SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: DOO LOUGHS

SITE CODE: 000350

Doo Loughs is located 7km south-east of the town of Killarney and comprises a low hill (up to 119m) underlain by Limestone and Old Red Sandstone.

Although not recently surveyed, a 1989 report describes this site as comprising, for the most part, cutaway bog dominated by Purple Moor-grass (*Molinia caerulea*), Deergrass (*Scirpus cespitosus*), Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) and Cross-leaved Heath (*Erica tetralix*). Some areas have been colonised by Downy Birch (*Betula pubescens*). One small area of intact bog remains and supports a good carpet of bog moss (*Sphagnum* spp., including the uncommon *S. imbricatum* and *S. fuscum*) and lichen (*Cladonia* spp.).

Included within the site are two small lakes (Doo Loughs). The area surrounding these lakes is used as a feeding site by the internationally important Greenland White-fronted Goose (average winter maximum 37, 1985/86-1989/90). This species is listed on Annex I of the EU Birds Directive.

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