SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: ARDEE CUTAWAY BOG

SITE CODE: 001454

This site is a cutaway raised bog, situated 3km west of Ardee in Co. Louth.

The site supports a mosaic of bog and heath vegetation, with such species as Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*), Round-leaved Sundew (*Drosera rotundifolia*), Tormentil (*Potentilla erecta*), Bottle Sedge (*Carex rostrata*), Purple Moor-grass (*Molinia caerulea*), Bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*), Devil's-bit Scabious (*Succisa pratensis*), Royal Fern (*Osmunda regalis*), milkwort (*Polygala* spp.), Heath Wood-rush (*Luzula multiflora*) and Rosebay Willowherb (*Chamerion angustifolium*) occurring. Channels and wet pools on the site support Bogbean (*Menyanthes trifoliata*).

A notable feature of the site is the presence of areas where bog mosses (*Sphagnum* spp.) and cottongrasses (*Eriophorum* spp.) occur abundantly. An area of birch (*Betula* spp.) scrub occurs on the eastern side of the site.

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