SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: MARLFIELD LAKE

SITE CODE: 001981

Marlfield Lake is a small lake, situated 3km west of the town of Clonmel. Although relatively small in size, this lake is one the most important wetlands in south Tipperary as it supports a large number of waterfowl particularly in the winter. There are significant populations of Mallard, Teal, Wigeon, Shoveler, Tufted Duck, Gadwall, Pochard, Mute Swan, Grey Heron, Coot, Moorhen, Little Grebe, Black-Headed Gull and Cormorant. The lake is also an important amenity area being so close to a major town.

The lake is surrounded by mixed deciduous woodland comprised predominantly of Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) with some Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*), oak (*Quercus* spp.) and Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*). It also has several springs, a stream and an area of freshwater marsh with a variety of wetland species. There is a notable profusion of Water-violet (*Hottonia palustris*). The removal of scrub growth around the perimeter of the lake in recent times threatens to disturb the wildlife on the lake and should be prevented from occurring in the future.

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