SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: GOLDEN GROVE WOODS

SITE CODE: 000903

Golden Grove Woods are situated north-west of Roscrea, just inside the Co. Offaly border from Co. Tipperary.

The wood comprises a planted Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) wood with belts of fir (*Abies* spp.) and is edged by natural woodland consisting of older Beech, oak (*Quercus* spp.) and Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*). The ground flora is impoverished under the planted Beech owing to the dense leaf litter. In the more open areas Wood-sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*), Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*), Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.) and Ivy (*Hedera helix*) are occasional. *Rhytidiadelphus loreus* and *Eurhynchium* spp. colonise the fallen trees and sloping banks.

This is an interesting example of Beech woodland with several large old specimens of oak and Ash.

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