SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: KILTEALE HILL

SITE CODE: 000867

This small limestone outcrop lies about 3km north-west of Stradbally in Co. Laois. It is one in a chain of such outcrops which includes the more westerly Rock of Dunamase.

The site primarily consists of a Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) wood with Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*) and Elder (*Sambucus nigra*) also present. Patches of gorse (*Ulex* spp.) and Bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*) scrub are also interspersed.

Kilteale Hill is indicative of climax vegetation for a basic soil. The site serves as an example of Hazel woodlands which formerly vegetated many of the Midland region hillocks.

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