SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: SHEEHILLS ESKER

SITE CODE: 000938

The Sheehills Esker site is situated 2km from Roscrea, in Co. Tipperary. The site consists of a series of discrete sandy esker ridges which are glacio-fluvial landforms. Most of the ridges are wooded but some support grasslands. Others appear to have been quarried.

Although not recently re-surveyed the area of interest was approximately mapped by An Foras Forbartha and recorded as an ASI in the Tipperary (North Riding) County Report in 1972. This report recorded the following plant species from this site – Bloody Crane's-bill (*Geranium sanguinium*), Cyperus Sedge (*Carex pseudocyperus*), Buckthorn (*Rhamnus catharticus*) and Brown Beak-sedge (*Rhynchospora fusca*).

The interest in the site lies in the presence of locally uncommon plant species. The site is also of geomorphological interest.

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