SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: MADABAWN MARSH

SITE CODE: 000988

This is a small area of very wet marshland beside the road in a basin among six drumlins, approximately 6km south-east of Cootehill.

An Foras Forbartha report for Areas of Scientific Interest in County Cavan noted that:

The vegetation is fairly uniform with marsh species such as Slender Tufted-sedge (*Carex acuta*), Water Horsetail (*Equisetum fluviatile*), Common Marsh-bedstraw (*Galium palustre*), Marsh Cinquefoil (*Potentilla palustris*) and Cowbane (*Cicuta virosa*) as well as less common species such as Greater Spearwort (*Ranunculus lingua*) and Water Dock (*Rumex hydrolapathum*).

Willows (*Salix* spp.) grow in other places.

The site is notable for the abundance of several damselfly species (*Coenagrion* spp.).

This is an easily accessible site with a number of interesting species. In view of this it is of some value for field studies.

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