SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: FURBOGH WOOD

SITE CODE: 001267

Furbogh Wood is situated directly north of the Galway-Spiddle coast road, equidistant (3.5 km) from Spiddle and Barna at Furbogh. The site consists of oak (*Quercus* spp.) woodland bordering the Furbogh River.

The woodland is dominated by oak with a Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and Downy Birch (*Betula pubescens*) understorey. The flora of the woodland is diverse. The foliose lichen *Lobaria scrobiculata* has been recorded from the woodland.

The Furbogh River, which flows southwards through the centre of the site to Furbogh Strand, increases the habitat diversity of the site.

Tree felling remains a threat to the woodland.

The site is one of only a few Atlantic woodlands which occur directly adjacent to the coast. The occurrence of oak woodland on mineral soil is not a common feature of West Galway.

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