SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CORK LOUGH

SITE CODE: 001081

This small lake is situated in the north-west of Cork City, 1km north of the River Lee.

In 1972 An Foras Forbartha noted it as an important place to observe wildfowl and gulls due to its close proximity to a large human population. It appears, however, that high numbers of birds, attracted by bread-feeding, are causing severe eutrophication which is in need of remedial action. Also, exotic fish have been released into the lake over the years. In spite of these factors the lake regularly holds over 100 Mute Swans, a feral flock of over 30 Canada Geese and small numbers (usually under 50) of Mallard, Teal, Tufted Duck and Coot. An increasing flock of wintering Lesser Black-backed Gulls also occurs (460+ in January 1995).

The site is a NHA of local important for its bird community.

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