat	
L64 (8) 2008-	L845414 9744	8454 1	24974 4	Pipistrellus pygmaeus,Pipistrellus spp. (45kHz/55kHz)	
L64 (9) 2008-	L812024 6962	8120 2	24696 2	Pipistrellus pygmaeus,Myotis spp.,Pipistrellus spp. (45kHz/55kHz),Nyctalus leisleri	
<b>Ad-hoc observations</b>					
<b>Survey</b>	<b>Grid referenc e</b>	<b>Grid ref easti ng</b>	<b>Grid ref northi ng</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Species observed</b>
<b>BATLAS 2010</b>	<b>L665235 7089</b>	<b>6652 3</b>	<b>25708 9</b>	<b>9/20/2009</b>	<b>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</b>



<b>BATLAS 2010</b>	<b>L818383 9762</b>	<b>8183 8</b>	<b>23976 2</b>	<b>5/26/2009</b>	<b>Myotis daubentonii</b>
<b>BATLAS 2010</b>	<b>L755134 7967</b>	<b>7551 3</b>	<b>24796 7</b>	<b>5/26/2009</b>	<b>Unidentified bat,Pipistrellus pygmaeus,Myotis spp.,Myotis nattereri,Plecotus auritus</b>
<b>BATLAS 2010</b>	<b>L758944 6581</b>	<b>7589 4</b>	<b>24658 1</b>	<b>5/26/2009</b>	<b>Myotis daubentonii</b>
<b>BATLAS 2010</b>	<b>L723964 0972</b>	<b>7239 6</b>	<b>24097 2</b>	<b>5/25/2009</b>	<b>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</b>
<b>BATLAS 2010</b>	<b>L781104 8009</b>	<b>7811 0</b>	<b>24800 9</b>	<b>5/24/2009</b>	<b>Unidentified bat,Pipistrellus pipistrellus (45kHz),Pipistrellus pygmaeus,Nyctalus leisleri,Myotis spp.,Myotis daubentonii</b>
<b>BATLAS 2010</b>	<b>L699954 9896</b>	<b>6999 5</b>	<b>24989 6</b>	<b>5/24/2009</b>	<b>Pipistrellus pipistrellus (45kHz),Pipistrellus pygmaeus,Myotis daubentonii</b>
<b>BATLAS 2020</b>	<b>L684203 9719</b>	<b>6842 0</b>	<b>23971 9</b>	<b>8/27/2018</b>	<b>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</b>
<b>BATLAS 2020</b>	<b>L818243 9771</b>	<b>8182 4</b>	<b>23977 1</b>	<b>8/29/2018</b>	<b>Pipistrellus pygmaeus,Myotis daubentonii,Plecotus auritus</b>
<b>BATLAS 2020</b>	<b>L674393 9932</b>	<b>6743 9</b>	<b>23993 2</b>	<b>8/27/2018</b>	
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<b>BATLAS 2020</b>	<b>L802504 7484</b>	<b>8025 0</b>	<b>24748 4</b>	<b>8/27/2018</b>	<b>Pipistrellus pygmaeus, Myotis daubentonii</b>
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<b>Chris Peppiatt</b>	<b>L723204 0100</b>	<b>7232 0</b>	<b>24010 0</b>	<b>8/28/2008</b>	<b>Pipistrellus pygmaeus, Myotis nattereri, Nyctalus leisleri</b>
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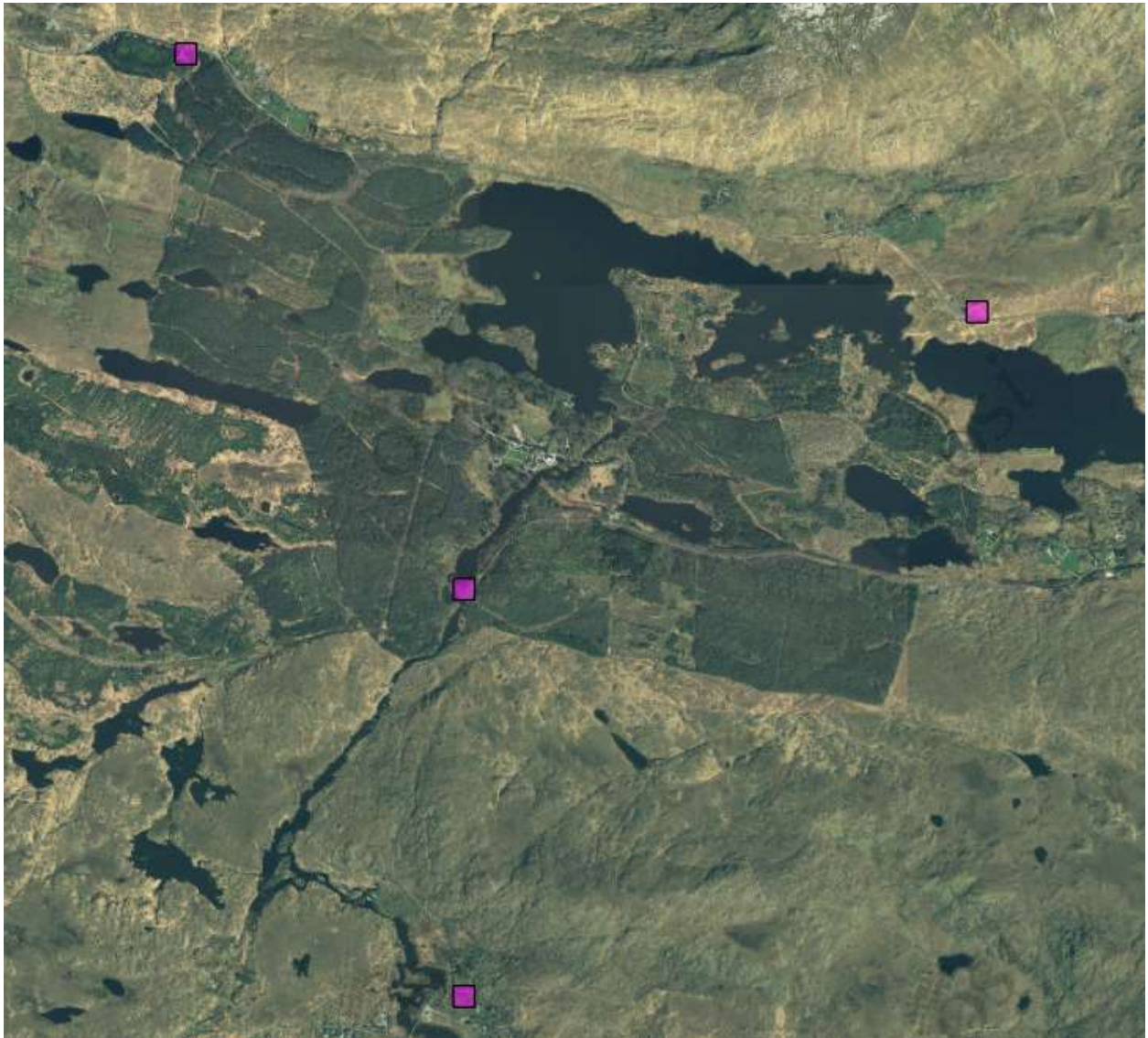




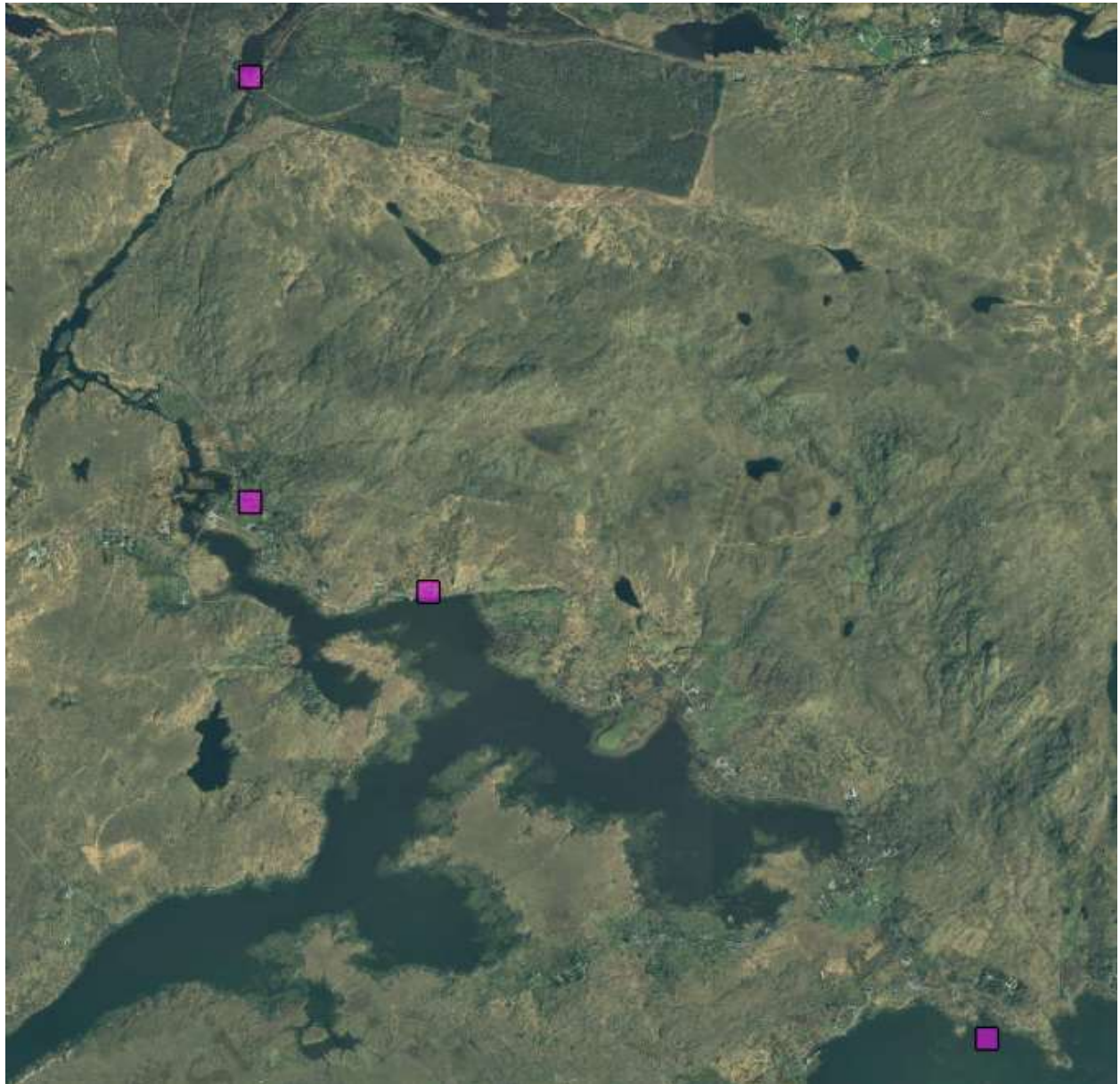
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Ballynahinch and surrounding area



Lakes south of Ballynahinch Lake



Otter data from the NBDC database

Grid	L783478
Site	Derrynavglau
Dataset	Atlas of Mammals in Ireland 2010-2015
Recorder	Dermot Breen
Taxon	Lutra lutra
Common Name	Otter
Date	27/08/2013
Record Id	119057215

**Additional Attributes:**

County	Galway
Habitat description	Wet heath
Type of sighting	Road Kill

Grid	L759465
Dataset	Atlas of Mammals in Ireland 2010-2015
Recorder	Ger O'Donnell
Date	23/08/2010
Record Id	119038254

**Additional Attributes:**

Source	National Otter Survey of Ireland 2010/12
Type of sighting	otter spraint



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Grid	L746490
Site	Lettershea
Dataset	Atlas of Mammals in Ireland 2010-2015
Recorder	Dermot Breen
Date	29/07/2013
Record Id	119050738

**Additional Attributes:**

County	Galway
Habitat description	Watercourses
Type of sighting	Road Kill
Vice-county	West Galway

Grid	L759465
Site	Recess / Cloonbeg Bridge
Dataset	Otter survey of Ireland 2004 & 2005
Survey	Otter NPWS data
Recorder	Ger O'Donnell
Date	29/04/2005
Record Id	128249222

**Additional Attributes:**

Abundance	3 Count of Droppings
Common name	Otter
Determiner name	Ger O'Donnell

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Record comment	At this point, reasonably wide stretch of the Ballynahinch river (Owenmore). Managed grassy banks with walls and beats. Some rapids under footbridge / 2 spraints on first surveyed section, 1 spraint on second surveyed section
Survey name	Otter NPWS data

Date	19/12/2012
Record Id	119050950

**Additional Attributes:**

County	Galway
Habitat description	Littoral rock
Record comment	Female and two well grown pups seen.
Type of sighting	Sighting of live animal
Vice-county	West Galway

Grid	L767442
Site	Cloonile Quay, Toombeola
Dataset	Atlas of Mammals in Ireland 2010-2015
Date	19/12/2012
Record Id	119050950

**Additional Attributes:**

County	Galway
Habitat description	Littoral rock



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Record comment	Female and two well grown pups seen.
Type of sighting	Sighting of live animal
Vice-county	West Galway