SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: TEMPLEMORE WOOD

SITE CODE: 000942

Templemore Wood is a small lake and woodland situated in Templemore, Co. Tipperary.

Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) is the dominant canopy species with a lower canopy of Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and oak (*Quercus* spp.). The herb layer is quite diverse and includes Great Wood-rush (*Luzula sylvatica*), Bilberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*), Wood-sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*), Barren Strawberry (*Potentilla sterilis*), Bugle (*Ajuga reptans*), Herb-Robert (*Geranium robertianum*), Ivy (*Hedera helix*), Wild Madder (*Rubia peregrina*), Broad Buckler-fern (*Dryopteris dilatata*) and *Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus*. Rhododendron (*Rhododendron ponticum*) also occurs in the wood.

A feature of the area is the presence of drainage trenches which have been cut at regular intervals throughout the woodland. The permanence of water in the trenches is unknown although the profuse growth of ferns and mosses suggests that the area is generally wet.

The lake is shallow and contains much Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*). Thin-spiked Wood-sedge (*Carex strigosa*) was recorded at the lake – this species is rare elsewhere.

The bird life of the site is of interest with Blackcaps, Garden Warblers and Sparrowhawks reported from here. The lake contains a population of Mallard.

The lake and woodland are used for recreational purposes. Dumping of rubbish occurs along the woodland boundaries and the lake is filling up due to deposition of plant remains. Rhododendron also poses a threat.

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