SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CUSKINNY MARSH

SITE CODE: 001987

This site is located 2.5km east of the centre of Cobh on the shores of Cork Harbour.

It is a small site with the dominant habitat being a brackish lake, joined to the sea through a sluice gate, and fed by streams flowing from the west and north. The lake is fringed with Common Reed (*Phragmities australis*) with wet deciduous woodland, composed of Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) and willow (*Salix* spp.), occurring to the north and west. A small area has been planted with Sitka Spruce (*Picea sitchensis*).

The main interest of the site is ornithological, with the lake supporting locally important numbers of dabbling ducks and Mute Swans.

The main land use is management for conservation purposes, with the site being an Irish Wildbird Conservancy Reserve. No obvious damaging operations occur within the site.

Cuskinny Marsh is of interest because it contains a nice mix of habitats, within a small area, and supports locally important numbers of wildfowl.

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