SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: KILLAVALLA WOOD

SITE CODE: 001178

Kilavalla Wood is a small area of woodland some 5km to the east of the Silvermine Mountains in Co. Tipperary.

The woodland occupies a hill slope, and was probably planted in origin but it now has a more natural appearance with secondary Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) and oak (*Quercus* spp.) prominent.

The ground flora is well developed with typical species such as Wood Speedwell (*Veronica montana*), Soft Shield-fern (*Polystichum setiferum*), Hart's-tongue (*Phyllitis scolopendrium*) and Male-fern (*Dryopteris filix-mas*). Pendulous Sedge (*Carex pendula*) is a notable species, although this handsome sedge is sometimes planted, and the presence of other exotic species such as Rhododendron (*Rhododendron ponticum*), suggests that this may be the case here.

This site has general interest as a woodland habitat, and further clearance or plantation would be regrettable.

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