SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CALLOW LOUGH

SITE CODE: 001239

Callow Lough is a medium sized shallow lake located 4km northeast of Kilconnell in East Galway. This site has been designated as a Natural Heritage Area because of its importance to wintering wildfowl. It provides a winter feeding ground for several bird species and is a breeding area for waders.

The lake is quite natural in character and is relatively undisturbed. It is surrounded by lowland wet grassland, hedges and scrub woodland and there is a large wooded island in the centre of the lake which is probably a crannóg. The water level in the lake fluctuates and it resembles a turlough in some ways. It is managed by the Kilconnell Gun Club as a bird sanctuary and is also used by the local fishing club. This site is valuable both as a wildlife habitat and as a general amenity area.

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