

SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: COROFIN WETLANDS SPA

SITE CODE: 004220

Corofin Wetlands SPA incorporates Inchiquin Lough, Lough Atedaun, Lough Cullaun and their associated calcareous wetlands. The site extends south-westwards to include the floodplain of the River Fergus to the west of Corofin, Co. Clare. The site contains some of the best areas of oligotrophic limestone wetlands to be found in the Burren.

The site is a Special Protection Area (SPA) under the E.U. Birds Directive, of special conservation interest for the following species: Little Grebe, Whooper Swan, Wigeon, Teal and Black-tailed Godwit. The E.U. Birds Directive pays particular attention to wetlands and, as these form part of this SPA, the wetlands and its associated waterbirds are of special conservation interest for Wetland & Waterbirds.

Corofin Wetlands SPA is of high ornithological importance for supporting nationally important numbers of Whooper Swan (127) and Black-tailed Godwit (329) - all figures are mean peaks for the five year period 1995/96 to 1999/2000. Nationally important populations of a further three waterbird species occur here, i.e. Little Grebe (87), Wigeon (2,828) and Teal (800).

Other species that occur include Mute Swan (223), Mallard (270), Gadwall (47), Shoveler (35), Tufted Duck (111), Coot (59), Golden Plover (56) and Curlew (222).

Corofin Wetlands SPA is of high ornithological importance and supports nationally important populations of five species: Little Grebe, Whooper Swan, Wigeon, Teal and Black-tailed Godwit. The regular presence of Whooper Swan and Golden Plover is of note as both species are listed on Annex I of the E.U. Birds Directive.

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