SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: BLACKHALL WOODS

SITE CODE: 001293

Blackhall Woods lie approximately 3km north-west of Termonfeckin in Co. Louth.

The site is planted woodland of Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Horse-chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) and Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*). The ground flora is dominated by Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*), Wood-sedge (*Carex sylvatica*), Broad-leaved Dock (*Rumex obtusifolius*), Enchanter's-nightshade (*Circaea lutetiana*) and Kidney Saxifrage (*Saxifraga hirsuta*).

The interest of this area lies in the bryophytes that it contains. These form a typical Atlantic community which grows on fallen timber.

Clear-felling within the wood would destroy the micro-habitats occupied by the bryophytes.

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