SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: LUGMORE GLEN

SITE CODE: 001212

This small wooded glen is located about 2km south-east of Saggart in Co Dublin. It is quite a narrow valley cut in glacial drift. A small stream winds through the valley.

The wood is mainly comprised of dense Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) but also contains Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Elder (*Sambucus nigra*) and Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*). The herb layer is quite rich, especially towards the stream, with species such as Wood-sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*), Bugle (*Ajuga reptans*), Primrose (*Primula vulgaris*), Honeysuckle (*Lonicera periclymenum*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Ivy (*Hedera helix*), Wood-sedge (*Carex sylvatica*), Woodruff (*Galium odoratum*) and Wood Speedwell (*Veronica montana*) occurring. Soft Shield-fern (*Polystichum setiferum*) and Broad Buckler-fern (*Dryopteris dilatata*) also occur.

The flora of the site is notable for the presence of the rare Red Data Book species, Yellow Archangel (*Lamiastrum galeobdolon*).

The site is not managed or used for any particular purpose and does not appear to have changed much in recent years. It is surrounded by golf-links.

The importance of this site is that it is a fine example of a wooded glen with a good representation of woodland plants. This type of semi-natural habitat is now scarce in Co. Dublin. The presence of a rare plant species adds to the interest of the site.

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