SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: KILLYVILLY LOUGH

SITE CODE: 001839

Killyvilly Lough is a small lake located on the border between Monaghan and Fermanagh, 12km west of Monaghan town. Only a small portion of the lake lies in Monaghan and there is little open water remaining here.

Killyvilly is a calcareous lake and two rare species of stonewort (*Chara* spp.) have been recorded. Wet woodland, dominated by Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) occupies much of the southern portion of the site. Species here include Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*), Wild Angelica (*Angelica sylvestris*), Common Nettle (*Urtica dioica*) and Purple Moor-grass (*Molinia caerulea*). Towards the lake there is an area of freshwater marsh vegetation with Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*), Great Willowherb (*Epilobium hirsutum*), Water Mint (*Mentha aquatica*) and occasional tussocks of Great Fen-sedge (*Cladium mariscus*), while fringing the lake is an area of reed swamp dominated by Common Reed and Common Club-rush (*Schoenoplectus lacustris*). At the west of the site is an area of fen vegetation with Great Fen-sedge, Long-Stalked Yellow-sedge (*Carex lepidocarpa*), Blunt-flowered Rush (*Juncus subnodulosus*), Grass-of-parnassus (*Parnassia palustris*), Quaking-grass (*Briza media*) and Purple Moor-grass. Areas of wet grassland occur throughout the site.

The site is regularly used by a variety of birds, including Mute Swan, Snipe and Pheasant.

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