SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CORDOO LOUGH

SITE CODE: 001268

Cordoo Lough is located approximately 4km north east of Ballybay. Corfin Lough now drained, used to be a part of the same system. The low-lying land between is peaty although the water running into Cordoo is from a mineral catchment. The lake is surrounded by a broad fringe of Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*), merging into a meadow community where Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*), Soft Rush (*Juncus effusus*) and Creeping Bent (*Agrostis stolonifera*) are the dominant species.

In the lake itself, extensive clumps of Shining Pondweed (*Potamogeton lucens*) and Yellow Water-lily (*Nuphar lutea*) can be seen. Shining Pondweed is notable from such a lake, and indicative of calcium-rich water.

A stream leading from the lough at the south-west corner is full of Ivy-leaved Duckweed (*Lemna trisulca*) and a water-starwort (*Callitriche* spp.).

There are no rare species known from this site but it is a good example of this type of habitat.

18.11.2009