SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: MULLAGLASSAN LOUGH

SITE CODE: 001837

Mullaghlassan Lough is a small scraw fringed lake located approximately 10km west of Monaghan Town. The lake is situated in an area of limestone bed rock which yields good quality agricultural land.

The scraw margin of the lake is dominated by varying proportions of Creeping Bent (*Agrostis stolonifera*) and Bottle Sedge (*Carex rostrata*) with Marsh Cinquefoil (*Potentilla palustris*), Common Marsh-bedstraw (*Galium palustre*) and Cuckooflower (*Cardamine pratensis*) also commonly present. The scraw grades into reed swamp vegetation dominated by either Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*) or Water Horsetail (*Equisetum fluviatile*) with Common Club-rush (*Schoenoplectus lacustris*) in places. Bird life is quite varied on the lake when taking into account its small size with Mute Swan, Mallard, Snipe and Curlew frequently seen.

In general Mullaglassan Lake is one of the more attractive lakes of its type in the area showing interesting scraw and reed swamp development. The lake also contains a large population of Greater Spearwort (*Ranunculus lingua*), a plant species which is quite rare in the county. Mullaglassan Lake provides an interesting contrast to the marl-bottomed Kilcorran Lough which is only 1km away.

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