SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: BREAKEY LOUGHS

SITE CODE: 001558

Breakey Loughs is a Natural Heritage Area (NHA) located 7km south-west of Kingscourt, in Co. Meath. It comprises two small lakes separated by freshwater marsh, wet woodland, cutover bog and wet grassland. The marginal grassland is used for grazing cattle.

The freshwater lakes and adjacent woodland provide suitable cover for nesting birds. Its natural character and lack of disturbance make it attractive to waterfowl.

Breakey Loughs is one of the larger lakes and associated wetland systems in this locality. Although no rare plants are recorded here, there is an excellent variety of species for such a small area and the site is of local importance as a refuge for species which are representative of these habitats.

Current management appears to be appropriate and the site has not been modified by any serious damaging factors.

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