SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: BRACKEN'S DWELLING, NEAR WHITEFORD

SITE CODE: 002058

This is a nursery roost for a Leisler's Bat (*Nyctalus leisleri*) colony which roost in the cavity walls of a privately owned modern dwelling house near Whiteford in Co. Offaly. Approximately 80 bats were recorded at the house in 1992, and although fewer bats were recorded there in 1993, it is still a roost of international importance.

The present owners are well disposed towards the bats, which is an important consideration when trying to protect roosts of this species, the largest and possibly the noisiest of the seven bat species. Although the Leisler's Bat is considered common in Ireland, the numbers of safe nursery roosts are small. This species is rarely recorded outside Ireland which is the European stronghold for this species.

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