SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CASTLECRADDOCK BOG

SITE CODE: 001695

Castlecraddock Bog is an area of marsh, fen and swamp situated approximately 3.5km north-north-west of Annestown in Co. Waterford.

In the wetter areas of the bog on the east side, two distinct communities are found – one of almost pure stands of Greater Tussock-sedge (*Carex paniculata*), the other with Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*), Water Horsetail (*Equisetum fluviatile*) and meadow-grass (*Poa* spp.) as co-dominants.

Other areas are dominated by Bulrush (*Typha latifolia*), and Common Nettle (*Urtica dioica*) is frequent in places.

There are several such small bogs in the county and as no two are exactly alike they are all of local ecological interest.

Drainage, dumping or development may become threats in the future.

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