SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: KILLYHOMAN MARSH

SITE CODE: 001782

Killyhoman Marsh is a small area of wet scraw situated approximately 3km west of Aughnacloy on the Monaghan Tyrone county border. It supports marshy vegetation, which is partially invaded by trees. The marsh occupies an inter-drumlin hollow and is surrounded by pastoral farmland.

Wet woodland dominated by Downy Birch (*Betula pubescens*) is the main habitat type and this grades into a wet marsh vegetation dominated by Purple Moor-grass (*Molinia caerulea*), Devil's-bit Scabious (*Succisa pratensis*), Common Sedge (*Carex nigra*), Water Horsetail (*Equisetum fluviatile*), Bottle Sedge (*Carex rostrata*) and Common Cottongrass (*Eriophorum angustifolium*).

There is a well-developed bryophyte layer with Sphagnum mosses (*Sphagnum palustre* and *Sphagnum papillosum*) and other mosses (*Calliergonella cuspidata* and *Aulacomnium palustre*) widely distributed. Sika Deer have been seen in the marsh recently, and the area supports a healthy Snipe population.

Killyhoman is probably the best remaining example of an inter-drumlin marsh in the county and shows excellent successional sequences from wetland scraw to birch woodland.

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