SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: POWER'S WOOD

SITE CODE: 000969

Power's Wood is a small area of intact deciduous woodland situated in the middle of well managed farmland, 5km north-east of Fethard in Co. Tipperary. Deep drainage ditches define the perimeter of this primarily dry woodland.

The flora of the woodland is quite typical of the majority of south Tipperary woods. The canopy is dominated by Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and Hazel (*Coryllus avellana*) with some oak (*Quercus* spp.), Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*), Holly (*Ilex aquilinum*) and birch (*Betula* spp.). The ground flora is comprised of common species with Honeysuckle (*Lonicera periclymenum*), Bramble (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.) and Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) being dominant.

This woodland remains in a relatively undisturbed condition and its apparent neglect has benefitted the wildlife in the region. The woodland has a good diversity of both bird and small mammal species. Passerine birds such as Blackbirds, Thrushes, Blue Tits, Pheasant, Tree Creepers, Wrens, Redwings and Jays have been noted.

Because of its location in the middle of flat lying agricultural land, the edges of the wood are very exposed to winter storms. Many of the wind blown trees have not been used for firewood and have been allowed to rot naturally, resulting in a proliferation of fungi species (Basidomycetes), which also adds to the site's ecological interest.

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