SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: DRUMGOLE LOUGH

SITE CODE: 001601

Drumgole Lough is a small lake situated almost 5km north of Cootehill, Co. Cavan. The lake is surrounded by rolling pastoral countryside used mainly for grazing cattle and sheep.

One of the most striking features of the lake is the presence of large areas of reed swamp dominated by Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*). Such areas are particularly well developed along the western and south-eastern edges of the lake. There are also patches of reed swamp dominated by Bulrush (*Typha latifolia*) and Creeping Bent (*Agrostis stolonifera*). In addition to reed swamp there are small areas of wet grassland dominated by Soft Rush (*Juncus effusus*) and Creeping Buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*).

Although birdlife on the lake is limited, Whooper Swans frequent the site during the winter months.

The lake is not of outstanding ecological interest however it is one of the more attractive lakes in this area of south Monaghan. The development of large reed-bed areas around the lake edges is also of considerable interest and is a feature lacking in most of the other lakes in the locality.

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