SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: LOUGH O'FLYNN

SITE CODE: 001645

Lough O'Flynn is a small, relatively shallow lake lying near the source of the River Suck, north of Ballinlough in Co. Roscommon. It lies on carboniferous limestone strata except for the southern end, which abuts on the Old Red Sandstone outcrop south of the lake. The lake water, which is alkaline, may tend to be naturally eutrophic but is reported to be relatively unproductive. The lake is a brown trout angling water and is managed by the Central Fisheries Board.

An Foras Forbartha described the vegetation surrounding the lake as of considerable botanical importance in 1983.

The lake is of ornithological interest and holds regionally/locally important numbers of waterfowl, including Cormorant (23), Mute Swan (13), Wigeon (107), Mallard (71), Pochard (145), Tufted Duck (138), Coot (88) and Curlew (62) (6 counts, 2 seasons 1984/85-86/87).

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