SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: FEDDYGLASS WOODS

SITE CODE: 001129

This site comprises three areas of woodlands approximately 5km east of Raphoe in Co. Donegal. Two areas are long established and dominated by Hazel (*Corylus avellana*), Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*), Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*). Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) has self seeded throughout both these dry woodlands. The most eastern woodland has been under-planted with Sessile Oak (*Quercus petraea*) and Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*), which is now forming part of the canopy. Both woodlands have a rich ground flora including Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Wood-sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*), Hard Fern (*Blechnum spicant*) and Male-fern (*Dryopteris filix-mas*).

The most southern area of woodland is wet in nature and is only recently established by the natural colonisation of wet agricultural land. The dominant tree species here are Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*) and Goat Willow (*Salix caprea*).

The three areas are of interest because of their variety of woodland types. The wet woodland is of particular interest as it represents natural colonisation processes. The dry woodlands are of interest because of the tree species and rich ground floras. Broadleaved woodlands are of great value for birds and are relatively rare in this area.

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