SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: KILBEG MARSH

SITE CODE: 001848

Kilbeg Marsh is situated near Philipston House, south of Cappagh White in Co. Tipperary.

It supports a fine stand of Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) fen carr woodland with large tussocks of Greater Tussock-sedge (*Carex paniculata*) beneath the canopy, on its eastern margin. The western part appears to have been cutaway in the past and is now dotted with small, shallow stonewort (*Chara* spp.) dominated pools. Open swards of rich fen communities occupy the "islands", from which the following rarities were recorded – Broad-leaved Cottongrass (*Eriophorum latifolium*), Marsh Helleborine (*Epipactis palustris*), Lesser Tussock-sedge (*Carex diandra*) and Long-stalked Yellow-sedge (*C. lepidocarpa*).

Such presently undisturbed rich-fen supports an unusual and diverse assemblage of plant communities and is thus of general educational value.

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