SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: SHANBALLY WOOD

SITE CODE: 000972

This site is situated approximately 6km north-west of Clogheen in Co.Tipperary. It is a small planted wood consisting of Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) and some oak (*Quercus* spp.). The shrub layer contains Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), Elder (*Sambucus nigra*), Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*), Box (*Buxus sempervirens*) and Rhododendron (*Rhododendron ponticum*) which, so far, is limited in extent. The eastern side of the site is predominantly Beech and there are some wet patches occupied by Yellow Iris (*Iris pseudacorus*). On the other side of the road, which subdivides the area into two parts, shallow drainage channels concentrate the water. However the land is low lying and the flora is characteristic of wet woodland, with a range of species including Iris, Bugle (*Ajuga reptans*) and Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*) in addition to the usual herbs.

The bird fauna comprises some common species which are present in moderate numbers. Invertebrates present were the usual range of generally distributed insects and molluscs.

This small woodland is one of a few patches of trees in a predominantly cultivated area.

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