SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CARRIGANASS CASTLE, NEAR KEALKILL

SITE CODE: 002099

This site is a nursery roost of the Daubenton's Bat (*Myotis daubentonii*). Approximately 60 bats hang from the roof of two dark passageways in a ruined O.P.W. castle, near Kealkill, Co. Cork. This is a site of national importance because it is the second largest nursery colony of this species in the country. The only threat facing this site is the deterioration of the castle itself.

This species is dependent on aquatic insects so the proximity of the extensive River Blackwater is of utmost importance to the colony. It is essential that pollution of this river system and its associated tributaries is prevented.

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