SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: SANTRY DEMESNE

SITE CODE: 000178

This site is located immediately north of old Santry village, Co. Dublin.

The site comprises the remnants of a former demesne woodland. The remaining woods are of generally good quality and include Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*), Wych Elm (*Ulmus glabra*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*), Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) and Scots Pine (*Pinus sylvatica*).

A wide range of herbaceous species were recorded from this woodland, including Wood Speedwell (*Veronica montana*), Sanicle (*Sanicula europaea*), Ramsons (*Allium ursinum*), Early Dog-violet (*Viola reichenbachiana*), Goldilocks Buttercup (*Ranunculus auricomus*), Giant Fescue (*Festuca gigantea*) and False Brome (*Brachypodium sylvaticum*).

A species legally protected under the Flora Protection Order 1987, Hairy St. John's-wort (*Hypericum hirsutum*), was recorded here in 1991. This downy-leaved perennial of river banks and shady places has been recorded from only five counties in eastern Ireland, concentrated in the River Liffey valley.

The primary importance of this site is that it contains a legally protected plant species. The woodland, however, is of general ecological interest as it occurs in an area where little has survived of the original vegetation.

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