SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: ROUGHTY RIVER ESTUARY

SITE CODE: 002092

Situated at the head of Kenmare River approximately 1km south-east of the town of Kenmare, this site comprises the estuary of the Roughty River and those parts of the river under tidal influence.

While most of the area of the NHA comprises mudflats and estuarine channels, smaller areas of saltmarsh, woodland and damp grassland occur within the NHA and add to its diversity.

Although not recently re-surveyed, it is known that this site supports wintering waterfowl with regionally to locally important populations of Mute Swan (11), Wigeon (194), Teal (62), Mallard (32), Scaup (7), Oystercatcher (46), Dunlin (60), Curlew (57), Redshank (60) and Greenshank (7). Counts for each species are average peaks over one season (1984/85-86/87).

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