SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: LOUGH MANAN

SITE CODE: 001533

Lough Manan is a small lake, surrounded by reed-beds, bog and wet sedge swards, about 5km south of Ballyglass, Co. Mayo.

The lake is species-rich, surrounded by Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*) and Great Fen-sedge (*Cladium marisus*). The uncommon Marsh Fern (*Thelypteris palustris*) occurs amongst the reed-beds. Areas of freshwater marsh surround the lake and include Greater Tussock-sedge (*Carex paniculata*) and other typical marsh species such as Marsh-marigold (*Caltha palustris*), Cuckooflower (*Cardamine pratensis*) and Reed Canary-grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*).

Despite the relatively small area of botanical interest, the lake and its surrounding reed-beds are rich in species. The occurrence of Marsh Fern in particular, increases the importance of the site – Lough Manan is its only station in the Lough Carra east catchments area.

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