SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: LOUGH SALLAGH

SITE CODE: 001808

Lough Sallagh is the smallest of three linked lakes situated about 4 km south-east of Mohill village, with the Cloone River running into them and the Rinn River running out. It is set in glacial drift deposit of high conductivity, but not in a drumlin landscape which is more characteristic of further to the north.

The open water is surrounded by tall reed beds which extend alongside the river. In the reeds are found notable species such as Water Dock (*Rumex hydrolapathum*) and Cowbane (*Cicuta virosa*).

Although the lakes in Co. Leitrim have not been well studied, the reedbeds around Lough Sallagh are clearly outstanding in the local area in terms of their floristic richness. In a national sense Loughs Sallagh, Rinn and Errew harbour a flora intermediate between the great aquatic systems to the north and south of Leitrim.

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