SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: ANNAGHEANE LOUGH

SITE CODE: 001836

Annagheawe Lough is a small acid lake situated on the Cavan/Monaghan border. It is surrounded by dense woodland dominated by Downy Birch (*Betula pubescens*) and Purple Moor-grass (*Molinia caerulea*) which has developed on cutaway bog surrounding the lake.

The open water is fringed by an area of Bulrush (*Typha latifolia*) swamp which grades into freshwater marsh containing Bottle Sedge (*Carex rostrata*), Marsh Cinquefoil (*Potentilla palustris*), Common Marsh-bedstraw (*Galium palustre*) and Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*). The nationally rare plant species, Frogbit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*), has been recorded from the lake recently.

The lake is being slowly infilled by the fringing aquatic vegetation especially on the eastern and northern edges.

Annaghaewe Lough is a very interesting lake mainly because of the high number of different habitat types occurring within a very small area. It also possesses an interesting sequence of vegetation zonation from reed swamp to birch woodland on cutaway, which is rarely encountered in the county.

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