SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: KILLANEER HOUSE GLEN

SITE CODE: 001062

Situated approximately 5km north-east of Enniskean, this is one of several steep-sided valleys cut by tributaries of the Bandon River.

On the west side of the stream a Hazel (*Corylus avellana*)/Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) wood has developed on a steep slope. Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) is frequent and the acidic nature of the soil is shown by the presence of Bilberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*), a little Great Wood-rush (*Luzula sylvatica*), Hard Fern (*Blechnum spicant*), Broad Buckler-fern (*Dryopteris dilatata*), Scaly Male-fern (*D. affinis*) and Male-fern (*D. filix-mas*). Silt derived from winter flooding occurs close to the stream and on this Hemlock Water-dropwort (*Oenanthe crocata*), Pignut (*Conopodium majus*) and Lesser Celandine (*Ranunculus ficaria*) are conspicuous with Hart's-tongue Thyme-moss (*Plagiomnium undulatum*) and Shining Hookeria (*Hookeria lucens*).

To the east of the stream oak (*Quercus* spp.) trees replace the other types and Hay-scented Buckler-fern (*D. aemula)* and Soft Shield-fern (*Polystichum setiferum*) become frequent. A small cliff above the stream supports Wilson's Filmy-fern (*Hymenophyllum wilsonii*).

The bird population in such a varied wood is quite rich and would include about 20 regular species.

Much refuse dumping has occurred beside the road and this makes the area unattractive and therefore unappreciated.

This is a relatively natural wood in an agricultural area and is of local value for this reason. Woods nearby have, in many cases, been planted with conifers.

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