SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: FIAGH BOG

SITE CODE: 000932

Fiagh Bog lies about 4km north-east of Borrisokane in Co. Tipperary. It is not a bog in the true sense but a calcium-rich fen formed over Lower Limestone. Derrinvohil Bog, just to the west, is a lowland raised bog. Together these sites have been proposed for designation as a Natural Heritage Area.

The remaining area of fen supports dried out areas of coarse grassland and Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) scrub, around the wet fen area. The vegetation here is characterised by Black Bog-rush (*Schoenus nigricans*) and the moss *Campylium stellatum*. Both of these species indicate calcium enrichment of wetlands. There is also some Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*) present. Derrinvohil Bog is dominated by Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*).

The rare Round-mouthed Whorl Snail (*Vertigo geyeri*) has been recorded from Fiagh Bog. This is of particular significance because it is one of the few Irish invertebrate species awarded special status by the European Union as being of international importance, and demanding special conservation measures (it is listed in Annex II of the Habitats Directive).

Active raised bogs once characteristic of central Ireland, are now rare and vulnerable, and have been recognised by the European Union as a habitat of international importance. The value of Derrinvohil Bog is also promoted by its proximity to the fen.

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