The distribution, on a ten-kilometre square basis, of selected habitats in the Republic of Ireland.



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Introduction to the survey

In February of 2001 the author was commissioned by National Parks and Wildlife – Dúchas The Heritage Service, to undertake a desk survey of the distribution, on a ten-kilometre basis, of nine nationally important habitats within the Republic of Ireland. The habitats selected for survey were lowland calcareous grassland, blanket bog, raised bog, wet heath, montane heath, machair, coastal saltmarsh, coastal dune slack and upland oak woodland. The primary purpose of this work was to produce a list of 10-kilometre squares for each habitat for use in the Monarch Programme. The Monarch Programme is a climate change study which has, as its primary goal, the examination of the effects of various climate change scenarios on selected habitats and species in Ireland and Britain. Although the ultimate purpose of this study is to produce data which will directly contribute to the Monarch Programme, it is anticipated that the information will be of interest generally to people working in the field of nature conservation in Ireland.

The work undertaken for this survey mainly consisted of a desk survey to determine the presence or absence of the selected habitats in all of the 10-km squares in the Republic of Ireland. While good information is available for many of the habitats the information is often contained in a large number of diverse sources both in the published and unpublished literature. The following accounts of the habitats selected includes a list of the squares in which the habitat was found, the site(s) at which the habitat occurs and the main sources of the data. Maps which illustrate the distribution of these habitats on a 10-km square basis were produced by the GIS unit of National Parks and Wildlife, Dúchas and are incorporated into the report. The work was facilitated and supervised by John Wilson of National Parks and Wildlife Dúchas.

Coastal dune slacks

Definition of the Habitat

Dune slacks are low-lying areas within dune systems which are normally subject to some degree of flooding during the year. These low lying areas occur on flat ground behind high dunes and may occupy either extensive flats or small discrete hollows depending on the structure of the dune system. The content and cover of plant species in slack vegetation is primarily determined by the height of the watertable and the duration of flooding episodes. Typically, slacks are dominated by plant species of freshwater marsh such as *Carex nigra, Potentilla anserina, Salix repens, Hydrocotyle vulgaris, Agrostis stolonifera, Juncus articulatus* and the moss *Calliergon cuspidatum*. In drier slack areas, dune grassland species such as *Holcus lanatus, Leontodon autumnalis, Bellis perennis, Festuca rubra, Carex flacca* and *Lotus corniculatus* are more frequent, while in wetter slack areas plant species such as *Galium palustre, Mentha aquatica, Ranunculus flammula, Caltha palustris, Lythrum salicaria* and *Equisetum fluviatile* are characteristic.

NATURA 2000 Habitat Categories

Dunes with *Salix arenaria* (NATURA 2000 code 2170) Humid Dune Slacks (NATURA 2000 code 2190)

Characteristic Vegetation Communities

Ranunculo-Potentilletum anserinae Braun Blanquet et Tüxen 1952

Distribution within the Republic of Ireland

Within the Republic of Ireland the dune slacks habitat has been recorded from 30 10-km squares which are widely distributed around the coast. The habitat appears to be best developed in dune systems with large areas of high dune. Particularly good examples of the habitat found in Donegal (New Lake and Tranarossan), Kerry (Magherees Peninsula and Inch) and Wexford (The Raven). The habitat appears to be very rare in counties Galway and Mayo and along the south coast (between South Kerry and Waterford) due to the absence of suitable dune sites.

Accuracy of the data

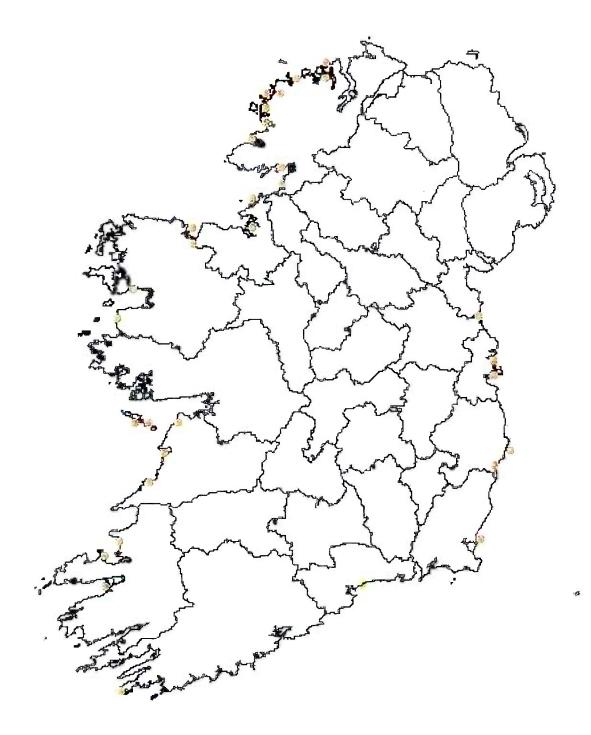
The accuracy of the data is thought to be high. Most of the extant slack systems have been documented in various surveys carried out by the National Parks and Wildlife.

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| 10-k square | Location(s) | Source of information | |
|-------------|----------------------------|---|--|
| B70 | Lettermacaward | Crawford, Bleasdale and Conaghan (1996) | |
| 371 | Rutland island and Sound | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| B72 | Magheraclogher/Carrickfin | Crawford, Bleasdale and Conaghan (1996) | |
| 382 | Magheragallon | Crawford, Bleasdale and Conaghan (1996) | |
| 393 | Lurgabrack | Bleasdale and Conaghan (1996) | |
| C13 | Rosapenna | Dr. T. Curtis pers. comm. | |
| 214 | Tranarossan | Crawford, Bleasdale and Conaghan (1996) | |
| G22 | Enniscrone | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| G23 | Ross, Killala bay | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| G63 | Strandhill | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| G65 | Streedagh Point Dunes | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| G69 | Skeskinmore | Crawford, Bleasdale and Conaghan (1996) | |
| 386 | Erne estuary/Finner dunes | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| 387 | Murvagh | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| .77 | Dooaghtry | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| _80 | Inis Mor | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| .89 | Clew Bay Complex | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| .90 | Inishman | Crawford, Bleasdale and Conaghan (1996) | |
| A10 | Fanore | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| 017 | Boyne Coast and Estuary | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
|)23 | North Bull Island | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| 024 | Malahide dunes/Portmarnock | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| Q61 | The Magherees | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| 272 | Banna strand | Dr. T. Curtis pers. comm. | |
| 296 | Doonbeg | Bleasdale (1998) | |
| 108 | Lehinch | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| 39 | Bannow Bay | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| 12 | The Raven Peninsula | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| 27 | Buckroney dunes | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| 38 | Brittas dunes | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| /69 | Inch | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| 72 | Barleycove | Bleasdale and Conaghan (1999) | |



The distribution of coastal dune slack in the Republic of Ireland on a 10k square basis.

<u>Machair</u>

Definition of the Habitat

A machair can be defined as an area of relatively level, stable dune grassland occurring on calcareous soils which are generally rich in shell material and are seasonally flooded. Although flat or gently sloping surfaces are normally the dominant landform present, some machair systems contain areas of dune grassland which has developed on low hillocks. The vegetation of machair is dominated by a patchwork of wet and dry dune grassland (Curtis, 1991b). Areas of drier grassland are characterised by *Festuca rubra, Galium verum, Plantago lanceolata, Bellis perennis, Lotus corniculatus, Trifolium repens, Carex arenaria, Poa subcaerulea* and the moss *Brachythecium albicans*, while wetter areas are dominated by species such as *Carex flacca, Lotus corniculatus, Succisa pratensis* and *Calliergon cuspidatum*. Some machair surfaces contain large areas of vegetation which is transitional towards other coastal vegetation types such as dune slack, e.g. Tranarossan, Co. Donegal, or species-rich calcareous fen, e.g. Bunduff, Co. Sligo.

NATURA 2000 Habitat Categories

Machairs (* in Ireland) (NATURA 2000 code 21A0)

Characteristic Vegetation Communities

Violo curtisii-Tortuletum ruraliformis Braun-Blanquet et Tüxen 1952 Lotus corniculatus-Carex flacca community Beckers, Brock and Klerkx 1976

Distribution within the Republic of Ireland

Machair systems are confined to the north-west of the country, along the stretch of coast which lies between Galway Bay and Malin Head. The habitat/landform has been documented as occurring in 34 10-km squares in this region.

Accuracy of the data

The accuracy of the data is high, due to the extensive studies of such systems which have been carried out by Bassett and Curtis (1985) and Crawford *et al.* (1996).

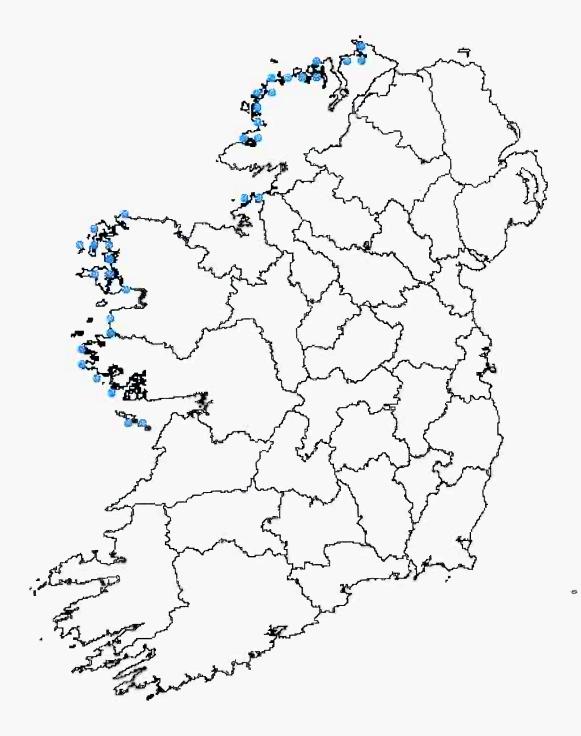
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| The distribution of | of machair in the Republic of Ireland | on a ten-kilometre square basis |
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| 10-k square | Location(s) | Source of information |
| B70 | Lettermacaward | Curtis (1991a) |
| B71 | Kincaslough/Rutland Island | Curtis (1991a) |
| B72 | Carnboy | Curtis (1991a) |
| B82 | Derrybeg | Curtis (1991a) |
| B83 | Bunlack | Curtis (1991a) |
| B93 | Lurgabrack | Curtis (1991a) |
| C03 | Dunfanaghy | Curtis (1991a) |
| C13 | Rosapenna/Doaghmore | Curtis (1991a) |
| C14 | Melmore/Tranarossan | Curtis (1991a) |
| C34 | Tullagh bay/Leenan | Curtis (1991a) |
| C44 | Doagh Isle | Curtis (1991a) |
| C45 | Doagh Isle/White strand | Curtis (1991a) |
| F52 | Iniskea North | Curtis (1991a) |
| F60 | Keel | Curtis (1991a) |
| F62 | Cross Lough | Curtis (1991a) |
| F63 | Termoncarragh/Annagh | Curtis (1991a) |
| F70 | Doogort | Curtis (1991a) |
| F71 | Kinrovar | Curtis (1991a) |
| F72 | Srah/Dooyork | Curtis (1991a) |
| F84 | Gartar Hill | Curtis (1991a) |
| G65 | Trawlua | Curtis (1991a) |
| G69 | Sheskinmore | Curtis (1991a) |
| G75 | Bunduff | Curtis (1991a) |
| G79 | Portnoo | Curtis (1991a) |
| L54 | Mannin Bay/Aillebrack | Curtis (1991a) |
| L55 | Omey/Aughrusbeg | Curtis (1991a) |
| L63 | Murvey | Curtis (1991a) |
| L72 | Mweenish/Finnish | Curtis (1991a) |
| L76 | Dooaghtry | Curtis (1991a) |
| L77 | Dooaghtry | Curtis (1991a) |
| L80 | Inis Mor | Curtis (1991a) |
| L89 | Rossmurrevagh | Curtis (1991a) |
| L90 | Inis Mean/Inis Oirr | Curtis (1991a) |



The distribution of machair in the Republic of Ireland on a 10k square basis.

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Coastal saltmarsh

Definition of the Habitat

Saltmarshes occur in tidal coastal areas and, as a result, the vegetation of saltmarsh areas is dominated by plant species which are tolerant of inundation by salt water. The vegetation of saltmarsh areas is rather variable ranging from relative bare areas with scattered plants of *Salicornia* to areas dominated by the tall (30 to 60cm) clumps of *Juncus maritimus*. In lower marsh areas the vegetation is generally very sparse however in the middle to upper marsh areas frequent plant species include *Armeria maritima*, *Puccinellia maritima*, *Festuca rubra*, *Plantago maritima*, *Carex distans* and *Juncus gerardii*. The substrate associated with saltmarsh areas is extremely varied and includes sand, mud, gravel and even, in the west of Ireland, peat (Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington, 1998). This wide variation in substrate also reflects the large number of situations in which the habitat has developed.

NATURA 2000 Habitat Categories

Spartina swards (*Spartinion*) (NATURA 2000 CODE 1320) Salicornia and other annuals colonising mud and sand (NATURA 2000 CODE 1310) Atlantic salt meadows (*Glauco-Puccinellietalia*) (NATURA 2000 CODE 1330) Mediterranean salt meadows (*Juncetalia maritimi*) (NATURA 2000 CODE 1410) Mediterranean and thermo-Atlantic halophilous scrubs (*Arthrocnemetalia fruticosae*) (CODE 1420)

Characteristic Vegetation Communities (selection)

Puccinellietum maritimae (Warming 1890) Christiansen 1972 Salicornietum strictae Knauer 1952 Juncetum gerardii Warming 1906

Distribution within the Republic of Ireland

Saltmarshes are found along most of the coast with the exception of exposed coastal stretches which are dominated by cliffs. Thus the habitat appears to be very rare in areas such as the north-west coast of County Clare, the North Inishowen Coast and the coast of Co. Wicklow. The most extensive saltmarsh areas are to be found in large sheltered bays and inlets such as the Shannon estuary, Inner Galway Bay and Clew Bay. The habitat has been recorded from a total of 134 squares.

Accuracy of the data

The accuracy of the data is thought to be very high, although the presence of some areas of narrow, fringing saltmarsh may not be indicated. Most of the information was obtained from the comprehensive inventory of saltmarsh sites complied by Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998).

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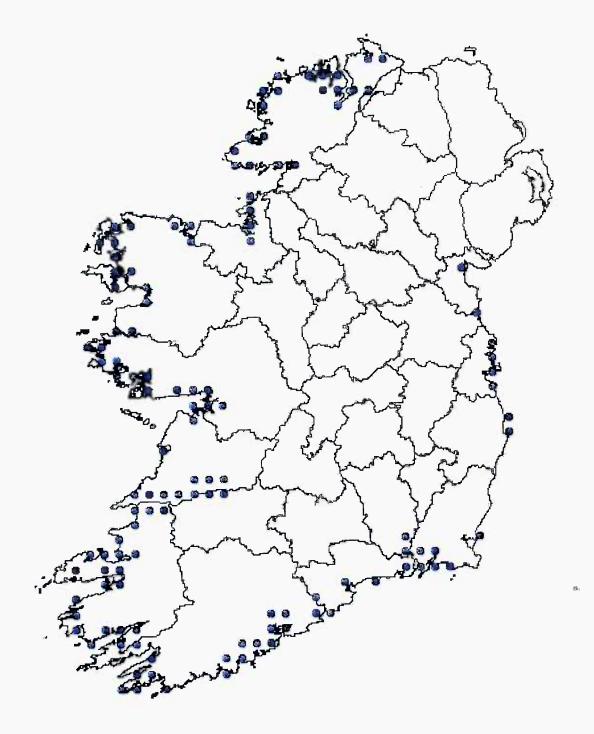
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| 10-k square | Source of information |
| B71 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| B72 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| B82 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
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| C42 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| C44 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| C54 | Duchas NHA/SAC file information (Culdaff river) |
| F62 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| F70 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| F71 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| F72 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| F73 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| F80 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
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| G87 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| G97 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| J00 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| L55 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| L64 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| L65 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
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| O30 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| Q40 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| Q51 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
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| R45 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
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| V86 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| V93 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| V94 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| W02 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| W43 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
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| X08 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
| X17 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |
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| X49 | Curtis and Sheehy Skeffington (1998) |

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The distribution of coastal salt marsh in the Republic of Ireland on a 10k square basis.

Blanket bog

Definition of the Habitat

Blanket bog is the term given to a peat deposit which carpets extensive areas of flat or gently sloping ground with acid peat. The depth of blanket peat varies greatly however depths of between 1.5 and 5 metres are typically encountered. The habitat is largely confined to cool, wet areas of the country where there is a mean annual rainfall in excess of 1250mm. As a result of these climatic requirements, the habitat is confined to areas along the Atlantic seaboard and in uplands where precipitation levels are sufficiently high. In the Republic of Ireland blanket bog has been classified into three categories namely lowland, highland and mountain. Lowland blanket bog is confined to relatively flat areas below an altitude of 150m. The vegetation is typically dominated by Molinia caerulea, Schoenus nigricans, Erica tetralix and Sphagnum spp., however the Sphagnum cover is rarely as luxuriant as that evident in raised bogs. Mountain blanket bog is generally restricted to upland areas exceeding 300 metres and the vegetation tends to be dominated by Calluna vulgaris, Eriophorum spp., Trichophorum caespitosum and Sphagnum spp. Highland blanket bog is transitional between lowland and mountain blanket bog and at elevations of between 150 and 300m. The vegetation is generally quite similar in appearance and composition to lowland blanket bog apart from the reduced abundance of Schoenus and the occurrence of a number of plant species typical of mountain habitats. Frequently blanket bogs occur as a mosaic with other peatland habitats such as wet heath, dry heath and acid grassland. In addition to areas of good quality intact blanket bog, ten-kilometre squares that are dominated by cutaway and/or inactive blanket bog have been included in the data.

NATURA 2000 Habitat Categories

Blanket bog (* active only) (NATURA 2000 CODE 7130)

Characteristic Vegetation Communities

Pleurozio purpureae – Ericteum tetralicis (Braun Blanquet et Tüxen 1952) Moore 1968 *Vaccinio – Ericetum tetralicis* Moore 1962

Distribution within the Republic of Ireland

Blanket bog is a widespread and relatively common habitat which has been recorded from 351 10-km squares. Lowland blanket bogs are best developed and most extensive in the counties in the north-west of the country, i.e. Mayo, Galway and Donegal. Mountain blanket bogs have a more widespread distribution in uplands throughout the country, with counties Wicklow, Cork, Kerry, Laois, Cavan, Sligo and Leitrim containing some of the best examples of the habitat.

Accuracy of the data

The accuracy of the data is thought to be high because of the relatively good documentation of the habitat. Much of the distribution data has been obtained from the blanket bog surveys conducted by National Parks and Wildlife in the late 1980's and early 1990's and the Peatland Map of Ireland

produced by Hammond (1979). It must be pointed out however that some areas of blanket bog which have been cutaway or reclaimed for a long period of time, i.e. greater than 100 years, may not be included.

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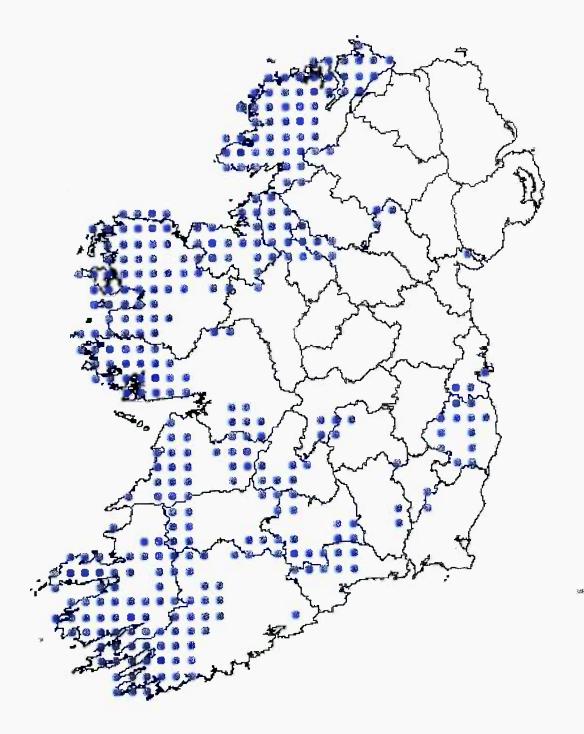
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The distribution of blanket bog in the Republic of Ireland on a 10k square basis.

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Wet heath

Definition of the Habitat

In this survey the term wet heath encompasses vegetation which develops on sloping, shallow (c. 30cm to c. 100cm), damp to wet peats which are generally dominated by varying mixtures of *Erica tetralix, Molinia caerulea, Trichophorum caespitosum* and *Calluna vulgaris*. The floristic composition of wet heath is very close to that of blanket bog, however species typical of wet blanket bog such as *Rhynchospora alba, Schoenus nigricans, Narthecium ossifragum* and *Sphagnum cuspidatum* are either absent or are present only in very small amounts. Additional plant species which appear to differentiate wet heath habitats from closely related dry heath habitats in the west of Ireland include *Cladonia uncialis, Eriophorum angustifolium, Carex panicea, Sphagnum tenellum,* and *Leucobryum glaucum* (Conaghan, 2000). The habitat is found naturally on suitable terrain in undisturbed blanket bog where the peat depth is shallow, i.e. close to rock outcrops. Wet heath vegetation also replaces that of blanket bog where drainage or peat extraction has reduced surface waterlogging and/or peat depth. In this situation wet heath is a response to modification of blanket bog and is not the naturally occurring climax habitat for that topographic or climatic situation – it will, given enough time and favourable habitat conditions, develop into blanket bog.

NATURA 2000 Habitat Categories

Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix (NATURA 2000 CODE 4010)

Characteristic Vegetation Communities

Narthecio-Ericetum tetralicis Moore (1964) 1968

Distribution within the Republic of Ireland

Wet heath has been reported from a total of 82 10-km squares, however the true distribution of the habitat is not known. The habitat is best developed in counties which have large areas of lowland blanket bog such as Mayo, Galway and Donegal.

Accuracy of the data

Because of the fact that wet heaths have received little in the way of specific study, the distribution of the habitat is poorly understood. The main source of records are occasional references to the habitat during the NPW blanket bog surveys. It is strongly suspected that the accompanying map underestimates the national distribution of the habitat.

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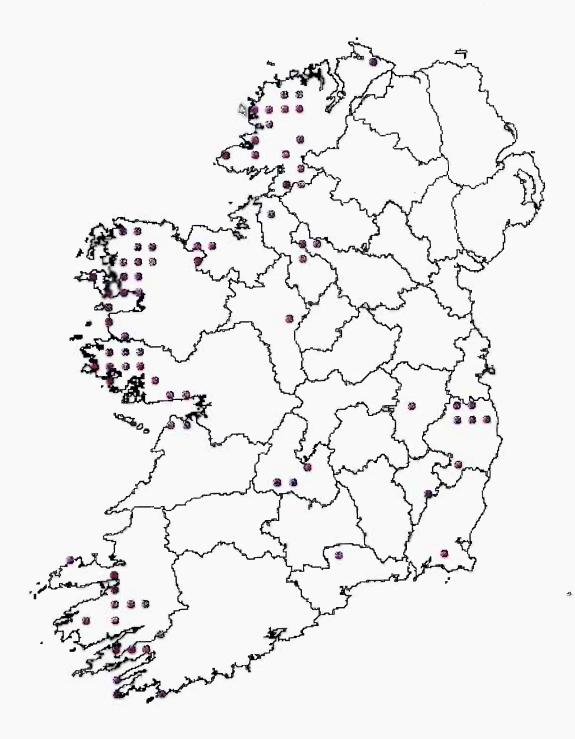
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| B81 | Oughtmeen | Blanket bog survey reports | | |
| B91 | Cloghernagore bog and Glenveagh | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | | |
| B92 | Fawnboy Bog/Lough Nacung | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | | |
| C01 | Maghernashangan | Blanket bog survey reports | | |
| C02 | Skeagh | Blanket bog survey reports | | |
| C54 | Magheradrumman Bog | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | | |
| F60 | Achill island | J. Conaghan personal observation | | |
| F80 | Bellaveeny | Blanket bog survey reports | | |
| F81 | Sheean More | Blanket bog survey reports | | |
| F83 | Glenamoy | Blanket bog survey reports | | |
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| F91 | Uggool | Blanket bog survey reports | | |
| F92 | Bellacorrick Bog Complex | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | | |
| F93 | Glencalry | Blanket bog survey reports | | |
| G01 | Cloonooragh | Blanket bog survey reports | | |
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| G31 | Ox Mountain bogs | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | | |
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| H09 | Cronamuck | Blanket bog survey reports | | |
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| L64 | Munga | Blanket bog survey reports | | |
| L73 | Carna Heath | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | | |
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| L77 | Knockeen | Blanket bog survey reports | | |
| L78 | North shores of Killary harbour | J. Conaghan personal observation | | |
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| L86 | Mweelrea/Erriff/Sheeffry | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | | |
| L89 | Claggan Mountain | Praeger (1934) | | |
| L94 | Arderrynagleragh | Blanket bog survey reports | | |
| L95 | Cur | Bleasdale (1995) | | |
| L99 | Furnace Lough | J. Conaghan personal observation | | |
| M03 | Bovoughaun | Blanket bog survey reports | | |
| M10 | Gleninagh Mountain | Ivimey-Cook and Proctor (1966) | | |
| M12 | Knockagurraun | J. Conaghan personal observation | | |
| M20 | Moneen Mountain | Ivimey-Cook and Proctor (1966) | | |
| M22 | Near Lough Inch | J. Conaghan personal observation | | |
| M97 | Slieve Bawn | Klein (1975) | | |
| N71 | The Curragh | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | | |
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| Q70 | Slieve Mish Mountains | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
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| T09 | Wicklow Mountains | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V57 | Lough Namona | J. Conaghan personal observation |
| V72 | The Castle Head to Mizen Head | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V73 | Sheeps Head | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V75 | Glanmore Bog | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V77 | Dromlusk | Blanket bog survey reports |
| V78 | Killarney National Park | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V79 | Kerry 39 (Lough Licka) | Blanket bog survey reports |
| V85 | Caha Mountains | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V88 | Killarney National Park | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V95 | Glengarriff Wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V98 | Cores | Blanket bog survey reports |
| W02 | Sherkin island | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| W06 | Slaheny River | Blanket bog survey reports |
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Raised bog

Definition of the Habitat

Raised bogs are peatland systems which develop in waterlogged basins and typically contain peat which varies between 5 and 8 metres in depth. In terms of climate, the habitat appears to be confined to regions of the country where the mean annual rainfall is between 800 and 1200mm. Over a period of time the peat mass may outgrow its original basin and fuse with neighbouring raised bogs to form large raised bog complexes. This behaviour is a notable feature of raised bogs in the Republic of Ireland. Over the past couple of centuries the large expanses of raised bogs in the midlands of Ireland have been cutaway for fuel both for domestic and industrial purposes and, at present, there are only a handful of relatively undamaged sites in excess of 300 hectares in size remaining. The vegetation of raised bogs is typically dominated by the dwarf shrubs *Calluna vulgaris* and *Erica tetralix*, accompanied by *Trichophorum caespitosum*, *Eriophorum vaginatum* and *Narthecium ossifragum*. Sphagnum species (especially *S. capillifolium*, *S. papillosum*, *S. magellanicum* and *S. imbricatum*) are common and have a high cover, especially in wet undamaged sites. Well-developed pool systems colonised by *Sphagnum cuspidatum*, *Eriophorum angustifolium* and *Menyanthes trifoliata* are a feature of the wetter raised bog sites.

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NATURA 2000 Habitat Categories

Active raised bogs (NATURA 2000 CODE 7110)

Characteristic Vegetation Communities

Erico-Sphagnetum magellanici (Jonas 1932) Moore 1968

Distribution within the Republic of Ireland

Raised bogs are widely distributed throughout the midlands of Ireland and have been recorded from 221 10-km squares. The best extant examples of the habitat are concentrated in east Galway, Roscommon and west Offaly and outside of these areas there are few relatively intact sites. In many areas of the country the habitat has long since been cutaway or reclaimed and only small areas of desiccated peat dominated by *Calluna vulgaris* remain.

Accuracy of the data

The accuracy of the data is thought to be high. Much of the distribution data has been obtained from recent surveys of the resource conducted by National Parks and Wildlife and the map of raised bog distribution in Ireland produced by Cross in 1988. It must be pointed out however that areas of raised bog which have been cut or reclaimed for a long period of time, i.e. greater than 100 years, may not be included. On the other hand, some of the squares listed may now have very little or even no intact raised bog surface remaining. This is particularly the case in areas of the country where the habitat has always been scarce and the population pressure has been high, such as in the east and south-east of the country.

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| G12 | | Cross (1988) | |
| G20 | | Cross (1988) | |
| <u>52</u> 1 | | Cross (1988) | |
| G22 | | Cross (1988) | |
| J 30 | | Cross (1988) | |
| G40 | Cloongoonagh | Foss and O' Connell (1996) | |
| <u>3</u> 50 | Tawnabeg | Cross (1990) | |
| <u>351</u> | Turloughmore (Sligo) | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| 360 | Derrykinlough | Foss and O' Connell (1996) | |
| <u>361</u> | Templehouse and Cloonacleigha Loughs | NHA files | |
| G62 | | Cross (1988) | |
| G 7 2 | | Cross (1988) | |
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| H00 | | Cross (1988) | |
| H10 | | Cross (1988) | |
| 130 | South of Lough Oughter | J. Conaghan personal observation | |
| H52 | Lisavilly Bog | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| H53 | Lislannan Bog | Foss and O' Connell (1996) | |
| H60 | | Cross (1988) | |
| H71 | Lough Egish | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| M17 | | Cross (1988) | |
| M18 | | Cross (1988) | |
| M25 | | Cross (1988) | |
| M26 | | Cross (1988) | |
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| M28 | | Cross (1988) | |
| v128 v129 | | Cross (1988) | |
| M33 | Addergoole bog | Cross (1990) | |
| M35 | | Cross (1988) | |
| M36 | | Cross (1988) | |
| v130 v137 | | Cross (1988) | |
| M38 | | Cross (1988) | |
| M39 | | Cross (1988) | |
| M42 | | Cross (1988) | |
| v142 v142 | | Cross (1988) | |
| M45 | | Cross (1988) | |
| M46 | | Cross (1988) | |
| M40 | | Cross (1988) | |
| M48 | | Cross (1988) | |
| v148 v149 | | Cross (1988) | |
| M52 | | Cross (1988) | |
| M52 | Monivea | Cross (1990) | |
| | Killaclogher | Foss and O' Connell (1996) | |
| M54 M55 | Cloonarkin | Foss and O' Connell (1996) | |
| M55 M56 | Cloonmore | Foss and O' Connell (1990) | |
| M57 | | Cross (1988) | |
| | Derringo | Cross (1988) | |
| <u>458</u> | Derrinea | Cross (1990) | |
| M59 | Carrowbehy Redford Biyer hog | Foss and O' Connell (1996) | |
| <u>162</u> | Radford River bog | Foss and O' Connell (1996) | |
| M63 | Derrinlough | | |
| M64 | Pollnabrone | Raised bog survey reports | |
| M65 | Lough Lurgeen | Cross (1990) | |
| M66 | Keeloges | Foss and O' Connell (1996) Cross (1990) | |
| M67 | Corliska | | |
| M68 | Cloonchambers | Foss and O' Connell (1996) Cross (1990) | |

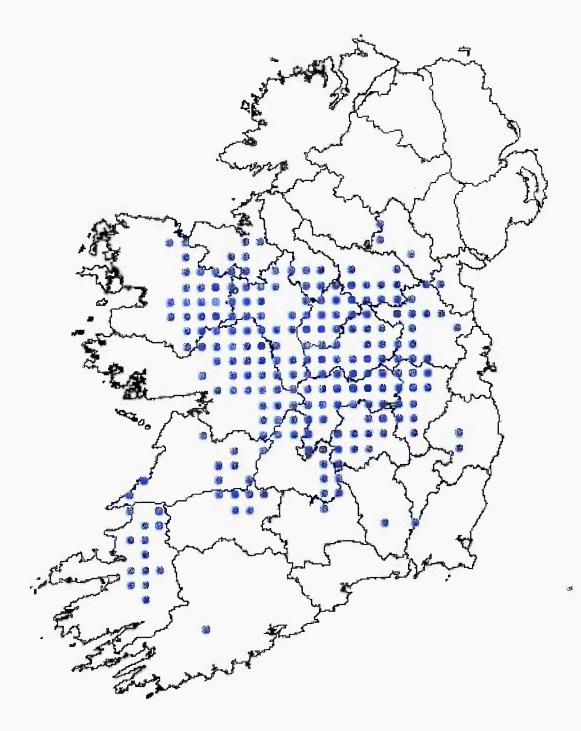
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| M70 | Cloonmoylan | Cross (1990) |
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| M71 | Eskerboy | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| M72 | Coxtown | Cross (1990) |
| M73 | Crit Island west | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| M74 | Castlefrench east | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| M75 | Aughrim | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| M76 | Funshin | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| M77 | | Cross (1988) |
| M78 | Bellanagare | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| M79 | Shanville | Cross (1990) |
| M80 | | Cross (1988) |
| M81 | Ardgraigue | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| M82 | Lismanny | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| M83 | Killure Castle | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| M84 | Ballyforan | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| M85 | Taghboy | Raised bog survey reports |
| M86 | | Cross (1988) |
| M89 | Cloonkeiran | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| | Clonfinane | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M90 | Redwood Bog | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M91 | | J. Conaghan personal observation |
| M92 | Bog NW of Clonfert | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| M93 | Lough Tee | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| M94 | Ballynamona | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| M96 | Cloncraff | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| M97 | Derrycanan | Cross (1990) |
| N00 | Ballyduff Bog | |
| N01 | All Saints/Newtown | Cross (1990) |
| N02 | Clonlyon | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N03 | Mongan | Cross (1990) |
| N04 | Crosswood | Cross (1990) |
| N05 | Forthill | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N06 | Derrylough | Raised bog survey reports |
| N07 | Ballykenny/Fisherstown | Cross (1990) |
| N08 | Aghnamona | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N09 | Corracromph | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N10 | The Derries | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N11 | Lough Boora | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N12 | Ferbane/Ballyvoura | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N13 | Clonnydonnin | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N14 | Carn Park | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N15 | Gorteen-Clareen | Raised bog survey reports |
| N16 | | Cross (1988) |
| N17 | Derrymore | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N18 | Clonageeher | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N19 | Clooncoe Lough and Wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| N21 | Screggan | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N22 | | Cross (1988) |
| N23 | Clara | Cross (1990) |
| N24 | Ballinderry | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N25 | Williamstown | Raised bog survey reports |
| N26 | Clontymullen | Cross (1990) |
| N27 | | Cross (1988) |
| N28 | | Cross (1988) |
| N29 | | Cross (1988) |
| N31 | Derry | Raised bog survey reports |
| N32 | Derryclure | Raised bog survey reports |
| N33 | Cloncrow | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N34 | Lilliput Bog | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N36 | Garraskil | Cross (1990) |
| N30 N37 | Cloonshinagh | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| 1021 | | Cross (1988) |
| N120 | | |
| N38 N39 | Cordonaghty Bog | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |

| N41 | | J. Conaghan personal observation |
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| N42 | Barnaboy | Cross (1990) |
| N43 | Raheenmore | Cross (1990) |
| N44 | Moorerow | Raised bog survey reports |
| N45 | Woodown | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N46 | | Cross (1988) |
| N47 | Camagh | Raised bog survey reports |
| N48 | Farren Connell Estate | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N49 | | Cross (1988) |
| N50 | | Cross (1988) |
| N51 | | J. Conaghan personal observation |
| N52 | | Cross (1988) |
| N53 | Blackcastle | Cross (1990) |
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| N56 | | Cross (1988) |
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| N59 | | Cross (1988) |
| N60 | | Cross (1988) |
| N61 | Cloghan Demesne Bog and Esker | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| N62 | | Cross (1988) |
| N63 | Ardkill Bog | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N64 | Lerick Bog | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N65 | | Cross (1988) |
| N67 | | Cross (1988) |
| N68 | Kilconny | Cross (1990) |
| N69 | | Cross (1988) |
| N70 | | Cross (1988) |
| N71 | Mouds | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N72 | Lodge Bog | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N73 | | Cross (1988) |
| N74 | Ballina | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N75 | Doolystown | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N76 | Jamestown bog | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N77 | Girley | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N78 | | Cross (1988) |
| N82 | Ballynafagh/Blackwood | Cross (1990) |
| N83 | Hodgestown | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N84 | | Cross (1988) |
| N87 | Oristown | J. Conaghan personal observation |
| N89 | Corstown Loughs | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N97 | Brown bog | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| N99 | Ardee Bog | Cross (1988) |
| 006 | Thomastown | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| Q80 | | Cross (1988) |
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| Q93 | | Cross (1988) |
| Q96 | Monmore | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| R00 | Anna More | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| R03 | Moanveanlagh | Cross (1990) |
| R04 | Gabbets | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| R39 | Ballyogan Lough | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R45 | Dromore and Bleach Loughs | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R46 | Fin Lough (Clare) | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R47 | Lough Callaunyheada | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R54 | | Cross (1988) |
| R55 | | Cross (1988) |
| R57 | Doon Lough | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |

| R58 | Ayle Lower | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
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| R64 | | Cross (1988) |
| R65 | | Cross (1988) |
| R66 | | Cross (1988) |
| R75 | Ballyvorheen | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| R78 | Cloonamirran wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R79 | Boleynanollag | Raised bog survey reports |
| R89 | Rossmore | Raised bog survey reports |
| R99 | Scohaboy Bog | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| S08 | Roscrea Bog | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| S09 | Sharavogue | Cross (1990) |
| S14 | | Cross (1988) |
| S15 | | Cross (1988) |
| S16 | | Cross (1988) |
| S17 | | Cross (1988) |
| S18 | Ballaghmore | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| S25 | Littleton bog | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| S26 | | Cross (1988) |
| S27 | | Cross (1988) |
| S28 | Knockaroe | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| S29 | Coolrain | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| S38 | | Cross (1988) |
| S39 | Knockacolla | Cross (1990) |
| S48 | | Cross (1988) |
| S49 | Cloonadadoran | Raised bog survey reports |
| S53 | Kileasy Bog | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| S59 | Moanavan | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| S69. | | Cross (1988) |
| S73 | Drummin Bog | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| S79 | | Cross (1988) |
| V89 | | Cross (1988) |
| V98 | Sheheree | Foss and O' Connell (1996) |
| V99 | | Cross (1988) |
| W36 | The Gearagh | M. Wyse Jackson personal commun |



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Montane Heath

Definition of the Habitat

In the Republic of Ireland montane heath comprises low-growing dwarf-shrub vegetation, usually dominated by *Calluna vulgaris* which, in addition, contains species of montane affinities such as *Empetrum nigrum, Arctostaphylos uva-ursi, Vaccinium vitis-idea, Huperzia selago, Juniperus communis* subsp. *alpina, Carex bigelowii, Lycopodium clavatum* and *Diphasiastrum alpinum*. The habitat is found mostly above altitudes of 300 metres, however such vegetation is also occasionally found growing close to sea-level, especially in the north-west of the country. The associated soil consists of shallow peat which is generally less than 30cm deep, however if the situation is very exposed, the habitat occurs as a mosaic with exposed rock, e.g. along mountain ridges and summits. Throughout most of its range the habitat is rather species-poor and occurs in close association with areas of mountain blanket bog.

NATURA 2000 Habitat Categories

Alpine and subalpine heaths (NATURA 2000 CODE 4060)

Characteristic Vegetation Communities

Lycopodio alpini – Rhacomitrietum lanuginosi (Armstrong, Calvert et Ingold, 1930) Braun-Blanquet et Tüxen 1952

Distribution within the Republic of Ireland

This habitat is to be found on the majority of mountain ranges which exceed 400 metres in elevation, however due to the absence or rarity of some of the diagnostic species of the habitat (see above) it is often difficult to separate montane heath from lowland dry heath dominated by *Calluna*. Some of the best examples of the habitat are to be found in the mountainous regions of Connemara, Co. Galway, Co. Donegal, Achill Island, Co. Mayo and the Burren, Co. Clare. Montane heath has been recorded from a total of 58 10-km squares.

Accuracy of the data

Although most of the best examples of the habitat have been documented by the National Parks and Wildlife and in other studies, it is suspected that the available information regarding the distribution of the habitat is somewhat incomplete. The habitat is generally rather poorly understood in Ireland as a result of little specific study to date.

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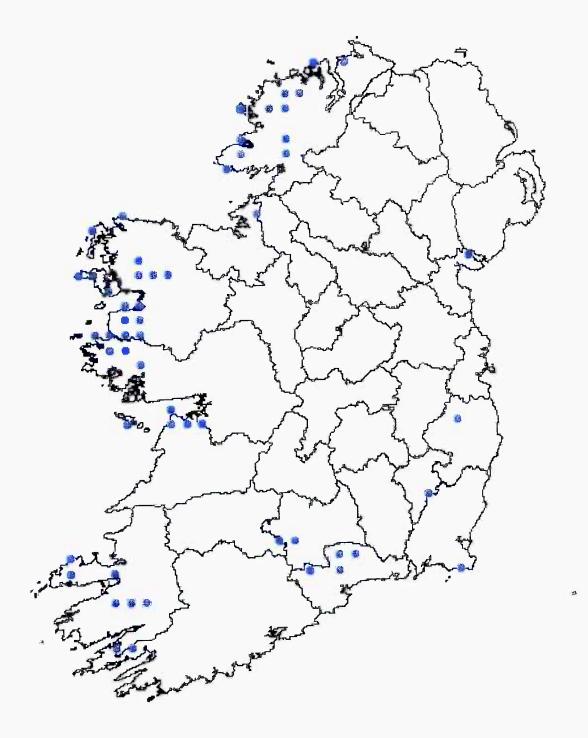
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|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| B61 | Aran island | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| B81 | Crocknafarragh | Weekes (1990) |
| B91 | Slieve Snaght | Weekes (1990) |
| B92 | Errigal Mountain | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| C02 | Muckish Mountain | Weekes (1990) |
| C14 | Melmore | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| C34 | Raghtin More | J. Conaghan personal observation. |
| F50 | Croaghaun | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| F60 | Slievemore | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| F63 | Erris Head | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| F84 | East of Benwee Head | Blanket bog surveys |
| F90 | Summit of Glenamong | J. Conaghan personal observation. |
| F91 | Summits of Nephin Beg range | J. Conaghan personal observation. |
| G00 | Summit of Nephin | Praeger (1934) |
| G10 | Summit of Nephin | Praeger (1934) |
| G57 | Slieve League | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| G68 | Slieve Tooey | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| G69 | Slieve Tooey | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| G74 | Benbulbin/Truskmore plateau | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| G98 | Bluestack Mountains | J. Conaghan personal observation. |
| G99 | Bluestack Mountains | J. Conaghan personal observation. |
| J11 | Carlingford Mountain | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L66 | Tully Mountain | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L75 | Diamond hill/Knockbrack/Twelve Bens | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L76 | Mweelrea/Benchoona | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L79 | Corraun hill | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L80 | Inis Mor Island | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |

| L85 | Knocknahillion/Maumturks | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
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| L86 | Ben Gorm | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L87 | Croagh Patrick | Praeger (1934) |
| L88 | Croagh Patrick | Praeger (1934) |
| L94 | Leckavrea | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L96 | S.E. plateau of Maumtrasnas | J. Conaghan personal observation. |
| L97 | Croagh Patrick | Praeger (1934) |
| L98 | Croagh Patrick | Praeger (1934) |
| M10 | Cappanwalla/Gleninagh | Ivimey-Cook and Proctor (1966) |
| M11 | Gleninagh Mountain | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M20 | Moneen Mountain | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M30 | Slieve Carran | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| 000 | Mullaghcleevaun | NHA files |
| Q40 | Brandon Peak | Curtis (1993) |
| Q41 | Mount Brandon | Curtis (1993) |
| Q70 | Slieve Mish Mountain | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R82 | Galty Mountain | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R92 | Galty Mountain | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| S00 | Knockmealdown | J. Conaghan personal observation. |
| S20 | Comeragh Mountains | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| S21 | Comeragh Mountains | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| S31 | Comeragh Mountains | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| S85 | Mount Leinster | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| T09 | Lugnaquilla | NHA files |
| V75 | Caha Mountains | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V78 | Caher/Carrauntouhill | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V85 | Caha Mountains | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V88 | Caher/Carrauntouhill | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V98 | Mangerton | J. Conaghan personal observation. |



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Lowland calcareous grassland

Definition of the Habitat

Lowland calcareous grassland can be defined as grassland occurring on well-drained, lime-rich soils which are dominated by a suite of calcicole grass and forb species. This type of grassland is usually very rich in species, i.e. mostly greater than 30 species in an area of 4m². The habitat, as identified in this survey, generally contains many of the following plant species: *Arabis hirsuta, Carex cayophyllea, Sanguisorba minor, Carlina vulgaris, Carex flacca, Briza media, Linum catharticum, Centaurea scabiosa, Blackstonia perforata, Galium verum, Leontodon hispidus and Sesleria albicans.* Species of orchid such as *Gymnadenia conopsea, Orchis morio, Orchis mascula, Listera ovata, Ophrys apifera, Coeloglossum viride* and *Dactlyorhiza fuchsii* are often conspicuous.

NATURA 2000 Habitat Categories

Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia) (* important orchid sites) (NATURA 2000 CODE 6210)

Characteristic Vegetation Communities

Antennarietum hibernicae Braun-Blanquet et Tüxen 1952

Distribution within the Republic of Ireland

Although the habitat is found in most counties, it is most common in regions with large areas of limestone pavement and eskers. In the recent past there has been a greater degree of exploitation of these habitats for agricultural reclamation and quarrying of road building material. As a result of this widespread damage the distribution of the habitat has become much more fragmented. Noteworthy examples of the habitat are to be found in the Burren region of north Clare and south-east Galway and the esker grasslands of counties Offaly and Westmeath. Small areas of the habitat can also be found on sand dunes composed of highly calcareous sand in the west of the country. The habitat has been recorded from 81 10-km squares.

Accuracy of the data

Although many of the most noteworthy and extensive areas of the habitat have been identified by National Parks and Wildlife it is likely that many small areas still remain to be documented. Furthermore there has been little or no specific study of vegetation composition in these areas. The occurrence of the habitat in artificial habitats such as railway cuttings and disused quarries in the centre of the country is thought to be greatly underestimated.

Main sources of information

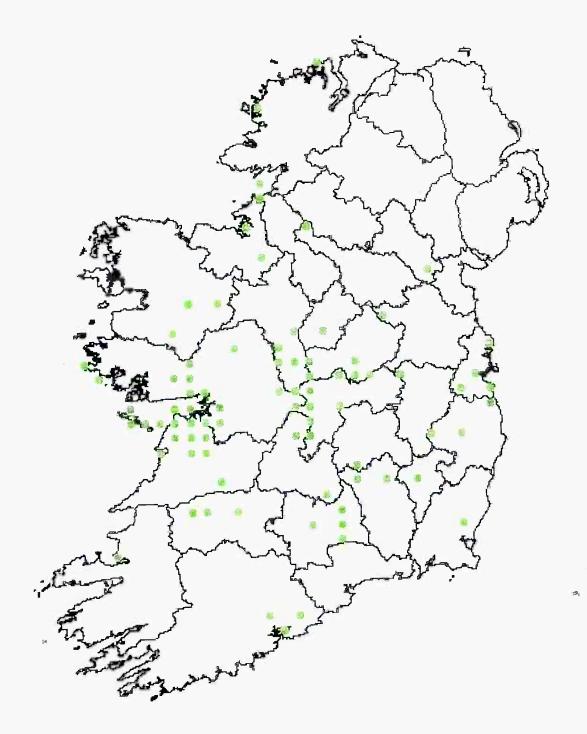
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| B71 | Keadue | Crawford <i>et al.</i> (1996) |
| C14 | Melmore | Crawford et al. (1996) |
| G63 | Knocknarea mountain and glen | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| G71 | Bricklieve Mts and Keshcorran | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| G75 | Bunduff Lough and Machair | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| G76 | St. John's Point | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| H03 | Corratirrim | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| H80 | Lough Fea Demesne | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L54 | Slyne Head Peninsula | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L63 | Dunes at Roundstone | Braun-Blanquet et Tuxen (1952) |
| L80 | Inis Mor | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L81 | North Inis Mor | J. Conaghan personal observation |
| L90 | Inis Oirr | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M00 | Pollsallagh | Ivimey-Cook and Proctor (1966) |
| M10 | Black Head-Pollsullagh | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M11 | Black Head-Pollsullagh | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M13 | Roadside at Roscahill | J. Conaghan personal observation |
| M16 | Lough Carra/Mask | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M20 | Ballyvaughan Turlough/Moneen Mountain | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M21 | Finnavarra | Ivimey-Cook and Proctor (1966) |
| M22 | Near Gentian Hill, Galway city | J. Conaghan personal observation |
| M23 | Glacial ridge south of Carrowmoreknock | J. Conaghan personal observation |
| M24 | Cloghmoyne | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M28 | Carrowmore Lough Shore | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M30 | Between Boston and Tulla | Ivimey-Cook and Proctor (1966) |
| M32 | N.W. of Ballindooly lake | J. Conaghan personal observation |
| M40 | Coole-Garryland | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M41 | Lough Fingal Complex | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M48 | Mannin and Island lakes | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M55 | Derrynagran Bog and Esker | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M82 | Cloonascragh fen and Black Wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M84 | Killeglan grassland | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M85 | Banks of river Suck west of Athleague | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M91 | Little Brosna Callows | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M92 | Clorhane Wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M94 | Castlesampson esker | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M96 | Bracknagh | Klein (1975) |

| N00 | Ridge Road S.E. of Rapemills | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
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| N01 | All Saints Bog and Esker | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| N02 | Clonfinlough Esker | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| N03 | Pilgrims Road Esker | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| N04 | Eskers north of Athlone | Klein (1975) | |
| N16 | Ledwithstown, c. 6km north-west of Ballymahon | Klein (1975) | |
| N21 | Clonaslee Esker and Derry Bog | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| N23 | Clara Bog | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| N33 | Split hills/Long hill Esker | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| N34 | Lough Ennell | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| N43 | Ballyduff Esker | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| N57 | Lough Nanenagh | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| N63 | The Long Derries/Edenderry | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| 002 | Glenasmole Valley | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| 013 | Phoenix Park | Doogue et al. (1998) | |
| 013 | Bray Head | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| 021 | Killiney | Doogue et al. (1998) | |
| 022 | Loughshinny Coast | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| Q71 | Fenit Point | Shimwell (1971) | |
| R08 | Dunes at Lehinch | Ivimey-Cook and Proctor (1966) | |
| R19 | Kilfenora | Ivimey-Cook and Proctor (1966) | |
| R19 R24 | Barrigone | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| R28 | Ballycullinan Lake | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| R29 | Carran | Ivimey-Cook and Proctor (1966) | |
| R34 | Barrigone | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| R34 R38 | Moyree River | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| R39 | East Burren Complex | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| R46 | Ballycar Lough | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| R54 | Tory Hill | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| R99 | Liskeenan Fen | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| S03 | Quarryford Bridge | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| S09 | Margins of Sharavogue bog | J. Conaghan personal observation | |
| S15 | Killough Hill | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| S22 | Templeetney quarry | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| S23 | Moneypark, Fethard | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| <u>S23</u> S24 | Laffans Bridge | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| S36 | Spa hill and Clonmantagh Hill | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| <u>S37</u> | Cullahill Mountain | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| S56 | Dunmore Complex | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| S76 | Ballymoon Esker | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| S89 | Ballycore Rath | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| W77 | Rock Farm Quarry, Little Island | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| W86 | Carrigacrump hills | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |
| W97 | Carrigshane hill | Duchas NHA/SAC file information | |



The distribution of lowland calcareous grassland in the Republic of Ireland on a 10k square basis.

Upland oak woodland

Definition of the Habitat

In the context of this survey, upland oak woodland is taken to encompass all woodlands in the Republic Ireland dominated by *Quercus petraea* with a high cover of *Ilex aquifolium* and the fern *Blechnum spicant*. Such woodlands are generally restricted to acid soils in the west of the country, however well-developed stands are also found in the uplands of the south and east and in a few suitable locations in the low-lying midlands. Additional common species in such woodlands include *Betula pubescens, Sorbus aucuparia, Luzula sylvatica, Hedera helix, Lonicera periclymenum, Vaccinium myrtillus, Dryopteris* spp., Oxalis acetosella, Polypodium vulgare and Geranium robertianum. In the south-west of the country the rare shrub Arbutus unedo is a prominent feature. Due to the moist and cool conditions in which these woodland develop there is generally a well-developed bryophyte layer present and such a feature is best developed in the more oceanic counties, especially in the south-west.

NATURA 2000 Habitat Categories

Old oak woods with *Ilex* and *Blechnum* in the British Isles (NATURA 2000 code 91A0)

Characteristic Vegetation Communities

Blechno-Quercetum Braun Blanquet et Tüxen 1952

Distribution within the Republic of Ireland

The habitat is most frequent in the west and south of the country where it has been recorded from 71-10km squares. Nowadays the habitat is usually confined to damp, base-poor soils on steeply sloping hillsides which are rather rocky and inaccessible. The best remaining examples of the habitat include the Killarney valley Co. Kerry, Glenveagh Co. Donegal, the Wicklow uplands, Charleville woods Co. Offaly and St. John's Wood Co. Roscommon.

Accuracy of the data

The accuracy of the data is generally good, because of the rarity of the habitat. Although most of the best examples of the habitat have been identified by National Parks and Wildlife surveys it is likely that some small remnants of conservation value still remain undetected.

Main sources of information

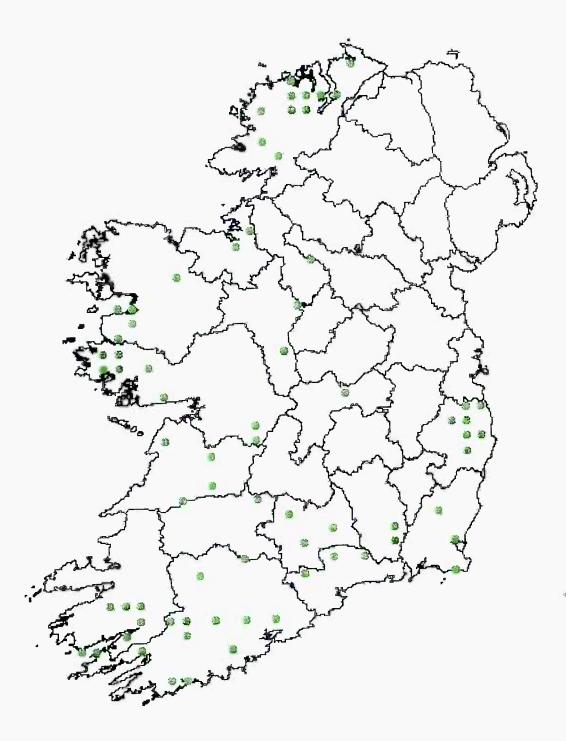
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| 10-k square | | Source of information |
| B81 | Crolly Bridge woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| C01 | Glenveagh | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| C02 | Glenveagh, Derrylaggy | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| C03 | Ards Forest Park | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| C11 | Leannan Valley woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| C12 | Ballyarr Woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| C22 | Rathmullan woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| C32 | Fahan woods | J. Conaghan personal observation |
| C44 | Carndonagh woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| G20 | Pontoon Woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| G62 | Union wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| G73 | Lough Gill woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| G89 | Derkmore Woods Nature Reserve | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| G98 | Ardnamona woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| H11 | Garadice Lough wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L74 | Ballynahinch wood | Ferguson and Westhoff (1987) |
| L75 | Kylemore wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L84 | Glendollagh wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L85 | Derryclare wood | Ferguson and Westhoff (1987) |
| L86 | Dernasliggaun wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L88 | Old Head wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L97 | Brackloon Wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| L98 | Brackloon Wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M04 | Hill of Doon | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M12 | Shannawoneen wood | Kirby and O' Connell (1982) |
| M70 | Pollnaknockaun wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| M95 | St. Johns wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| N08 | Lough Forbes Complex | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| N32 | Charleville wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| 000 | Ballinagee Wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| O10 | Lough Tay/Dan Valley | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| 011 | Glencree valley | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| 021 | Glen of the Downs | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R19 | Caherkinallia wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R25 | Cahiracon woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R30 | Priory wood, Lismire | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R46 | Garrannon wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R48 | Derryhumma wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R61 | Ballyhoura mountains | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R75 | Clare Glen | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R79 | Derrycrag wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| R94 | Inchinquillib and Dowlings Woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| S00 | Monatarriv woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| S02 | Scragh Wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| S02 | Nier valley woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| S23 | Grove Wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| S41 | Lower River Suir | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| S62 | Brownstown Wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |

| S63 | Kylecorragh Woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
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| S94 | Killoughrum Forest | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| T06 | Tomnafinnoge Wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| T18 | Ballinacorr Wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| T19 | Glendalough Woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| T29 | Devil's Glen | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V55 | Derrynane | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V65 | Cleanderry woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V78 | Caragh River valley | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V86 | Uragh wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V88 | Killarney National Park | Kelly (1981) |
| V95 | Glengarriff wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| V97 | Killarney National Park | Kelly (1981) |
| V98 | Killarney National Park | Kelly (1981) |
| W13 | Castletownsend | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| W17 | St. Gobnet's woods | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| W23 | Myross wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| W26 | Lough Allula | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| W27 | The Gearagh | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| W47 | Bandon valley west of Bandon | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| W55 | Bandon valley above Iniscarra | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| W67 | Ardamadane wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |
| W87 | Leamlara wood | Duchas NHA/SAC file information |



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