SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: KILKERRIN TURLOUGH

SITE CODE: 001279

Kilkerrin Turlough lies in a basin amongst rolling countryside approximately 6km south of Glenamaddy, Co. Galway. It is crossed by a road from the northern side which divides it roughly in two halves. Both parts extend southwards in a crescentric shape, the western one leading to a deep trench which cuts through bedrock - there is a little outcrop on the eastern arm. There is a small inflow from the north-eastern corner, with ditches and swallow holes throughout.

This is a dry turlough with aquatic vegetation limited to the small stream. Most of the vegetation is fen, comprising sedges (*Carex* spp.) and knotgrass (*Polygonum* spp.). In the wettest areas, Amphibious Bistort (*Persicaria amphibia*) occurs. The sedge community merges into Purple Moor-grass (*Molinia caerulea*) and fescues (*Festuca* spp.). From this develops rough grassland comprising of rye-grass (*Lolium* spp.).

The vegetation of this site is rather uniform but the area is, nevertheless, of local scientific interest.

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