SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: BALLINTLEA WOOD

SITE CODE: 002086

This site is situated within a local Mountain Park near the south-west boundary of the Long Mountain. It is 6km south-west of the village of Ballyorgan. It is the finest example of a deep, wooded ravine in the Ballyhoura Mountains.

The woodland includes oak (Quercus spp.), Ash (Fraxinus excelsior), Hazel (Corylus avellana) and birch (Betula spp.).

This site is relatively inaccessible and likely to remain undisturbed. Detailed fieldwork is required to ascertain presence, or otherwise, of rare species. Scrub and woodland south of this site has been replaced by coniferous woodland. A male Hen Harrier was seen close to this woodland in 1994.

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