SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: OAKLANDS WOOD

SITE CODE: 000774

This site is a mixed coniferous and deciduous wood located approximately 2km south of New Ross in Co. Wexford.

Oak (*Quercus* spp.) is the dominant species in parts of this wood, although coniferous species have been widely planted. Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) also occurs and is regenerating. The trees reach about 15m in height and create a closed canopy above abundant Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*).

The ground flora includes Bilberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*) and Great Wood-rush (*Luzula sylvatica*), with a variety of woodland herbs such as Wood-sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Sanicle (*Sanicula europaea*), Goldenrod (*Solidago vigaurea*) and Hard Fern (*Blechnum spicant*).

Tree felling, coupled with replanting with coniferous species, has occurred within the site. If allowed to continue, this will damage the interest of the area.

The site is of interest as it is a representative area of broadleaved woodland and its associated flora.

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