SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: DUNDRUM SANCTUARY

SITE CODE: 000950

Dundrum Sanctuary Natural Heritage Area comprises two separate blocks, both of which lie entirely within Coillte ownership, beside the L119 at Dundrum, about 11km northeast of Tipperary.

Much of the Coillte area is planted with conifers, particularly spruce (*Picea* spp.), and is not included in the Natural Heritage Area. However native secondary woodland vegetation fringes some of the plantation and is included. Elsewhere, for example the western edge of the northern block, wet carr woodland of Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) and willows (*Salix* spp.) with birches (*Betula* spp.) is colonising drier parts. Wetland areas around an excavated pond form the basis of the southern block. Here Water Sedge (*Carex aquatilis*), a widespread, but scarce species, is of interest.

The amenity value of this site has long been recognised and developed by Coillte, and it is the educational value, as much as the quality of the habitats on this site, that form the basis of the Natural Heritage Area designation.

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