THE VEGETATION OF IRISH LAKES

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Total P	mg.P.1-1	Digestion + Molybdenum blue (unreliable)

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TABLE 6A - Phytoplankton taxa recorded less than three times

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TAXON ABUNDANCE	(LAKE NUMBER)
Anabaena<4µ	4(35)
Amphora	1(18)
Aphanocapsa>2≤2,4	2(30), 3(41)
Aphanocapsa <1µ	2(5)
Bambusina	3(32)
Batrachospermum	1(9), 1(39)
Bulbochaete	1(9), 1(39)
Ceratium cornutum	1(34)
Chroococcus minutus	3(10)
Chroococcus sheets striated >8≼16,4	1(18)
Chroococcus sheets striated >16≼32µ	1(7)
µ4≼6 Chroococcus sheets not striated	1(17), 3(32)
Chrysophyta	1(11), 1(2)
Coelastrum	1 (23)
Cosmocladium	1(9)
Crucigenia tetrapedia	1(40)
Cyclotella	2(21b) 1(33)
Cymatopleura species	
Cymatopleura elliptica var. hibernica	1(24)
Dactylococcopsis	1(12)
Dinobryon bavaricum	3(4)
Epithemia	3(26)
Euastrum	2(1) 1(17)
Eucapsis alpina var. minor	3(9)
Euglena	4(3)
Gloeocapsa	2(5), 2(30)
Gloeotrichia	1(23)
Gomphonema	2(6)
Gonatozygon	1(13a)
Hormidium	3(15), 3(41)
Hyalotheca	3(32)
Micrasterias	1(17)
Microspora <8,4	2(32)
Microspora >24,4	1(17)
Mougeotia <8,4	2(7), 2(23)
Mougeotia >16≼24μ	1(39)

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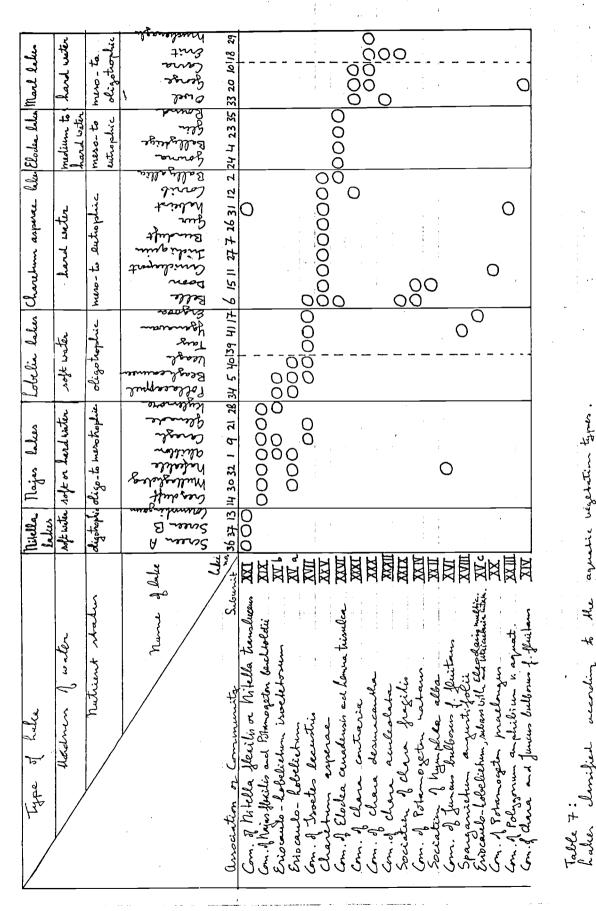
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ABUNDANCE (LAKE NUMBER)

Aphanothece	1(12)
Cruciginea species	1(25)
Netrium	1(17)
Nostoc	3(21a), 2(32)
Oedogonium punctatostriatum	2(32)
Oscillatoria <2,u	1(13a)
Oscillatoria >12≼16µ	2(35)
Pectodictyon cubicum	2(3)
Phormidium < 2,u	3(32)
Pinnularia	1(17), 2(32)
Pleurotaenium	1(13b), 2(40)
Rhodochorton violaceum	1(9)
Schizothrix affinis	4(9)
Sphaerozosma	2(30)
Stephanodiscus	3(11), 3(24)
Synechococcus	1(33)
Synura	2(32)
Tetracyclus lacustris	3(32)
Tribonema	3(30), 3(41)
Ulothrix zonata	1(9)
Zygnema >12≼16µ	2(14)
Zygnema >16≤24µ	2(2), 1(5)

Abundance scale 1 = rare (seen up to 3 times) 2 = occasional 3 = common 4 = dominant species 5 = bloom

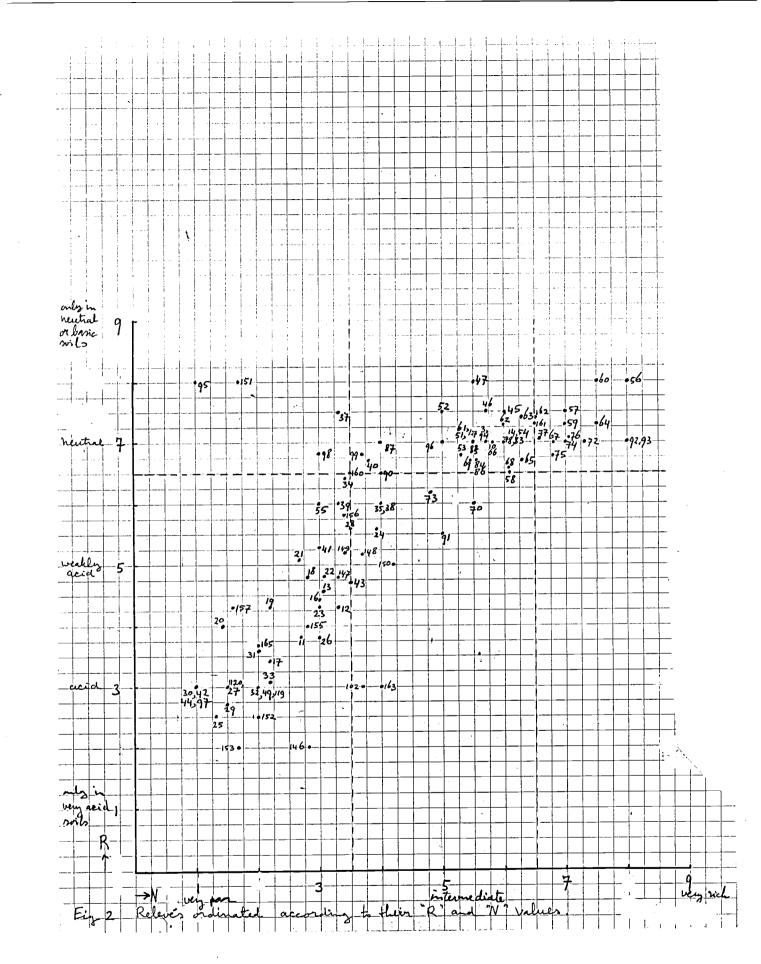


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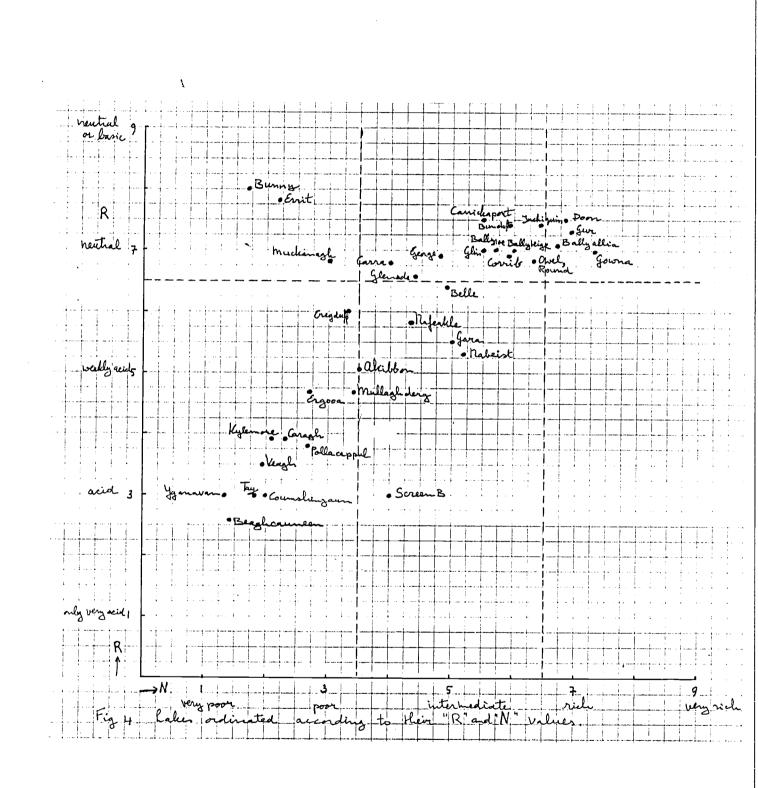
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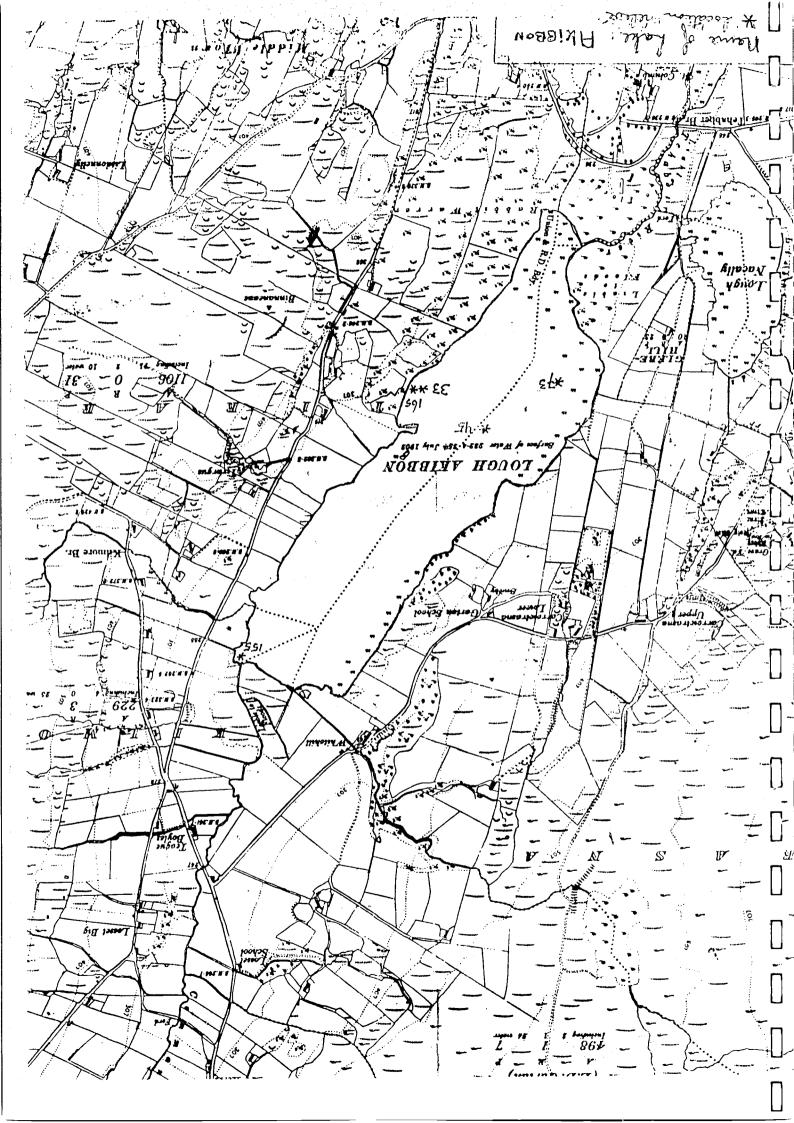
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General Information

70.8m Altitude: County: Donegal Geology: Schist & Gneiss 0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no: 1 Ecological division: 2 0.S. 6 inch sheet no: 44 40 ha Area: Grid Ref: C 068 183 Max. Length: 1.5 km Sampling Date: 22-9-77 Drainage Order of inflowing stream: 2

Physico - chemical information (for units see Table 2).

Conductivity:	170	Cl- 10.7 Max depth: 3 m
Alkalinity:	0.06	Na ⁺ 7.5 Transparency: 3 m
Ca-hardness:	23	K ⁺ 0.14 Max vegetated depth: 3m
Total hardness:	40	Ca ² 4.3 Nature of bottom: Soft mud,
Total P:	0.79	Mg ²⁺ 9.7 rocky on exposed shores.

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Medium sized lake with muddy bottom and soft water. Sparse emergent fringe of Carex rostrata, Phragmites and Scirpus. Submergents include Najas flexilis and Pilularia globulifera. This lake is very rich in Potamogeton species. The West shore is relatively sheltered and well vegetated and the East shore is exposed with sparse vegetation. The lake shows good diversity. It has sheltered and exposed shores and communities in silty or sandy substratum.

Emergent zones: Going from the shore lakeward the following plants dominate: Carex rostrata (116), Phragmites australis (149) and Scirpus lacustris (156), area dominated by Carex lasticarpa present (164).

Floating leaf zone: Patches of Nuphar lutea and Nymphea alba occur outside the emergent zone in sheltered areas. Potamogeton natans occurs only within the emergent fringe.

<u>Submergent zone</u>: Littorella (155) dominates on exposed stony shores, in shallow water. Najas flexilis occurs at 1.70 m in an area dominated by Sparganium emersum (73) and at 2.30 m in an area dominated by Chara fragilis (45). Isoetes lacustris is dominant, with Pilularia globulifera present also (33). These vegetations occur in patches and not in distinct zones. An area of Pilularia (65) was also found in shallow water.

Dominant planktonic species: Anabaena 7.5µ, 10µ. Lot of zooplankton present.

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Relevé no:	33	7.5	5.4	2	10.5	3.1	2.2
	45	7.0	4.5	5	12	7.5	6
	73	6.9	4.5	3.8	11.7	6.2	4.8
	149	7.3	4.8	2.6	10.3	5.2	3.4
	155	7.3	4.5	2.3	10.8	4	2.8
	156	7.3	4.3	3.2	11	5.8	3.4
	165	7.5	4.7	2	10.5	3.7	2
Lough Akibbon		7.3	4.7	3	11	5.1	3.5

7.3

Relevé details

Lough Akibbon

Ellenberg values:

Relevé No.33

Open water Location: Size: 6 x 4m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 2.0m Soil: sandy silt. Dominant species Height % Cover

Isoetes lacustris Submergents 70 Isoetes lacustris 70 Total Eriocaulo - Lobelietum Isoetetosum (Subunit XVb) Classification: Remarks: Pilularia globulifera present with cover abundance value of 3. Up to 0.50m depth shore is rocky, Littorella uniflora is dominant here, with a few plants of Lobelia dortmanna and Myriophyllum alterniflorum.

Relevé No. 45

Location: open water Size: 10 x 10m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 2.30m. Soil: very soft silt.

	% Cover		Heig	ht	Domin	nant species
Submergents	100				Chara	fragilis
'l'otal	100		-		Chara	fragilis
Classification:	Community	of	Naj a s	flexilis	and	Potamogeton
berchtoldii (Sub	unit XIX).					

Relevé No. 73

Location: Open water Size: 8 x 5m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1.70m. Soil: very soft silt.

Height (m) % Cover Dominant species Submergents 40 1.20 Sparganium emersum Total 40 1.20 Sparganium emersum Classification: Community of Najas flexilis and Potamogeton berchtoldii (Subunit XIX) Remarks: This relevé sheltered by broad band of Scirpus

lacustris. On lakeward side of the Scirpus bed occur small areas of Nuphar lutea and Nymphea alba. A cloud of mostly Mougeotia (35µ) covers the yegetation.

Relevé No. 116

Location: Carex rostrata fringe Size: 1 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.10m Soil: mud

% CoverHeight (m)Dominant speciesEmergents300.30Carex rostrataTotal300.30Carex rostrataClassification:Carecetum rostratae, new subassociation withelements of the Littorellion (Subunit IIa).

Relevé No. 149

Location: Phragmites fringe Size: 1 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.50m Soil: mud

	% Cover	Height (m)	Dominant Species
Submergents	6 5	0.05	Littorella uniflora
Floating leaf	24	0.50	Potamogeton natans
Emergents	1	2	Phragmites australis
Total	90	2	Littorella uniflora
Classification:	Eriocaulo -	Lobelietum (Subunit XVa)

Remarks: Towards the shore Carex rostrata becomes more dominant and lakeward Scirpus lacustris takes over. Patches of Nuphar lutea occur within the Scirpus.

Relevé No. 155

Location: Exposed stony shore Size: 1 x 1m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.50m Soil: mud or sand, stones % Cover Height (m) Dominant species 0.05m Littorella uniflora 15 Submergents Scirpus lacustris 1 Emergents 15 Littorella uniflora Total Classification: Eriocaulo - Lobelietum (Subunit XVa) Emergent fringe on land side of this relevé. Remarks:

Relevé No. 156

Location: Scirpus fringe Size: 1 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.70m Soil: mud

	% Cover	Height (m)	Dominant species
Submergents	80	0.05	Lobelia dortmanna
			and Potamogeton
			gramineus
Floating leaf	1	0.07	Nuphar lutea
Emergents	5	1.50	Scirpus lacustris
Total	80	1.50	Lobelia dortmanna
			and Potamogeton

gramineus

Classification: Eriocaulo-Lobelietum

Relevé No 164

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Location: Carex lasiocarpa fringe Size: 1 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water Depth: 0.15m Soil: mud

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% Cover Height (m) Floating leaf 1 0.15 Emergents 25 0.40 25 0.40 Total Classification: Phragmitetum australis Relevé No. 165 Location: open water Size: 1 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1m Soil: silt or rocks Height (m) % Cover 0.05 25 Submergents 25 0.05 Total Classification: Eriocaulo - Lobelietum Remarks: This vegetation grows in a patch of 5 x 2m in size.

Dominant species Potamogeton natans Carex lasiocarpa Carex lasiocarpa (Subunit IX)

Dominant species

Littorella uniflora

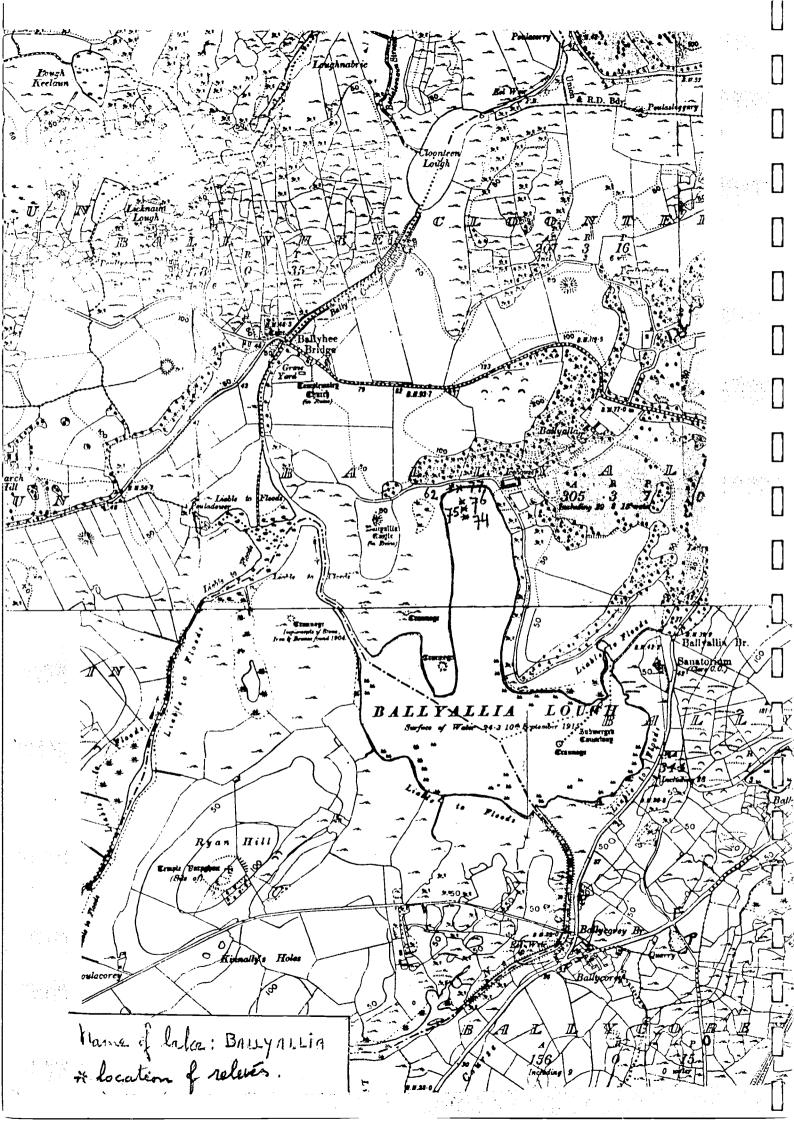
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Name of Lake: Ballyallia

Lake No. 2

General Information

County :ClareAltitude :7.4m $0.S. \frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no:17Geology :Limestone0.S. 6 inch sheet no:25,33Ecological Division :4Grid Ref:R 344 809Area:57 haSampling date :28-8-78Max Length :0.9 kmDrainage order of inflowing stream :36 (excluding Moyree R.)

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

7.80m Conductivity: 345 C1-2.84 Max depth 0.35 Na⁺ 11.1 Transparency 3.95m Alkalinity : K+ Ca-hardness : 84 0.92 Max vegetated depth 5m Ca²⁺ 28.4 Nature of bottom: muddy sand; 97 Total hardness 0.104 Mg²⁺ 3.8 rocky in shallows. Total P :

Site description and comments

A small eutrophic calcareous lake with relatively clear water. The area investigated was the narrow steep sided bay which projects to the north. This area is relatively sheltered and probably subject to frequent stratification.

Emergent zone: Scirpus lacustris stands (77)

Floating leaf zone: Nuphar lutea

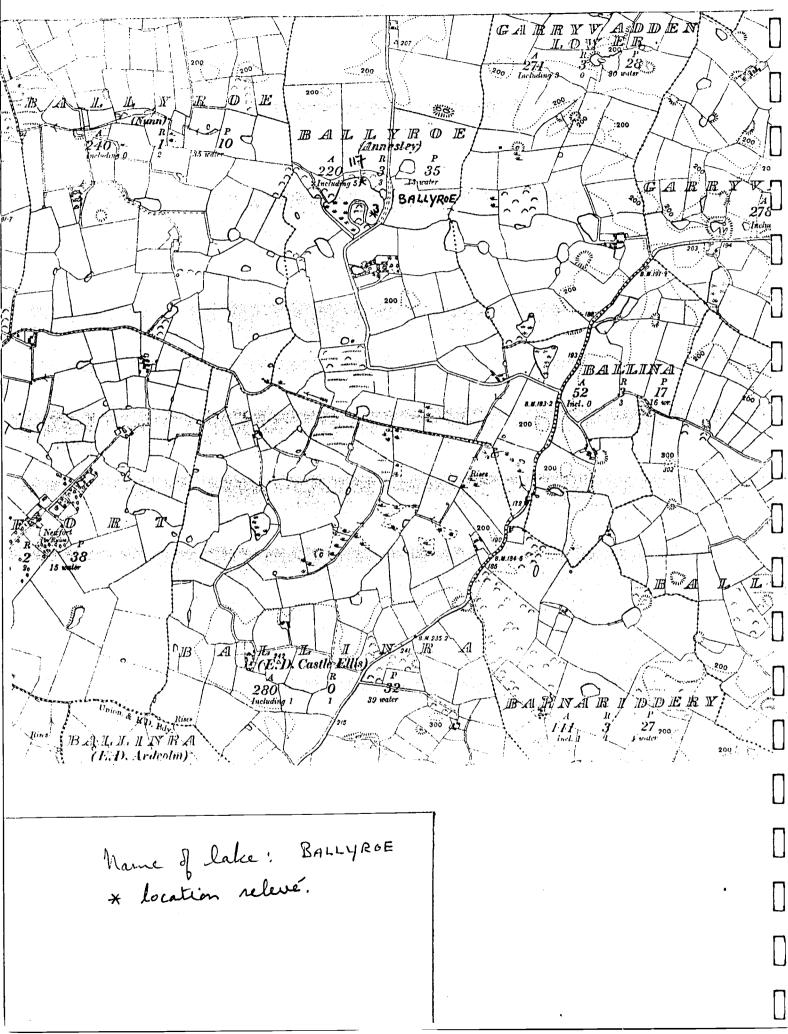
<u>Submergents:</u> In shallow water landward of Scirpus fringe Littorella dominated vegetation (62), at 1.50m depth Elodea canadensis and Potamogeton friesii dominated vegetation (76). Elodea dominates at 2m depth also (75), at 3m there is a band of submers Nuphar lutea on bare soil (74) and Ceratophyllum demersum dominates in deeper water. Dominant planktonic species: Melosira sp. L Т Κ F R Ν Ellenberg Values Relevé No: 62 7.1 6.0 3.2 11.0 7.3 6.0 7.0 7.0 74 7.0 6.0 4.4 11.5 11.3 6.8 6.8 75 6.2 5.6 4.7 6.0 6.3 5.0 11.5 7.1 7.1 76 77 6.8 3.8 11.3 7.1 6.6 5.5 6.6 5.9 4.2 11.3 7.1 6.7 Lough Ballyallia Relevé Details Relevé No. 62 Location: Rocky shore landward of reeds Size: 2 x 1m, Slope: steep, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.50m Soil: rocky Dominant species % Cover Height (m) 20 Littorella uniflora Submergents 1 Scirpus lacustris Emergents 5 Littorela uniflora Littorella uniflora 20 Total (Subunit XXV) Classification: Charetum asperae Remarks: Cover of 100% of Cladophora Relevé No. 74 Location: Open water Size: 5 x 5m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 3m Soil: muddy sand Height (m) Dominant species % Cover 3 Nuphar lutea 60 Submergents 60 3 Nuphar lutea Total Classification: Community of Elodea canadensis and Lemna trisulca (Subunit XXVI) Remarks: At upper edge of this vegetation type Elodea canadensis, becomes more dominant, in deeper water Ceratophyllum demersum. dominates.

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Relevé No. 75 Location: Open water Size: 5 x 3m, Slope: steep, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 2m Soil: muddy sand Dominant species % Cover Height (m) Elodea canadensis 100 Submergents 100 Elodea canadensis Total Classification: Community of Elodea canadensis and Lemna trisulca (Subunit XXVI) Main alga: Oscillatoria splendida Remarks: Relevé No. 76 Location: open water Size: 10 x 2m, Slope: steep, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1.50m Soil: muddy sand Dominant species Height (m) % Cover canadensis and Elodea 100 Submergents Potamogeton friesii 100 Elodea canadensis and Total Potamogeton friesii Classification: Charetum asperae (Subunit XXV) Relevé No. 77 Location: Scirpus fringe Size: 10 x 2m, Slope: steep, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.70m Soil: sandy Height (m) Dominant species % Cover Elodea canadensis Submergents 60 0.70 Nuphar lutea Floating leaf 1 30 1.40 Scirpus lacustris Emergents Elodea canadensis 60 ---Total Classification: Charetum asperae (Subunit XXV)

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Lake No. 3

General Information

Altitude: between 30-60m County : Wexford O.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no: 23 Geology : Cambrian Ecological Division: O.S. 6 inch sheet no: 33 5 Grid Ref : T 098 326 Area : 1 Max length: 0.15 km Sampling date: 29/7/77 Drainage order of inflowing stream: 0

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Water not analysed Conductivity: 330 Max depth: 1.15m Transparency: 1.15 Max vegetated depth: 1.15 Nature of bottom: Very soft organic mud

Site description and comments

Shallow small pondlike kettle hole overgrown with Polygonum amphibium. Shores gravelly on south side but otherwise bottom consisting of very soft organic mud. Macroscopic balls of the bluegreen alga Aphanocapsa lying on the mud (up to 2cm in diameter). Dominant submergent is Nitella translucens. Ballyroe apparently dries out completely in dry summers.

Emergent zones: Eleocharis palustris (117), Typha latifolia and Equisetum fluviatile dominated stands.

<u>Floating Leaf zone</u>: Polygonum amphibium (3) dominant with lakewards Potamogeton natans

Submergents zone: 100% cover of Nitella translucens lakeward of the floating leaf zone. The other dominant submergent is Fontinalis antipyretica, it grows under the Nitella translucens on the southern side of the lake. Spirogyra (width 150µ) found on this side of the lake.

Dominant planktonic species: Plankton contains a Dinoflagelate and a Euglena sp.

Ellenberg values		\mathbf{L}	т	K	\mathbf{F}	R	N
Relevé No:	3	6.6	4.5	4	10	7	5.7

Relevé No. 3

Location: West shore

Size: 3x1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.60m Soil: organic mud on sand

	% Cover	Height (m)	Dominant species
Submergents	10	-	Nitella translucens
Floating Leaf	60	0.60	Polygonum amphibium
Total	60	0.60	Polygonum amphibium

Classification: Community of Polygonum amphibium (Subunit XXIII) Remarks: Aphanocapsa (5) is dominant alga, colonies up to 2cm in diameter some of which are buried quite deeply in the bottom sediments. Myriophylum alterniflorum is present under the Polygonum amphibium in other areas.

At edge of Polygonum amphibium zone (in deeper water)Potamogeton natans appears and Nitella translucens is more dominant (up to 100%). Mougeotia (width 27.5). Oedogonium and Scenedesmus are epiphytes on Nitella in this zone.

Relevé No 117

Location: North East shore Size: 2x1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water Depth: 0.30m Soil: soft sandy mud % CoverHeight (m)Dominant speciesEmergents500.50Eleocharis palustrisTotal500.50Eleocharis palustrisClassification:Community of Eleocharis palustris palustris (Subunit V)Remarks:Subject to water level fluctuations.

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Name of Lake: Ballyteige

Lake No: 4

General Information

County: Clare Altitude: 15.8m 0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no: 14 Geology: Limestone O.S. 6 inch sheet no: 17 Ecological division: 4 Grid ref: R 346 886 40 ha Area: Sampling date: 30-8-78 Max length: 0.65 km Drainage order of inflowing stream: 29

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity: 334 C1+ Max. depth: 2.48 3.20m Alkalinity: Na⁺ 10.7 0.31 Transparency: 2.75m Ca - hardness: 79 K+ 0.75 Max vegetated depth: 3m Ca²⁺ 28.2 Total hardness: 87 Nature of bottom: soft marl Total P: 0.042

Site description and comments

A small eutrophic calcareous lake subject to strong fluctuations in water level. Normal marginal swamp vegetation is by and large absent, being replaced by that more characteristic of turloughs. The shores consist of rock or mineral soil rather than peat, in contrast to the Dromore Lakes to the south of this area.

Emergent zone: Oenanthe aquatica dominated vegetation (79)

Floating leaf plants: Nuphar lutea (78)

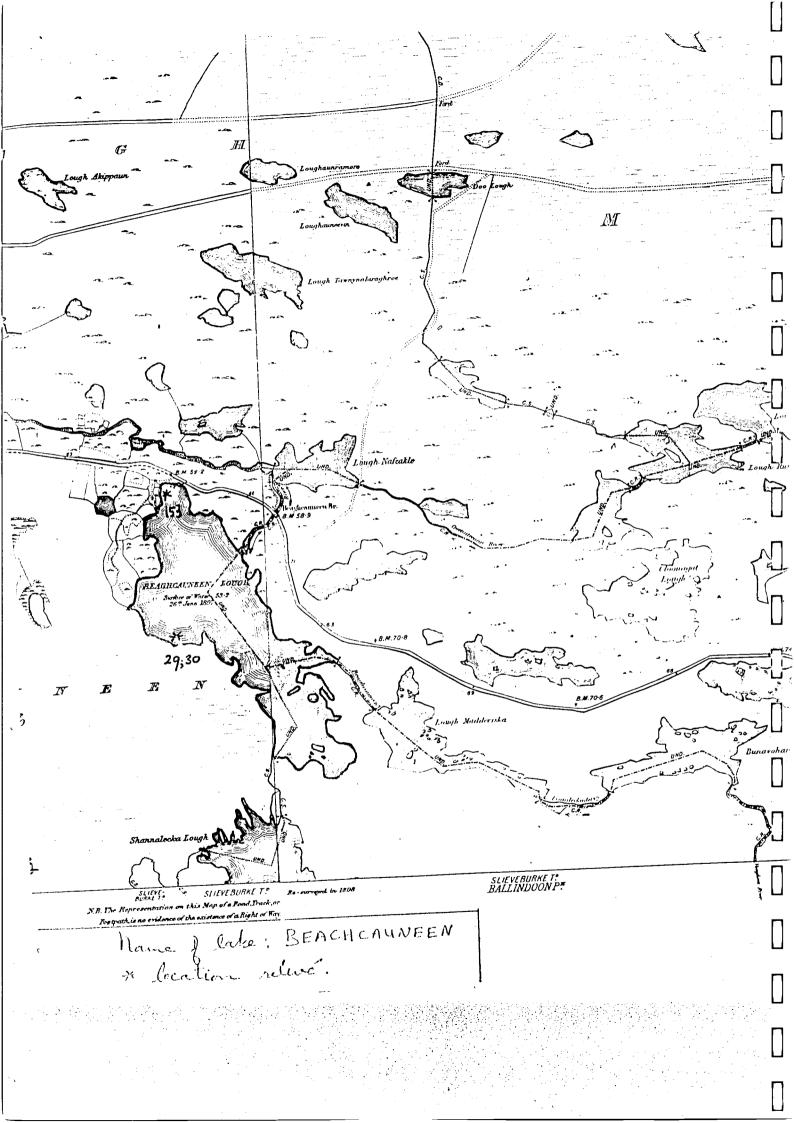
<u>Submergents</u>: In shallow water Littorella uniflora, deeper Elodea canadensis (78). The Elodea vegetation exists lakeward and shoreward of the floating leaf zone. A large Spirogyra species (143,4 wide) is very abundant. Within the emergent zone the submergent Apium inundatum dominates.

Ellenberg values: Ŀ Т Κ F R Ν Relevé No.: 78 7.5 6 3.6 11.2 7.0 6.0 Relevé details Relevé No. 78 Location: Lakeward of Oenanthe zone (79) Size: 4 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1m Soil: fine soft marl. Dominant species % cover Height (m) Submergents 70 Elodea canadensis 1 Floating leaf 1 Nuphar lutea 70 Total Elodea canadensis Classification: Community Elodea canadensis of and Lemna trisulca (Subunit XXVI) Remarks: This vegetation band is 3-4m wide and occurs from 1 to 3 m depth. Spirogyra (143 in diameter) is main alga. Relevé No. 79 Location: South-east shore Size: 4 x 1m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.50m Soil: soft marl % Cover Height (m) Dominant species Submergents 90 Apium inundatum 0.80 Emergents 30 Oenanthe aquatica 100 Total Apium inundatum Classification: Community Oenahthe aquatica of and inundatum (Subunit I). Remarks: The Oenanthe aquatica is beginning to die off (sampling date 30/8/78). Main alga is large Spirogyra species (143 μ).

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Dominant plankton species: mixture of species.



Name of Lake: Beaghcauneen

Lake No. 5

General Information

County: Galway Altitude: 16.2m Schist and gneiss 0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no: 10 Geology: Ecological division: 6 inch sheet no: 35,36 1 0.S. Grid Ref: L 679 471 Area: 17 ha Sampling date: 10/8/77 Max length: 1 km 4 Drainage order of inflowing stream:

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

C1+ 14.2 Max depth: 3.50m Conductivity: 110.5 Na+ Transparency: 2.40m 11.6 80.0 Alkalinity: 3 к+ Ca-hardness: 0.23 Max vegetated depth: 3.50m Ca^2 2.7 Nature of bottom: rocky and Total hardness 10 Mq^{2+} 12.0 Total P: 0.51 peaty mud and on shores peaty sand, stones and gravel

Site description and comments

Large exposed steep sided soft water lake with rocky shores, muddy littoral zone and rocky bottom.

<u>Emergents zone</u>: mostly absent, small pockets of Phragmites australis or Eleocharis palustris present in sheltered inlets.

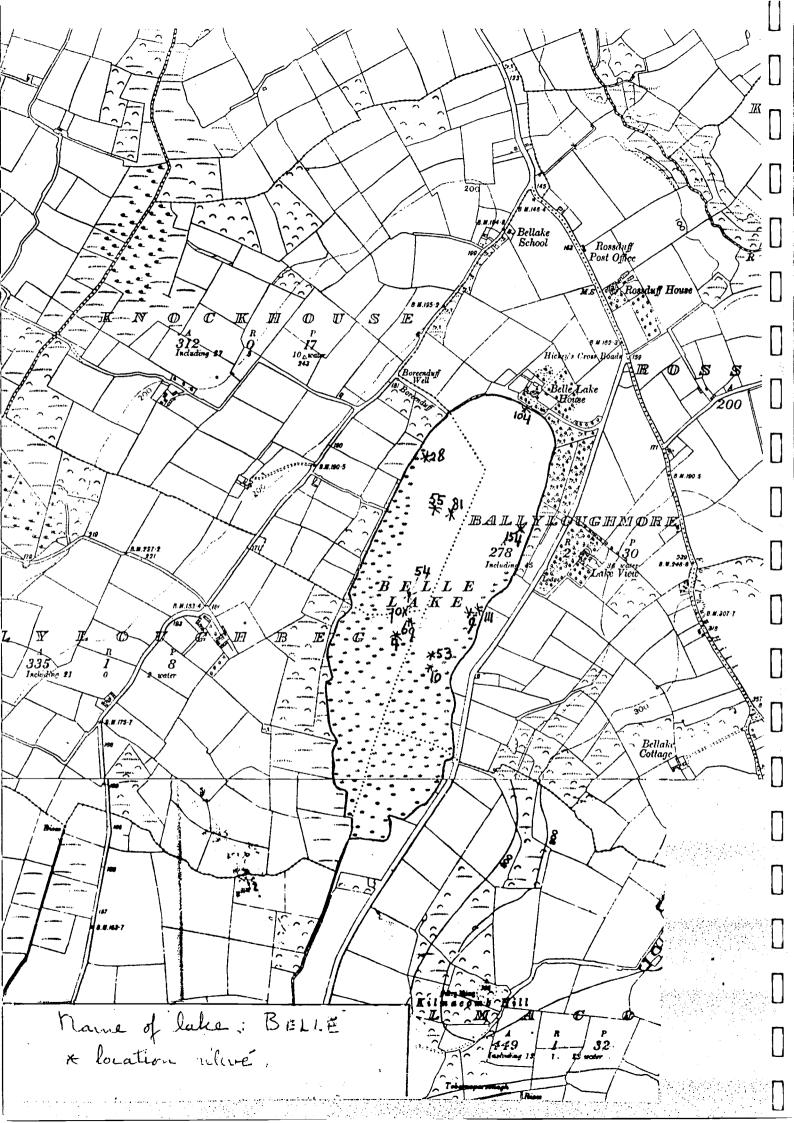
<u>Floating leaf zone</u>: Potamogeton natans present. Also area of Sparganium angustifolium.

Submergents zone: In shallow water Littorella uniflora dominated vegetation (29), or Lobelia dortmanna dominated areas (153). In deeper water Isoetes lacustris is dominant (30). As the water deepens the plants are smaller, presumably because of the decrease in light.

Dominant planktonic species: mixture of species

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Name of lake: Belle Lake No.

General Information

60m Altitude: County : Waterford 0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no: 23 Geology: Ordovician O.S. 6 inch sheet no: 18, 27 Ecological division: 5 Grid ref: S 663 065 Area: 35 ha Sampling date: 5/8/77 Max length: 1.3 km Drainage order of inflowing stream: 0

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

7.60m Conductivity: 305 C1+ 24.9 Max depth: 1.14 19.6 Transparency: 3m Na+ Alkalinity: к+ Ca-hardness: 0.88 Max vegetated depth: 3.70m Ca^{2+} 28.4 Nature of bottom: silty mud Total hardness _ Mq2+ 0.58 6.8 Total P: and fen peat.

Site description and comments

A medium sized lake surrounded by agricultural land (pasture The catchment is small. The south end of the lake is mostly). shallow and the gently sloping bottom consists here of woody fen peat. At the northern end the substrate is rocky in the shallows and the shore slopes steeply. In the deeper water the bottom consists of silty, sandy mud. The water is hard and clear. Ιt is suprising to find Isoetes lacustris and Elatine hexandra in this lake, species usually associated with soft oligotrophic These plants were growing together with Potamogeton waters. pectinatus (releve 28), generally considered an indicator of The "lake ball" Cladophora eutrophic conditions. rare This lake contains a high aegagrophila is quite abundant. diversity of vegetation types. The lake was stratified on the day of investigation, as a clear temperature gradient could be felt by the divers.

<u>Emergents:</u> An up to 10m wide Phragmites reed fringe surrounds most of the lake, an extensive Phragmites swamp occurs at the south end (releve 4). The Phragmites fringe is replaced by Typha angustifolia (releve 9) in one large area, it is at least 15m wide. On the landside of the reed fringe are present a zone of Eleocharis palustris (relevé 104) and in patches Carex rostrata and Menyanthes trifoliata (releve 111). The reed fringe is fronted by Scirpus lacustris. On the stony northern shore the reed zone is much reduced or absent. Littorella uniflora is the dominant "emergent" here (releve 154).

Floating leaf zone: Potamogeton natans (relevé 10) covers less than 1% of the lake surface. Fontinalis antipyretica reaches a cover of 100% within this vegetation type. In places Potamogeton natans is missing and the floating leaf zone is absent. See also releve 69.

Submergents: A community of Potamogeton pectinatus (relevé 53,54) occurs from 1 m to 2m depth. A community of Elodea Lemna trisulca and Potamogeton obtusifolius (the canadensis, latter is the dominant, relevés 69, 70) occurs from 1.40m to 2m The most extensive vegetation type is dominated by depth also. Potamogeton perfoliates (relevé 55) and occurs at a depth of more than 2 m. On the western shore a zone of Chara globularis (100%) is found from 2m depth up to 3.70m depth (relevé 81). On the lake ward side of the Littorella zone (north-east side) occur Myriophyllum spicatum and Isoetes lacustris at 1m depth (relevé 28). The alga Cladophora aegagrophila forms balls off up to 15cm in diameter. These balls were found on the bottom throughout the submergent zones of the south end of the lake (relevé 4A) the submergent vegetation (relevé 10) is in some places covered with a large cloud of a filamentous green alga (Mougeotia sp. 22.5µ Typha angustifolia stems have Oscillatoria splendida and wide). Phormidium spp (releve 9) growing on them. Littorella has colonies of Gloeotrichia cf. intermedia and Oscillatoria splendida (relevé 154A). The submergent zone covers about 30% of the lake surface.

Dominant planktonic species: Microcystis cf. aeruginosa is very abundant. Staurastrum sp. and Volvox sp. are very common and Fragillaria crotonensis is also present.

Ellenberg values

		L	т	К	F	R	N
Relevé No.	10	7	5	4.3	11.3	7	5.8
	28	6.4	5.5	3	11.4	5.6	3.5
	53	6.7	5	4.3	11.3	6.8	5.3
	54	6.3	6	5	12	7	6
	55	6.3	7	2	11	6	3
	69	6.8	4.8	4.3	11.2	6.7	5.4
	70	6.5	5.5	4.0	12	6	5.5
	81	-	-	-	-		-
Belle Lake		6.6	5.5	3.8	11.5	6.4	4.9

Relevé details

Relevé No. 4

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Location: Phragmites swamp on south end of lake Size: 2 x 2m , Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.15m

Soil: Phragmites peat

	% Cover	Height (1	m) Dominant species			
Submergents	1					
Emergents	90	2	Phragmites australis			
Total	90	. 2	Phragmites australis			
Classification: Scirpo-Phragmitetum (Subunit X)						

Remarks: An area with Phragmites and Scirpus lacustis only exists lakeward of the Phragmites swamp. The reed swamp ends in a shelf with a drop of 0.20 - 0.80m. Below the shelf the bottom consists of unconsolidated fen peat covered in 1cm of black organic mud. The lake ball Cladophara aegagrophila is abundant in this peaty eroding area with very little plant cover, and is rolled around by currents and wave action.

Location: South east shore of lake Size: 5 x 5m , Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1.0m

Soil; fibrons peat covered with litter.

% Cover Height (m) Dominant species 1 Submergents Elodea canadensis 50 Emergents 2 Typha angustifolia Total 50 2 Typha angustifolia Classification: Typhetum angustifoliae (Subunit VII) Remarks: This vegetation zone is more than 15m wide. Potamogeton natans appears at the lakeward edge.

Relevé No. 10

Location: On the lakeward side of the Typha bed on the South east shore of the lake Size: 5x5m , Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water Depth: 1.0m Soil: poorly decomposed peat, bits of wood scattered through the peat

Height(m) Dominant species & Cover 100 Submergents Fontinalis antipyretica Floating Leaf 40 1 Potamogeton natans Total 100 Fontinalis antipyretica Classification: Community of Potamogeton natans (Subunit XXIV). Remarks: A large cloud of mainly Mougeotia sp (22.5 wide, with small pyrenoids) is suspended over the submerged vegetation.

A pure stand of Fontinalis antipyretica with 100% cover occurs northward of this vegetation. The floating leaf zone is missing here.

Relevé No. 28

Location: Northwestern shore of the lake, 8m from the shore line. Size: 5x1m, Slope: steep, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 1.0m . Soil: sandy and silty, peaty brown unconsolidated material present.

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% Cover Height(m) Dominant Species Submergents 70 1 Myriophyllum spicatum 70 Total 1 Myriophyllum spicatum Classification: Community of Isoetes lacustris (Subunit XVII) Remarks: In some places in this vegetation zone Phragmites australis occurs (5% cover) and the Isoetes lacustris is missing. In shallower water the abundance of Myriophyllum decreases to 2 and Littorella uniflora appears (abundance 4). It is remarkable to find Isoetes lacustris and Elatine hexandra (plants usually found in soft oligotrophic water) growing together with Potamogeton pectinatus, usually considered a plant indicative of eutrophic conditions.

Relevé No. 53

Location: South end of lake, North of Phragmites swamp Size: 2x5m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1m Soil: woody fen peat

		% Cover	Height(m)	Dominant	species
Submergen	ts	5	-	Potamoget	in obtusifolius
Emergents		5	1.5	Equisetum	fluviatile
Total		10	1.5	Equisetum	fluviatile
Classific	ation: Ch	aretum a	sperae (Subu	unit XXV)	
Remarks:	Submergen	ts do no	t look healt	thy, except	for Potamogeton
	obtusifol	ius.		,	

Relevé No. 54

Location: South end of lake, North of Phragmites swamp Size: 2x2m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1.85m Soil: brown silty organic mud with some undecomposed plant debris.

% Cover Height(m) Dominant species Submergents 70 1.80 Potamogeton pectinatus Total 70 1.80 Potamogeton pectinatus Classification Charetum asperae (Subunit XXV) Remarks: Near the surface the vegetation is unevenly dispersed, possibly from activity of swans? . 23 .

Relevé No. 55

Location: off shore, Western side of lake Size: 5x5m , Slope: slight, Exposure: relatively sheltered, Water depth: 2.60m Soil: grey sandy clay up to 10cm deep, 20 cm of fine silt, 3cm of white marl and at more than 33cm depth brown organic material (fen peat)

% Cover Height(m) Dominant species Submergents 60 2.60 Potamogetan perfoliatus 60 2.60 Total Potamogetan perfoliatus Classification: Charetum asperae (Subunit XXV) Remarks: This is the most extensive submergent vegetation in the lake. From the soil core it appears that the sandy clay soil was deposited on top of fen peat.

Relevé No. 69

Location: In sheltered bay at Southern end, 5m beyond the reed swamp

Size: 2x2m , Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1.40m Soil: fen peat

	% Cover	Height(m)	Dominant species
Submergents	90	0.25	Potamogeton obtusifolius
Floating leaf	50	1.40	Potamogeton natans
Emergents	5	1	Equisetum fluviatile
Total	100	0.25	Potamogeton obtusifolius

Classification: Community of Elodea canadenus and Lemna trisulca (Subunit XXVI)

Remarks: This vegetation is part of the floating leaf zone, but has also important submergent components. The presence of Equisetum fluviatile at this depth is remarkable, and may be an indication of a fluctuating water table.

Relevé No. 70

Location: In sheltered bay at South end, 10m beyond the reed swamp Size: 2x2m , Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1.70m Soil: peaty mud 10cm, woody fen peat 30cm, deeper grey marly clay.

% CoverHeight(m)Dominant speciesSubmergents1001Potamogetan obtusifoliusTotal1001Potamogetan obtusifoliusClassification:Community of Elodea canadensis and Lemna trisulca
(Subunit XXVI)

Relevé No. 81

Location: 30 metres offshore on Western side of lake Size: 2x2m , Slope: slight, Exposure: relatively sheltered, Water depth: 3.60m.

Soil: silty mud

% Cover Height(m) Dominant species Chara fragilis 100 0.35 Submergents 100 0.35 Chara fragilis Total Sociation of Chara fragilis (Subunit XXIX) Classification: This vegetation type extends from a depth of 2-3.70m Remarks: Chara fragilis grows to greater from 18-30 metres off-shore. depths than the vascular submergents.

Relevé No. 104

Location: North shore of lake Size: 3 x 1m , Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.10 m.

Soil: gravel and stones, 5cm of detrital mud.

% Cover Height (m) Dominant species 0.70 Eleocharis palustris 100 Emergents 0.70 Eleocharis palustris 100 Total Community of Eleocharis palustris (Submit V) Classification: A band of Phragmites occurs on the lakeward side of Remarks: this vegetation. Littorella uniflora grows with a cover of 80%, further lakewards.

Location: Eastern shore of lake Size: 3 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.05 - 0.10 m. Soil: black mud with much detrital material. Dominant species Height(m) % Cover 0.30 60 Carex rostrata and Emergents Menyanthes 60 0.30 Carex rostrata and Total

Classification: Carecetum rostratae, subassociation with elements of Littorellion (Subunit IIa)

Menyanthes

Remarks: This community is separated from the shore by up to 0.20 m of deep water, containing Equisetm fluviatile and Alisma plantago-aquatica with low total cover. This sparsely vegetated gap is presumably caused by the grazing of cattle. A band of ten metres lakeward of the Carex rostrata and Menyanthes vegetation.

Relevé No. 154

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Location: on exposd North Eastern Shore Size: 2 x 1m , Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.05m Soil: stones, gravel

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Lake No. 7

General Information

County: Sligo	Attitude: 5m
0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no.:7	Geology: limestone
0.S. 6 inch sheet no: 2, 3	Ecological division: 7
Grid Ref: G 716 554	Area: 45 ha
Sampling date: 15.9.78	Max length:
drainage order of inflowing stream:	1

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity: 395	Cl ⁻ 6.39	Max. depth: 0.75m
Alkalinity : 0.24	Na ⁺ 28.2	Transparency: >depth
Ca-hardness : 69	к+ 2.6	Max veg. depth: 0.75m
Total hardness:109	Ca ²⁺ 25.0	Nature of bottom:
Total P: 0.104	Mg ²⁺ 7.6	Sand and mud

Site description and comments

Shallow coastal lake behind sand-dunes with sandy bottom and calcareous water. Marginal vegetation deominated by Scirpus maritimus, with large stands of Phragmites australis and Typha latifolia. In the more open water Eleocharis palustris and Equisetum fluviatile occur with Chara aspera. Potamogeton pectinatis is dominant in the deeper water. Relevés were taken from a small shallow dune slack which had almost no emergent vegetation (due to grazing). The plankton was taken from the permanent part of the lake.

Emergent zone: Scirpus maritimus is dominant. Areas of Phragmites australis and Typha laifolia occur. In more open water Equisetum fluviatile and Eleocharis palustris.

<u>Floating leaf zone:</u> areas of Potamogeton natans and Polygonum amphibium with Equisetum fluviatile and Fontinalis antipyretica.

<u>Submergent zone</u>: In shallower water Chara aspera is dominant (63) and in somewhat deeper water Potamogeton pectinatus (64).

Dominant planktonic species: Mougeotia sp. $(>12 \leq 16 \mu)$. The plankton was taken from the somewhat deeper part of the lake to the east, Mougeotia is not a true plankton species and is presumed to be present in clouds, as was observed in Belle lake.

Ellenberg Values		\mathbf{L}	т	К	F	R	N
Relevé No.	63	6.6	4.3	5	11.3	7.4	6.3
	64	5.7	5	5	12	7.3	7.5
Bundfut Lough		6.2	4.7	5	11.7	7.4	6.9

Relevé No. 63

Location: Western shallow part of the lake, in sparse emergent fringe. Size: 5x5 m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.40m Soil: sandy mud

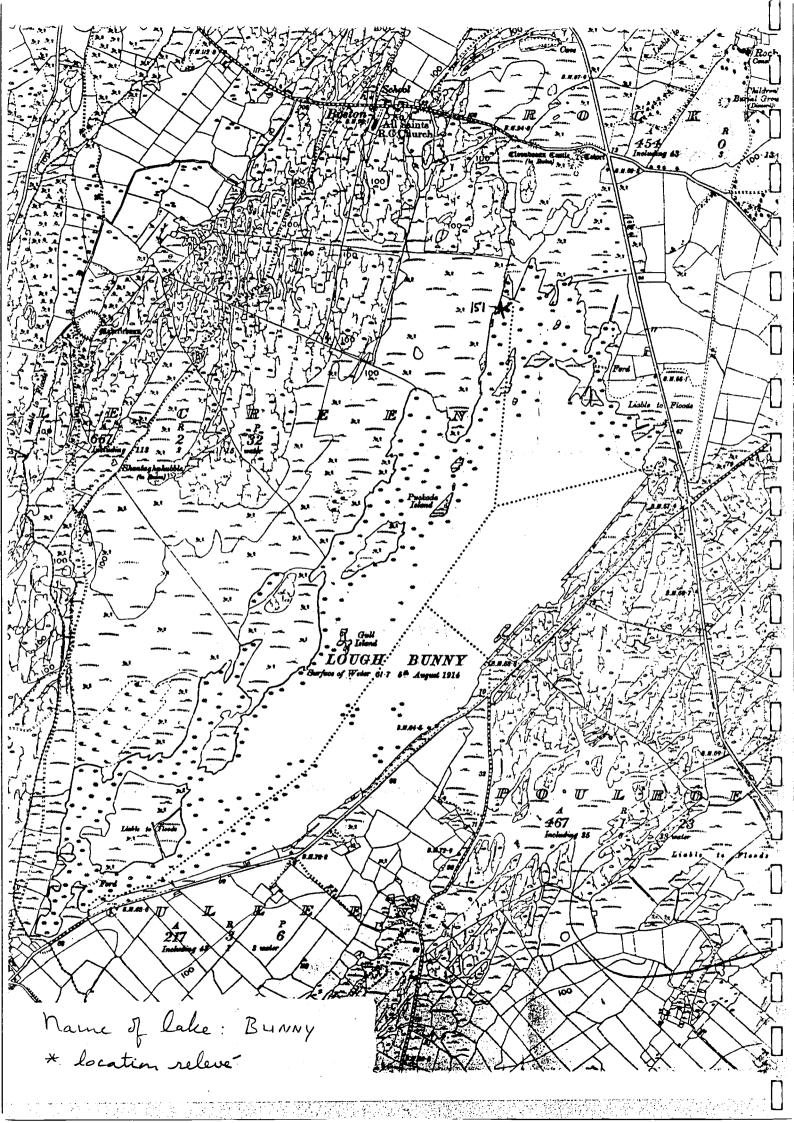
	% Cover	Height (m)	Dominant species
Submergents	85	_	Chara aspera
Emergents	5	0.75	Eleocharis palustris
Total	85	-	Chara aspera

Classification: Charetum asperae (Subunit XXV). Remarks: The diatom Gomphonema is the dominant epiphyte on Chara. Chara aspera is more dominant in shallower water. Chara rudris occurs in sheltered areas near the shore in very similar vegetation. Potamogeton pectinatus is the dominant in open, deeper water. Chara baltica, a Chara species new to Ireland, occurs on the edges of disturbed areas.

Relevé No. 64

Location: Western shallow part of the lake, in open water Size :5x5m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.75m Soil: sandy mud.

% CoverHeight (m)Dominant speciesSubmergents900.7Potamogeton pectinatus.Total900.7Potamogeton pectinatusClassification:Charetum asperae (Subunit XXV)Remarks:Gloeotrichia is the dominant epiphyte on the Potamogeton.



Name of Lake: Bunny

Lake No: 8

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Altitude:

20m

Nature of bottom: Soft

General Information County: Clare O.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no:

O.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no: 14Geology: limestoneO.S. 6 inch sheet no: 11Ecological division: 4Grid Ref: R 370 970Area: 94 haSampling Date: 11-8-81Max Length: 2 kmDrainage order of inflowing stream: 0 (under_ground drainage)

Physico-chemical information (for units see table 2) Water not analysed Max depth: -Transparency: -Max vegetated depth: 4.50m

Site description and comments

Calcareous lake bordered by Phragmites australis and Cladium mariscus. Scirpus lacustris beds also present, especially on margins of "pike" holes. Reeds backed by fringe of Carex spp. (C. elata, C. lasiocarpa). Nuphar lutea forms sparse floating leaf zone in places. Submergent vegetation mainly Chara beds.

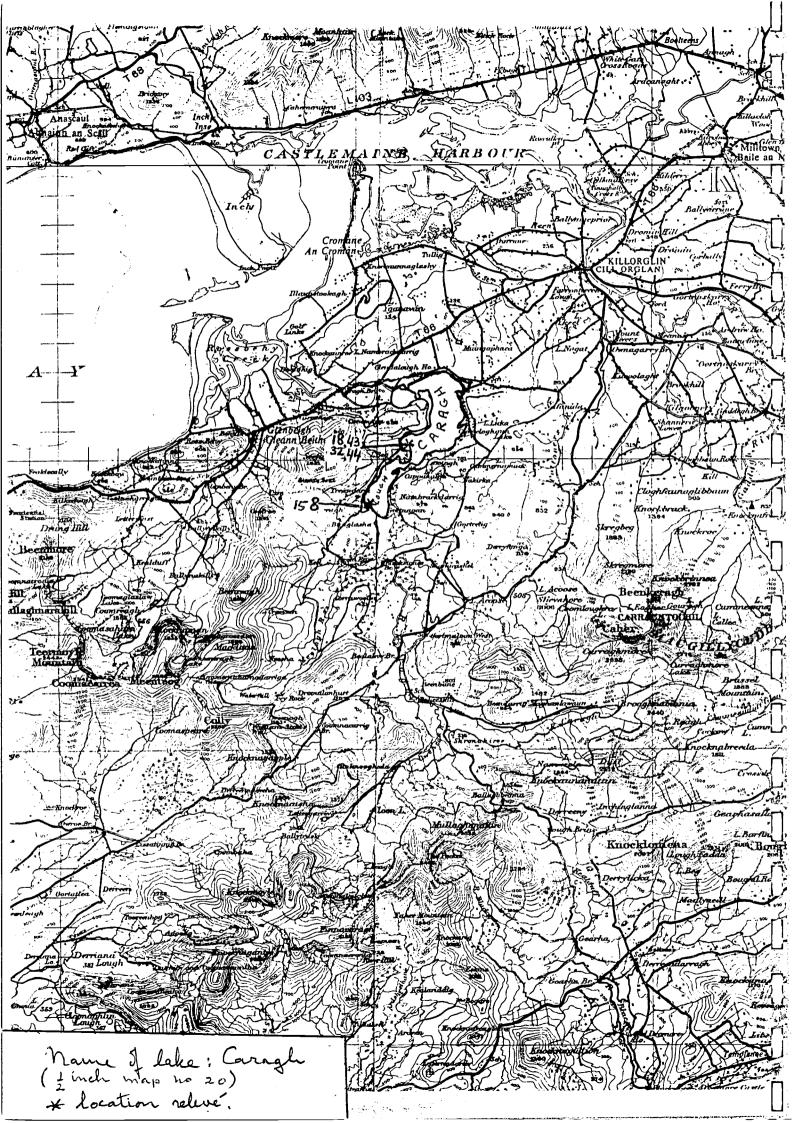
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Relevé No. 151

Location: on landward side of reed fringe. Size: 2 x 2 m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0 Soil: sandy/marly mud % Cover Height (m) Dominant species Emergents 50 0.05 Potamogeton coloratus Total 50 0.05 Potamogeton coloratus Classification: Community of Potamogeton coloratus and Juncus .

bulbosus f. fluitans (Subunit XIII). Remarks: Fluctuating water table, at present emers. Relevé taken by Tom Curtis and Noel McGough.

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Name of Lake: Caragh General Information

County:KerryAltitude:17.8 mO.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 20Geology:Old red sandstoneO.S. 6 inch sheet no. 64Ecological division: 2Grid Ref:V 720 900Area: 430 haSampling date:9-10-77Max length: 5 kmDrainage order of inflowing stream:109

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity:	80	C1 ⁺ 8.5	Max depth: 39.0 m
Alkalinity:	0.90	Na ⁺ 6.5	Transparency: 2.50 m
Ca-hardness:	5	к+ 0.16	Max vegetated depth: 4m
Total hardness:	12	Ca ²⁺ 2.6	Nature of bottom: sand and
Total P:	1.2	Mg ²⁺ 6.3	rock in shallows, mud in
			deeper areas.

Site description and comments

Large clean soft water lowland lake with large mountainous catchment area covered in mainly heathy and boggy vegetation. One bay on south east shore investigated. Scirpus and phragmites reed beds presents. Submergent vegetation dominated by Littorella, Eriocaulon aquaticum, Juncus bulbosus and Isoetes lacustris. Najas flexilis and Subularia aquatica present. Soil varying from sand, rock and gravel in shallow water to mud in deeper water.

Emergent Zone: Scirpus lacustris (18) and Phragmites reed beds.

Floating leaf zone: Potamogeton natans (18).

<u>Submergent zone:</u> Areas with dominance of the following species occur. Eriocaulon aquaticum (18), Juncus bulbosus (43), Isoetes lacustris (32), Nitella flexilis v. flexilis (43) going from shallow to deep. Najas flexilis occurs from 2.40 - 4 m depth (relevé 44). A few specimens of Subularia aquatica were encountered, in much the same place as they were reported to occur by Praeger in 1934.

Dominant planktonic species: The dominant species was Schizothrix affines. This is usually a benthic species. The reason it was abundant in the plankton is probably that the weather had been very windy and the Caragh River had been in flood.

Ellenberg val	ues	L	т	К	F	R	Ν
Relevé No:	18	7.0	4.8	2.5	10.7	4.8	2.0
	32	7.0	4.0	2.0	12.0	3.0	2.0
	43	7.3	4.0	3.3	11.8	4.7	3.5
	44	7.0	4.0	2.0	12.0	3.0	1.0
Lough Caragh		7.1	4.2	2.5	11.6	3.9	2.3

Relevé details

Relevé No. 18

Location: bay on west shore Size: 6 x 2 m^2 , Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 1.80m Soil: sand

	% Cover	Height (m)	Dominant species
Submergents	50	0.10	Littorella uniflora
Floating leaf	1	1.80	Potamogeton natans
Emergents	5	0.60	Scirpus lacustris
Total	55	0.10	Littorella uniflora

Classification: Eriocaulo - Lobelietum Isoetetosum (Subunit XVb). Remarks: On lake side of Scirpus zone Potamogeton natans is more dominant and occurs with abundant Isoetes lacustris. Towards the land side, in shallower water, Eriocaulon aquaticum is the dominant species, the total cover is 80% in this area. The dominant algal species were Oedogonium spp. $(5-15\mu)$, Tabellaria flocculosa and Tabellaris fenestrata.

Location: bay on west shore Size: 5x5m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 2.50m Soil: rock and stones

% CoverHeight (m) Dominant speciesSubmergents100.05Isoetes lacustrisTotal100.05Isoetes lacustrisClassification: Community of Isoetes lacustris (Subunit XVII).Remarks:The Isoetes plants are growing in between the rocks.As the water gets shallower Lobelia dortmanna and Eriocaulonaquaticum occur also.At 0.60 m depth no plant cover.

Relevé No. 43

Location: bay on west shore Size: 10 x 10 m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 2.50 m Soil: fine sand

Height (m) Dominant species % Cover 0.60 Submergents 80 Juncus bulbosus 80 0.60 Total Juncus bulbosus Classification: Community of Najas flexilis and Potamogeton berchtoldi (Subunit XIX).

Remarks: In shallower water Juncus bulbosus becomes more dominant, in deeper water Nitella flexilis v. flexilis becomes more dominant. Nitella translucens also found. The dominant algae are Oedogonium spp. $(2\mu_5\mu_4, 15\mu)$.

Relevé No. 44

Total

Location: bay on west shore Size: 10 x 10 m , Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 4.0 m Soil: silt % Cover Height (m) Dominant species Submergents 30 0.45-0.60 Potamogeton berchtoldii

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Classification: Community of Najas flexilis and Potamogeton berchtoldii (Subunit XIX). Remarks: At about 2.40 m the substrate changes from rocky to silty and Najas flexilis appears. Isoetes lacustris is commoner in the shallower end of this zone. Practically no algae found to grow on the plants in this relevé.

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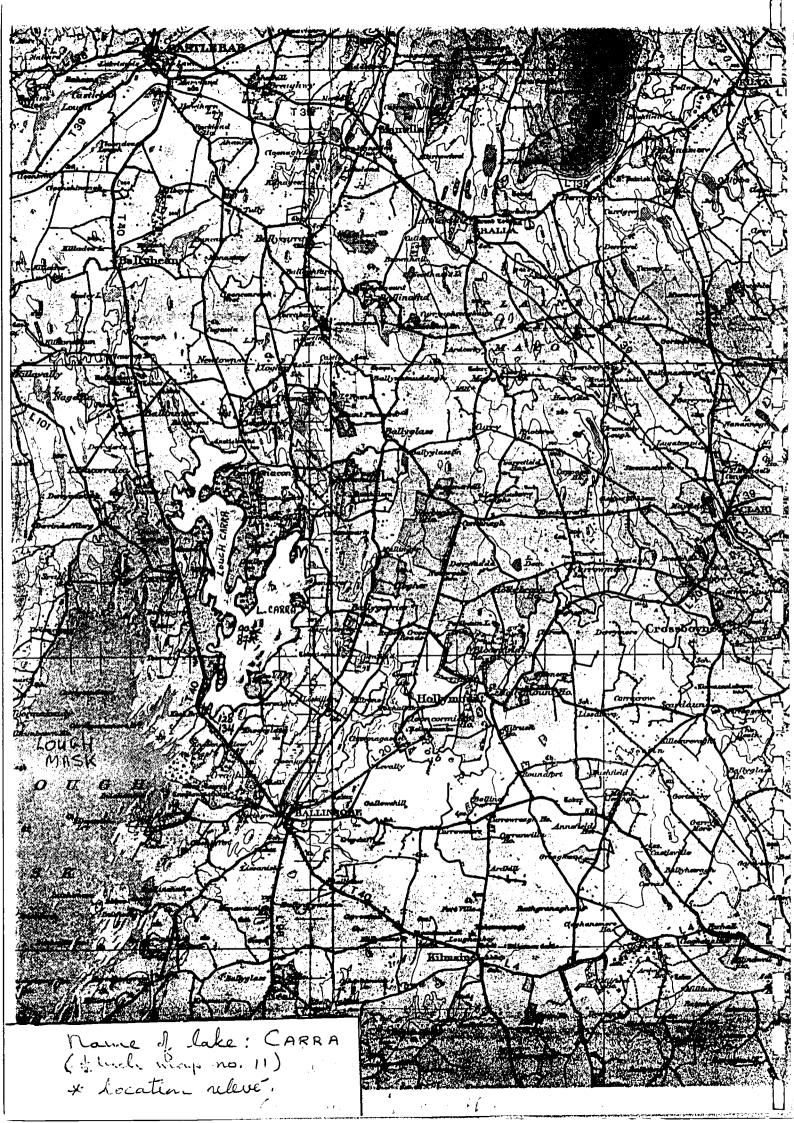
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Name of lake: Carra

Lake No. 10

General Information

County: Mayo Altitude: 21 m O.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 11 Geology: Limestone O.S. 6 inch sheet no. 99, 100, Ecological division: 4 109, 110 Area: 1500 ha Grid Ref: M 172 720 Max. length: 7 km Sampling date: 25-8-77 Drainage order of inflowing stream: 4

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity: 245 C1+ 20.6 Max. depth: 9.80 m Q.16 Na⁺ 10.8 Transparency: 6.50 m Alkalinity: к+ 0.48 Max. vegetated depth: 10m 63 Ca-hardness: Ca^{2+} 27.4 Total hardness: 84 Nature of bottom: marl Mg^{2+} 11.2 Total P: 0.86

Site description and comments

Large clear water calcareous lake of a complex shape. Large shallow areas with a few deep "pike" holes. Exposed shallow areas devoid of vegetation. Shores rocky or peaty depending on degree of exposure.

Emergent zone: Going from the shore lakeward the following plants dominate the bands: Schoenus nigricans, Carex rostrata/ Carex lasiocarpa, in some places Cladium mariscus, Scirpus lacustris (134), Phragmites australis (128). Littorella occurs on exposed rocky shores.

Floating leaf zone: not present.

<u>Submergent zone:</u> Shallow exposed areas devoid of vegetation in sheltered areas. In more exposed areas at 2.75 m Chara desmacantha dominates (90), in deeper water (greater than 4 m). Chara contraria is most abundant (87). At 7 m depth Charas

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depth. Relevé details Relevé No. 87 Soil: marly Submergents Total Classification: Relevé No. 90 2.75m Soil: marly Submergents Ц Total

disappear and are replaced by bright green algal mats growing on the marly bottom. A bright purple 2μ wide Phormidium species is the most common constituent. The algal mat is found up to 10 m depth.

Dominant planktonic species: Dinoflagellates.

Ellenberg values		L	т	Κ	F	R	N
Relevé No.	87	6	-		12	7	4
	90	7.3	5	2	12	6.5	4.0
Carra lake		6.7	5	2	12	6.8	4

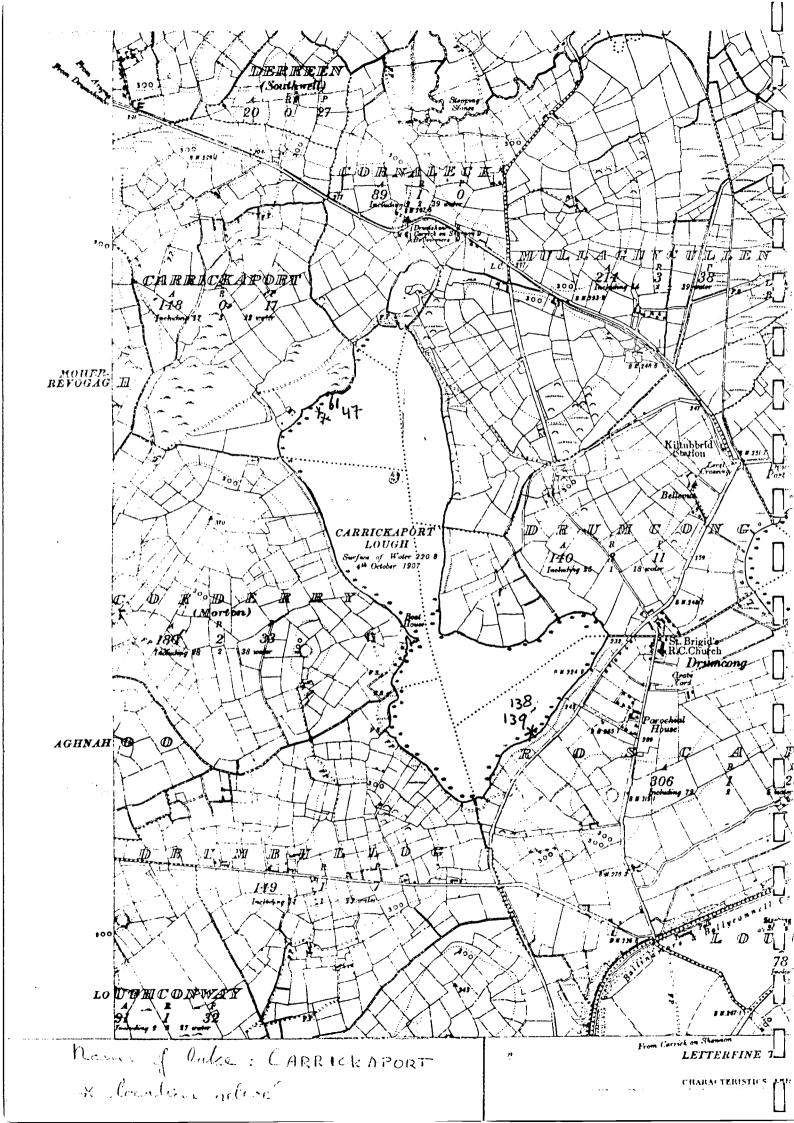
Classification: Community of Chara contraria (Subunit XXXI). Remarks: Phormidium (2,4) and diatoms dominant algae.

Location: open water Size: 5 x 5 m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 2.75m Soil: marly

% CoverHeight (m)Dominant speciesSubmergents600.05Chara desmacanthaTotal600.05Chara desmacanthaClassification: Community of Chara desmacantha (Subunit XXX).Remarks: Diatoms are the dominant epiphytes.

Location: Phragmites fringe, sheltered bay south-east end of lake. Size: 2 x 1 m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.02m. Soil: marl Height (m) Dominant species % Cover 2.50 Phragmites australis 60 Submergents and Mentha aquatica Phragmites australis 60 2.50 Total and Mentha aquatica Classification: Scirpo-Phragmitetum (Subunit X). Relevé No. 134 Location: Scirpus fringe in sheltered bay, south-east end of lake. Size: 2 x 1 m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.03 m Soil: marl with rocks Height (m) Dominant species % Cover 1 Scirpus lacustris 30 Submergents Scirpus lacustris 30 1 Total Classification: Scirpo-Phragmitetum (Subunit X). Remarks: On the lakeward side of the Scirpus bed is a Phragmites bed (128) on the landward side a Carex rostrata/Carex lasiocarpa band.

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Name of Lake: Carrickaport

Lake No. 11

General Information

County: Leitrim	Altitude: 67.3
O.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no.: 7	Geology: Limestone
O.S. 6 inch sheet no.: 24	Ecological division: 4
Grid Ref: H 010 090	Area: 90 ha
Sampling date: 11.9.78	Max. length: 1.4 km
Drainage order of inflowing stream:	1

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity:	188	C1+	2.48	Max. depth: 2 m
Alkalinity:	0.14	Na⁺	8.2	Transparency: 0.95 m
Ca-hardness:	53	K+	1.26	Max. vegetated depth:1.70m
Total hardness:	65	Ca ²⁺	20.0	Nature of bottom: stony
Total P:	0.146	Mg ²⁺	3.2	in shallows, sandy mud
				with plant remains in
				deeper water.

Site description and comments

Medium sized lake surrounded by rushy pastures, small catchment. Fairly hard water which appears unclear because of a large plankton standing crop. Shores are stony and Phragmites and Scirpus reed beds are present. In the Scirpus reed bed an aquatic moss Octodicerns fontanum is growing on rocks in approximately 0.60 m of water. This species is new to Ireland. It is indicative of eutrophic conditions. A plankton bloom of Microcystis sp., as well as other algae indicative of eutrophic conditions also suggest that the lake is eutrophicated.

Emergent zone: Three distinct bands of vegetation are present; going from the land towards the water Littorella dominated area (138), Eleocharis palustris band (13) and a Scirpus reed bed. The Scirpus bed is replaced by Phragmites in some places (61).

Floating leaf zone: Nuphar lutea is present.

Submergent zone: A Potamogeton praelongus dominated vegetation type (47) occurs in deeper water. Just outside the reed bed Potamogeton perfoliatus occurs (61) as a dominant species.

<u>Dominant plankton species:</u> A bloom of Microcystis, other eutrophic indicators Anabaena spp., Ceratium hirundinella, cyclic diatoms (Melosira, Cyclotella, Stephanodiscus) are also present.

Ellenberg values		\mathbf{L}	Т	K	F	R	N
Relevé No.	47	7.5	5.0	5	12	8	5.5
	61	6.5	5.3	4	11.5	7	5.5
Carrickaport	Lough	7	5.2	4.5	11.8	7.5	5.5

Relevé details

Relevé No. 47

Location: open water, north west shore Size: 5 x 2m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 1.70 m Soil: sandy mud with plant remains, woody plant remains in core. % Cover Height (m) Dominant species Submergents 60 - Potamogeton praelongus Total 60 - Potamogeton praelongus Classification: Community of Potamogeton praelongus (Subunit XX). Remarks: The alga Gloeotrichia sp. occurs abundantly, it forms jelly like globules on old stems.

Relevé No. 61

Location: In sparse Phragmites reed bed, north west shore. Size: 10 x 5m, Slope: slight, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.75 m

Soil: sandy, with occasional large rocks.

Height (m) Dominant species % Cover 40 0.75 Potamogeton perfoliatus Submergents Phragmites australis 1.75 5 Emergents 0.75 Potamogeton perfoliatus 40 Total Classification: Charetum asperae (Subunit XXV). Remarks: Gloeotrichia and Stigeoclonium sp. are the most abundant epiphytes of the plant stems. Lots of plankton present amongst this vegetation.

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Location: Lake shore Size: 1x1m , Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.02 m Soil: gravel, stones.

% CoverHeight (m) Dominant speciesSubmergents700.05Littorella unifloraTotal700.05Littorella unifloraClassification:Community of Littorella uniflora and Scirpuslacustris (Subunit XII).

Relevé No. 139

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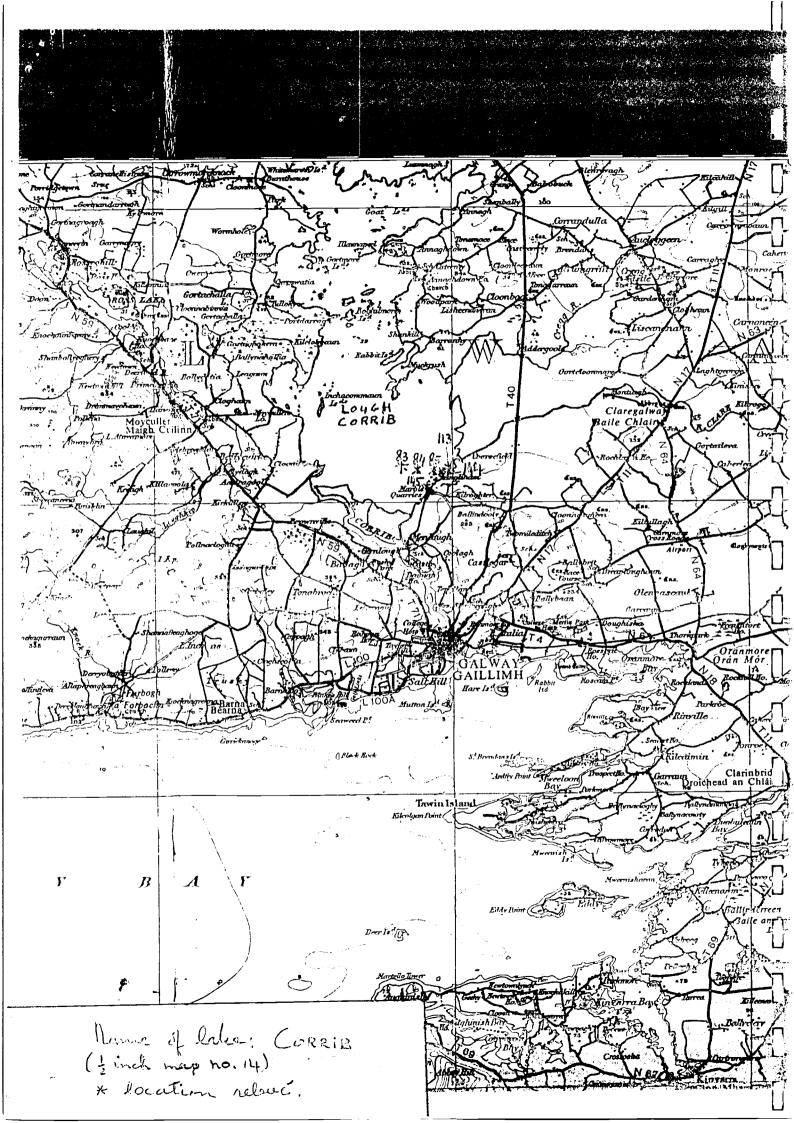
Location: Lake shore

Size: 1x1m , Slope: gentle, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.05 m

Soil: stones.

% CoverHeight (m) Dominant speciesSubmergents50.90Eleocharis palustrisTotal50.90Eleocharis palustrisClassification:Community of Littorella uniflora and ScirpusLittorella uniflora

Remarks: In the Scirpus reed swamp (not this relevé) near crossroads an aquatic moss Octodicerns fontanum was growing on rocks in 0.60 m of water. It is a new species to Ireland. At outer edge of this reed swamp Potamogeton crispus, Potamogeton praelongus, Callitriche hermaphroditica, Chara globularis and Nitella flexilis v. flexilis were found.



Name of lake: Corrib (south part) Lake No. 12

General Information

9 m Altitude: County: Galway Geology: Limestone $0.5.\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 14 Ecological division: 3 O.S. 6 inch sheet no. 68,69,81,82 Area: 4000 M 294 307 Grid Ref: Max. length: 10.5 km Sampling date: 24.8.77 Drainage order of inflowing stream: 133 (south part)

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

C1+ 12.1 Max. depth: 50 m Conductivity: 250 Transparency: 2.20 m 8.2 Na⁺ 0.9 Alkalinity: к+ 0.29 Max. vegetated depth:2.30m Ca-hardness: 42 Ca^{2+} 22.0 Nature of bottom: muddy Total hardness: 60 marl Mg²⁺ 8.3 1.12 Total P:

Site description and comments

Eastern shore near the Clare River mouth of the southern part of this very large calcareous lake was investigated. 2.30 m was greatest depth, still vegetated.

Emergent zone: Phragmites (113) and Scirpus lacustris (144) reed beds, Sparganium erecta (144, 145) bands present on the landward side of these. Carex lasiocarpa dominated areas (145). Typha latifolia also abundant.

Floating leaf zone: Floating leaf zone absent.

Submergent zone: Chara contraria dominated vegetation types (83,84,85) in deep water. In shallow water short open Chara aspera vegetations occur. Near the shore Cladophora hummocks are built up, containing a lot of carbonate.

Dominant plankton species: mixture of species.

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Ellenberg values		L	т	К	F	R	N
Relevé No.	83	6	5	5	12	7	4
	84	6.7	6	4	11.8	6.7	5.8
	85	6.5	5.2	4.4	11.5	6.9	5.8
Lough Corrib		6.4	5.4	4.5	11.8	6.9	5.9

Relevé details

Relevé No. 83

Location: open water Size:10x10m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 2.20 m Soil: marl

% CoverHeight (m) Dominant speciesSubmergents800.30Chara contrariaTotal800.30Chara contrariaClassification: Community of Chara contraria (Subunit XXXI).Remarks:Carbonate deposits on Chara spp., not many activelygrowing epiphytes.

Relevé No. 84

Location: open water Size:20x20m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 2.30 m Soil: 10 cm silty marl on marly clay with shell remains. Height (m) Dominant species 8 Cover Chara contraria 99 0.50 Submergents 99 0.50 Chara contraria Total Classification: Community of Chara contraria (Subunit XXXI). Coot and swans feeding in this area, some of the Remarks: vegetation is uprooted and floating. Carbonate deposits on Chara spp., not many actively growing epiphytes.

Relevé No. 85

Location: open water Size: 5x5m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth:1.20m Soil: silty marl and marly clay with shell remains.

Height (m) Dominant species % Cover Submergents 60 0.05 Chara contraria 60 0.05 Chara contraria Total Classification: Community of Charetum asperae (Subunit XXV). Remarks: Anadonta present. Cladophora and Oedogonium spp. (12.5 - 13µ) dominant epiphytic algae. Relevé No. 113 Location: Phragmites fringe. Size: 5x1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.03 m Soil: marl Height (m) Dominant species % Cover 1 Submergents Chara vulgaris Emergents 5 1.50 Phragmites australis Total 5 1.50 Phragmites australis Classification: Phragmites australis (Subunit IX). Relevé No. 144 Location: Scirpus fringe. Size: 5x1 m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth:0.10m Soil: silty mud with rocky base. Height (m) Dominant species % Cover Scirpus lacustris 70 1.50 Submergents 70 1.50 Scirpus lacustris Total Classification: Scirpetum lacustris (Subunit XI). On the land side of this relevé is a band of Sparganium Remarks: erecta (15% cover) with Hippuris vulgaris (5% cover). Ducks and swan present. Relevé No. 145 Location: rocky inlet on the east shore. Size: 2 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.20 m Soil: marl Dominant species Height (m) % Cover Submergents 90 0.50 Carex lasiocarpa 90 0.50 Carex lasiocarpa Total Classification: Community of Carex lasiocarpa (Subunit III). Remarks: Beds of Scirpus lacustris occur all around, on the

landward side is a band of Sparganium erectum.

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Name of lake: Coumshingaun

Lake No. 13

General Information

County: WaterfordAltitude: 366.5 mO.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no.: 22Geology: Old red sandstoneO.S. 6 inch sheet no.: 6, 7Ecological division: 2Grid Ref: S 325 109Area: 30 haSampling date: 2-8-78; 19-9-78Max. length: 0.70 kmDrainage order of inflowing stream: 00

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

 $C1^{-2}$ 2.84;3.19 Max. depth: very deep Conductivity: 48;69 Alkalinity: 0.014;0.023 Na⁺ 5.4;5.7 Transparency: 12.25 m K⁺ 0.22;0.25 Ca-hardness: 4;6 Max. vegetated depth: 5m Ca^{2+} 2.6;2.6 Nature of bottom: Fine Total hardness: 11;12 Mg²⁺ 1.5;1.4 0.166;0.083 mud and in shallows Total P: rocky

Site description and comments

Corrie lake surrounded by high cliffs, soft clear water with very high transparency. Sparse vegetation grows only up to 5 m depth. This could possibly coincide with summer stratification as otherwise one would expect the vegetation to penetrate to 13 m or so.

Emergent zone: Absent.

Floating leaf zone: Absent.

<u>Submergent zone:</u> Band of Nitella flexilis v. flexilis with occasional patches of Potamogeton polygonifolius (49) up to 2.50 m in depth. From 2.50 - 5 m depth Nitella flexilis v. flexilis (48,50) was only submergent plant. Nostoc parmelioides containing Chironomid larvae and Gammarus sp. growing on rocks in shallow water at east end.

Dominant plankton species: On both sampling dates: Peridinium sp.

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Ellenberg values	\mathbf{L}	т	К	F	R	N
Coumshingaun	7	6	2	11	3	2

Relevé details

Relevé No. 48

Location: open water, east end Size: 5x5 m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: exposed, Water depth:1.75m Soil: rocky and stony, very thin layer of silt. * Cover Height (m) Dominant species Submergents 3 - Nitella flexilis v. flexilis Total 3 - Nitella flexilis v. flexilis

Classification: Community of Nitella flexilis v. flexilis (Subunit XXI a).

Remarks: This community occurred from 1.30 - 5 m depth all around the lake. Nitella flexilis v. flexilis was rooted in a very thin layer of silt overlaying rocks and stones. Tabellaria flocculosa, Bulbochaete and Oedogonium main epiphytes.

Relevé No. 49

Location: open water, north side Size: 3x 2m, Slope: steep, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 2m Soil: fine mud and some large rocks

% CoverHeight (m)Dominant speciesSubmergents201.50Potamogeton polygonifoliusTotal201.50Potamogeton polygonifoliusClassification:Community of Nitella flexilis v. flexilis
(Subunit XXI a)

Remarks: Potamogeton polygonifolius occurred in a few isolated patches around the lake, mostly on the North side. Bulbochaete main epiphyte.

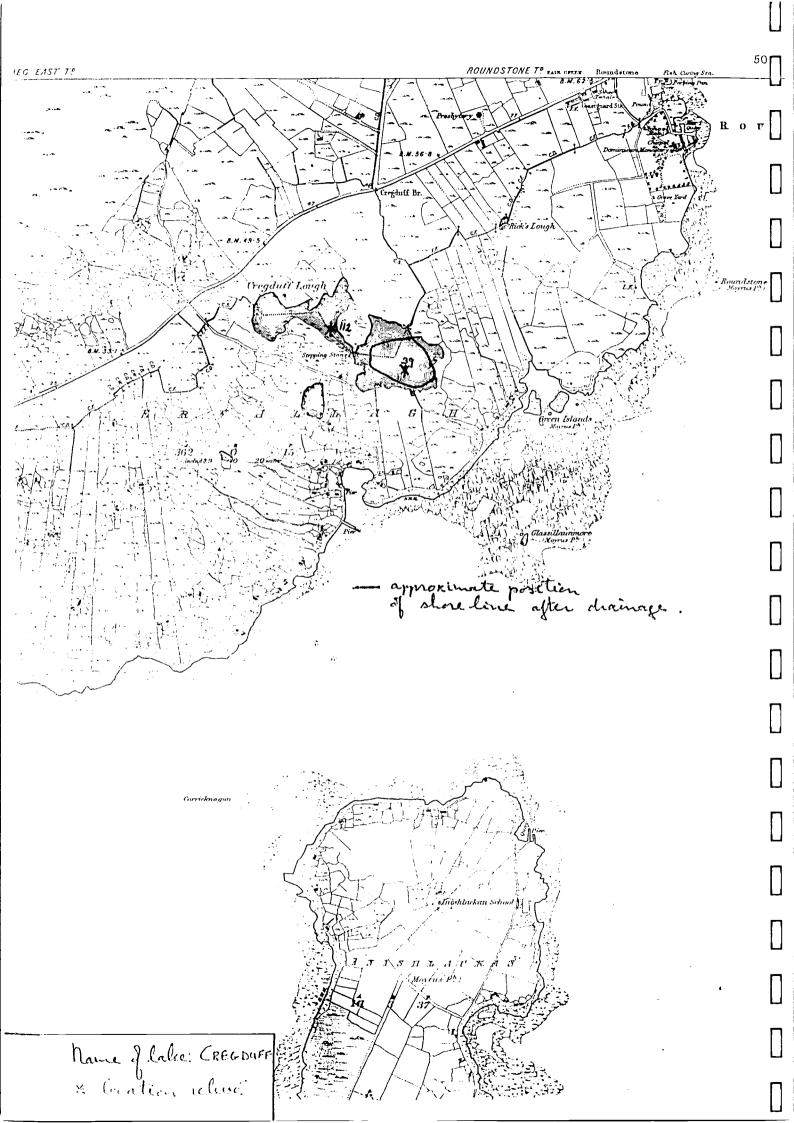
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Location: open water, north side Size: 3x 3m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 4 m Soil: fine silt

% CoverHeight (m)Dominant speciesSubmergents300.30Nitella flexilis v.Total300.30Nitella flexilis v.flexilisflexilisflexilis v.

Classification: Community of Nitella flexilis v. flexilis (Subunit. XXIa)

Remarks: Potamogeton band stops at 2.50 m depth. This relevé below it reprensents the msot luxuriant area of Nitella present in the lake.



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Name of lake: Cregduff

Lake No. 14

General Information

Altitude: 10m County: Galway Geology: Granite 0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 10 Ecological division: 7 O.S. 6 inch sheet no. 63 L 716 392 Area: 2 ha Grid Ref: 12-8-77 Max. length: 0.2 km Sampling date: Drainage order of inflowing stream: 0

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity: 2	210	Cl+ -	Max. depth: 3.40 m
Alkalinity:	0.46	Na ⁺ 18.4	Transparency: 1 m
Ca-hardness:	-	K ⁺ 0.44	A Max. vegetated depth: 2 m
Total hardness:		Ca ²⁺ 11.6	Nature of bottom: uncon-
Total P:	0.92	Mg ²⁺ 4.0	solidated peaty mud with
			undecomposed plant debris.

Site description and comments

Small shallow lake close to the sea with unconsolidated mud bottom and brown soft water surrounded by rocky or peaty shores. Small catchment area consisting of peaty rocky ground with heathy vegetation. Lake drained since the last O.S. survey, consists now of two separate pools connected by marshy ground (see relevé 112). The south eastern pool was investigated. Najas flexilis, a rare plant of deep water, occurs in deep and shallow water in this lake. This may be a result of the lowering of the water table as a deep water deposit is now present in the shallows and an open rocky lake margin is missing. The two Chara species occur sparingly. Chara globularis occurs throughout the submergent zone while Chara aspera is mainly a shallow water species.

Emergent zone: Reed fringe with Phragmites (dominant), Scirpus and Sparganium erectum, covering 5% of the shore line.

Floating leaf zone: The floating parts of Potamogeton gramineus cover less than 1% of the water surface. The floating leaf zone is almost absent in this lake.

<u>Submergent zone:</u> Potamogeton gramineus dominant (relevé 39), followed by, in deeper water, Myrophyllum alterniflorum (dominant) and in the deepest parts Najas flexilis (dominant). The submergent zone covers 50% of the lake surface. Green filamentous algae and Asterococcus superbus are the dominant epiphytic species (relevé 39).

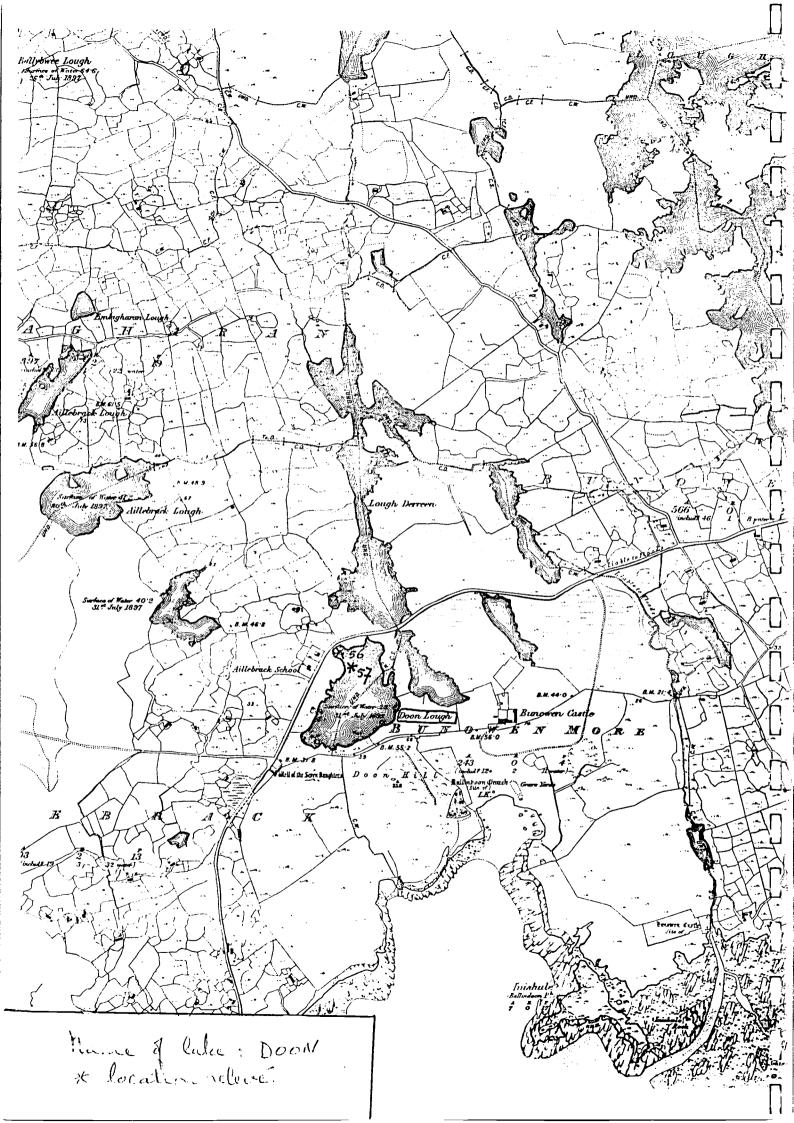
<u>Dominant plankton species</u>: small biomass with zooplankton the dominant organisms. Dinobryon and Synedra are the dominant algal species.

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Relevé details

Relevé No. 39 Location: 5 m off sheltered southern shore Size: 2x2 m , Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1.20 m Soil: very unconsolidated brown peaty mud with much plant debris. Height (m) Dominant species % Cover 9 0.80 Potamogeton gramineus Submergents 9 0.80 Potamogeton gramineus Total Classification: Community of Najas flexilis and Potamogeton berchtoldii (Subunit XIX). Relevé No. 112 Location: marsh on former lake bottom on connection between the two pools that Creqduff consists of at present. Size: 2x2 m , Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.10m Soil: black mud, probably anoxic, more than 1 m deep. Height (m) Dominant species % Cover

Submergents801Carex lasiocarpaTotal801Carex lasiocarpaClassification:Carecetum rostratae, subassociation with elementsof Littorellion (Subunit IIa).



Name of Lake Doon

Site No. 15

General Information

Altitude: 7m County: Galway Geology: Gneiss 0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 10 Ecological division: 7 O.S. 6 inch sheet no. 49 Area: 6 ha Grid Ref. L 594 430 Sampling date: 9.8.77 Max Length: 0.35 ha Drainage order of inflowing stream: 0

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity: 4	90	Cl ⁺ -	Max depth: 11.30m
Alkalinity:	1.5	Na ⁺ 23.8	Transparency: 1.66 m
Ca-hardness:	-	к ⁺ 0.75	Max vegetated depth: 5m
Total hardness:	-	Ca ²⁺ 30.0	Nature of bottom: silty
Total P:	0.95	Mg ²⁺ 12.5	sand, on shores rocky

Site description and comments

Small coastal lake with very hard water and high in sodium (not brackish however). Shallow margin, areas especially in south sloping abruptly into deeper water, steep sloping in the centre and north. Surrounding land rocky and heathy. Influenced by wind blow sand from neighbouring dunes. Water brownish.

Emergent zone: Takes up less than 5% of lake surface. Reed beds dominated by Scirpus lacustris (142), Berula erecta (103), Phragmites australis, Equisetum fluviatile (127), Eleocharis palustris or Typha latifolia (143) occur on the Eastern and Southern shores or in sheltered inlets.

Floating leaf zone: Takes up less than 5% of lake surface. Area of Nymphaea alba (56); Potamogeton natans occurs outside as well as inside reed fringe; area of Polygonum amphibium occurs in sheltered inlet with Eleocharis and Sparganium erectum.

Submergent zone: Takes up 50% of lake surface. At 1 m depth-Nitella flexilis v. flexilis f. obtusa occurs. Fontinalis antipyretica and Potamogeton praelongus are also common at this depth. Myriophyllum spicatum dominates between 1-4m depth and Chara rudris is common here. Deeper than 4m Potamogeton pectinatis is dominant and Chara fragilis is common.

Dominant]	plankton	species	few	algal	species,	lots	of
zooplankton	•						
Ellenberg V	alues	L	т	к	F	R	N
Relevé no.	56	6	7	-	12	8	8
	57	5.5	-	5	12	7.5	7
	127	7	4	5	11	7	5.5
Doon Lough		6.2	5.5	5	11.7	7.5	6.8

Relevé details

Relevé No. 56

Location: floating leaf zone, north-east shore Size: 2 x 2m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 2.70m Soil: silt

	% Cover	Height(m)	Dominant species
Floating leaf	100	2.70	Nymphaea alba
Emergents	20	1 '	Equisetum fluviatile
Total	100	2.70	Nymphaea alba

Classification: Sociation of Nymphaea alba (Subunit XXII) Remarks: No submergents under the floating leafs of the water lily, except Cladophora very abundant. In shallow water nearer the shore the following species occur: Pot. pectinatus, Ranunculus trichophyllus, Chara rudris, Chara fragilis, Pot. natans, Pot. gramineus, Littorella uniflora, Pot. berchtoldii and Fontinalis antipyretica. Fontinalis antipyretica occurs in deep water with a cover of 100%.

Relevé No. 57

Location: open water

Size: 1 x 1m, Slope: steep, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 1.50m Soil: silty sand (peat and shell remains present) Submergents Total Remarks: water. 0.25m Soil: rocky Floating leaf Emergents Total (Subunit VI) Remarks: 0.40 m Su Flo Εm То C1

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% Cover Height(m) Dominant Species 85 0.30 Myriophyllum spicatum 85 0.30 Myriophyllum spicatum Classification: Charetum asperae (Subunit XXV) Cladophora main algal species. Myriophyllum occurs from 0.60 - 1.80m depth. Potamogeton pectinatus mostly in deeper Fontinalis antipyretica and Potamogeton praelongus occur between this relevé and the shore. Relevé No. 103 Location: On Eastern shore Size: 2 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: Dominant species Height (m) % cover 0.25 Lemna minor 1 Berula erecta and 1.50 60 Scirpus lacustris 60 1.50 Berula erecta and Scirpus lacustris Classification: Community of Berula erecta and Scirpus lacustris This band on the landward side of Scirpus Bed, next band (landinward) is dominated by Carex nigra. Relevé No. 127 Location: Equisetum fringe on Southern shore. Size: 2 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth:

Soil: rocks and muddy marl

	% cover	Height (m)	Dominant species
ubmergents	5	-	Fontinalis antipyretica
loating Leaf	5	0.40	Potamogeton natans .
mergents	25	0.70	Equisetum fluviatile
otal	35	0.70	Equisetum fluviatile
lassification:	Community	of Potamogeton	natans, (Subunit XXIV).

Name of Lake: Doon Relevé No. 142 Location: Scirpus fringe on Eastern shore Size: 5 x 5m, Slope: none, Exposure: Sheltered, Water depth: 0.30m Soil: marly mud % cover 1 Submergents Emergents Total Classification: Scirpetum lacustris (Subunit XI) Remarks: Coots and moorhens present in the lake. Relevé No. 143 Location: Typha fringe on South-eastern shore. Size: 2 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.70m Soil: rocky and marly mud % cover Floating leaf Emergents Total Classification: Typhetum latifoliae

Lake No. 15

Dominant species

Scirpus lacustris

Scirpus lacustris

Potamogeton coloratus

Dominant species

Typha latifolia

Potamogeton natans

Potamogeton natans

and Typha latifolia

Height(m)

Height(m)

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Name of Lake: "Castle" Dromore

General Information

County: Clare 0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 14 0.S. 6 inch sheet no. 25,26 Grid reference: R 350 862 Sampling date: 30-8-78 Drainage order of inflowing stream: 0 Altitude: 13.5m Geology: limestone Ecological division:4 Area: 114 ha Max length:0.2km

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Water not analysed. Conductivity: 340

Max. depth:7.30m Transparency:2.60m Max vegetated depth: -Nature of bottom: Marl, rocky on shores

Site description and comments

Small shallow eutrophic lake. Scirpus lacustris on northern Other aquatic plants include Nuphar lutea, Elodea shore. canadensis, Lemna trisulca and Potamogeton lucens, Chara rudris, Potamogeton friessii. The stream demersum, Ceratophyllum lake to Dromore Lough contains Butomus connecting Nameless umbellatus, Hippuris vulgaris, Phragmites and Scirpus lacustris. Nameless lake (108) contains the following aquatic species. Fontinalis antipyretica, Nuphar lutea, Elodea canadensis, Nymphaea alba, Potamogeton lucens, Potamogeton perfoliatus and Chara rudris. Nameless lake had a plankton bloom also.

Emergent zone: Scirpus fringe

Floating leaf zone: Nuphar lutea

<u>Submergents zones</u>: Littorella uniflora dominated vegetation (59) landward of Scirpus fringe. Other submergents include: Lemna. trisulca, Elodea canadensis, Potamogeton lucens, Ceratophyllum demersum, Chara rudis and Potamogeton friesii.

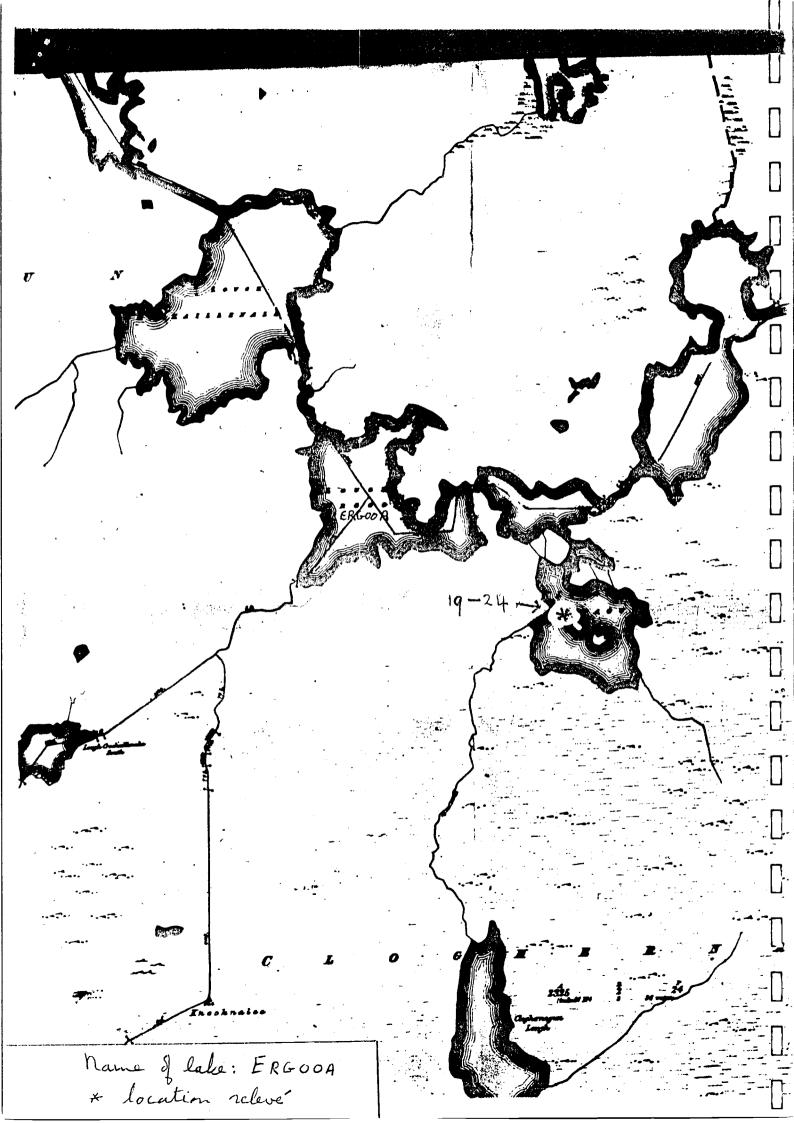
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of Ceratium hirundinella, Peridinium also very abundant (bloom). Relevé No. 159 Location: shore, landward of Scirpus fringe Size: 3 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.40m Soil: rock and marl Dominant species Height(m) &cover Littorella uniflora 0.05 30 Submergents Scirpus lacustris 1.50 21 Emergents Littorella uniflora 0.05 30 Total Classification: Community of Littorella uniflora and Scirpus lacustris (Subunit XII) Relevé No. 108 (Nameless lake) Location: reed fringe, Nameless lake, Dromore , Water depth: 0.05 , Slope: , Exposure: Size: Soil: rootmat Height (m) Dominant species % cover 2 Sparganium erectum 50 Emergents and Menyanthes Sparganium erectum and 2 50 Total Menyanthes trifoliata. Classification: Carecetum rostratae (Subunit II b).

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Dominant plankton species: Very dense plankton, mostly consisting



Name of Lake: Ergooa

General information

County:GalwayAltitude: between 90-120m0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 14Geology: Granite0.S. 6 inch sheet no. 79Ecological Division: 1Grid ref: M 057 283Area:40 haSampling date: 27-9-78Max length: 0.5 kmDrainage order of inflowing stream: 22

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity: 92	Cl ⁻ 4.97	Max. depth: 1.70m
Alkalinity: 0.005	Na ⁺ 11.4	Transparency:>depth
Ca hardness: 6	K ⁺ 0.46	Max vegetated depth: 1.70m
Total hardness:13	Ca ²⁺ 1.6	Nature of bottom: fine
Total P: 0.021	Mg ²⁺ 1.4	silt over hardpan or
		peat. Peaty on rocky
		shores.

Site description and comments

Shallow soft water lake in large blanket bog area. Much of bottom covered by iron pan. Perhaps was originally covered by bog which has been eroded away. The lake is unusually rich in aquatic macrophytes.

Emergent zone: small patches of sparse Phragmites australis (24) or Eleocharis multicaulis (20,21) or Carex rostrata (22).

<u>Floating leaf zone:</u> sparse Potamogeton polygonifolius and/or Nymphaea alba (22,24).

<u>Submergent zone</u>: Lobelia dortmanna (20) or Eriocaulon aquaticum (19,22,24) dominant. In the deeper water (1.70m) Juncus bulbosus and Scirpus fluitans are dominant (23). In some adjacent bog lakes which may be deeper there is probably an Isoetes zone, because much Isoetes seen washed up on shore.

Lake No. 17

Dominant plankton species: The filamentous green Mougeotea 12 16u is dominant, this filamentous benthic alga is stirred up into the plankton in this shallow exposed lake.

Ellenberg Values		\mathbf{L}	т	К	F	R	N
Relevé No:	19	7.3	4.7	2.0	11.0	4.3	2.2
	20	7.4	5.0	2.0	10.2	4.0	1.4
	21	7.3	5.0	2.5	9.7	5.1	2.7
	22	7.7	4.8	2.0	10.4	4.8	3.1
	23	7.5	5.0	2.0	12.0	4.3	3.0
	24	7.3	5.0	2.8	10.9	5.6	3.9
Lough Ergooa		7.4	4.9	2.2	10.7	4.7	2.7

Relevé details

Relevé No. 19

Location: open water Size: 10x10m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 1m Soil: fine mud over hardpan.

%cover Height(m) Dominant species Submergents 75 0.10 Eriocaulon aquaticum 75 0.10 Total Eriocaulon aquaticum Classification: Eriocaulo - Lobelietum, subassociation with Eleocharis multicaulis and Utricularia intermedia (Subunit XV c). Remarks: Pieces of Eriocaulon mat break away and open ground is Tabellaria flocculosa dominant and invaded by other species. epiphytic alga.

Relevé No. 20

Location: open water Size: 15x3m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.50m Soil: rocks, stones and gravel.

&cover Dominant species Height(m) 5 0.03 Lobelia dortmanna Submergents 5 Total 0.03 Lobelia dortmanna Classification: Eriocaulo - Lobelietum, subassociation with Eleocharis multicaulis and Utricularia intermedia (Subunit XV c). Remarks: Elatine hexandra is rooting in gravel.

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Relevé No. 21

Location: sparse reed fringe Size: 5 X 3 m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.30-0.50m. Soil: rocky and silty

% Cover Height (m) Dominant species Submergents 3 0.50 Eleocharis multicaulis Eleocharis multicaulis Emergents 1 0.80 4 0.50 Eleocharis multicaulis Total Classification: Eriocaulo-Lobelietum subassociation with Eleocharis multicaulis and Utricularia intermedia (Subunit XV c) Remarks: This vegetation type is better developed in more sheltered bays where Eriocaulon and Lobelia occur more Eleocharis multicaulis frequently. tends to be viviparous.

Relevé No. 22

Location: sparse reed fringe Size: 10 X 5m, Slope: none, Expossure: Water depth: 0.5-0.60 m Soil: silty over iron hard pan

Height (m) Dominant species % Cover 80 0.50 Eriocaulon aquaticum Submergents Floating leaf 1 0.50 Potamogeton polygonifolius 0.75 Carex rostrata Emergents 5 85 0.70 Eriocaulon aquaticum Total Classification: Eriocaulo-Lobelietum, subassociation with Eleocharis multicaulis and Utricullaria intermedia (Subunit XV c) Remarks: Possibly a current present here.

Relevé No. 23

Location: deepest vegetated area, open water Size: 5 X 5 m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 1.70m Soil: silty

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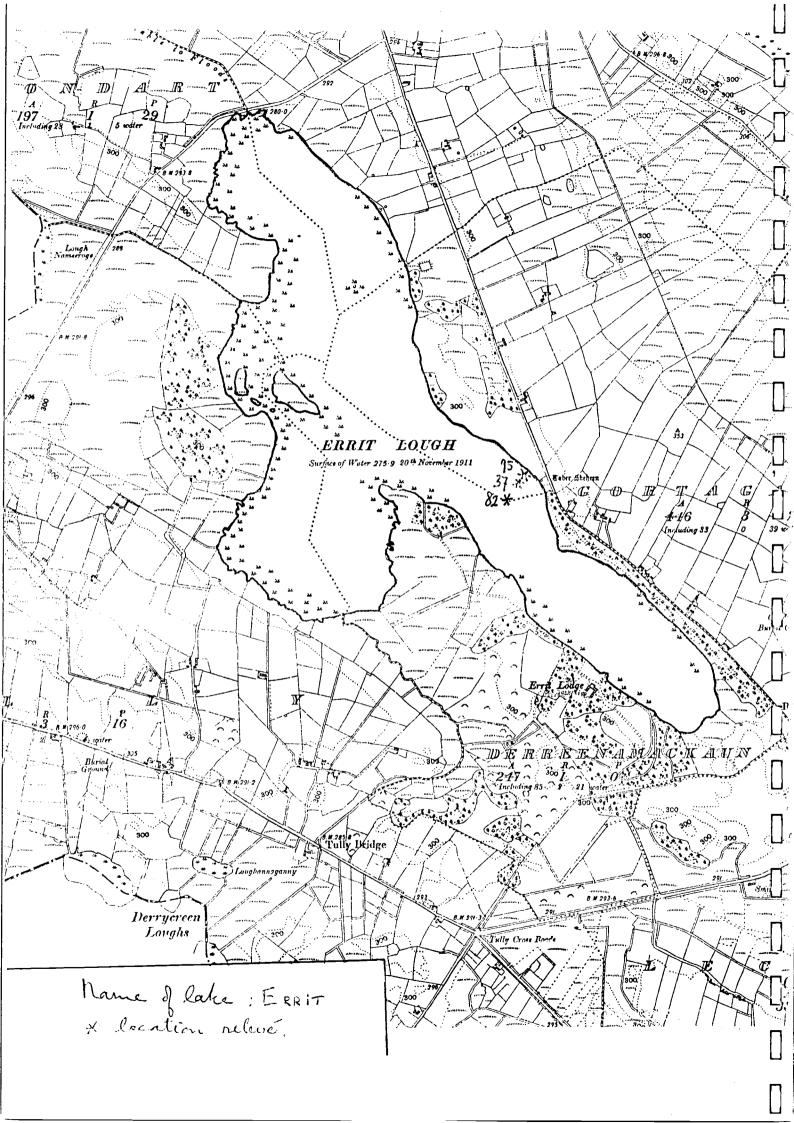
	% Cover	Height(m)	Dominant species
Submergents	30	0.35	Juncus bulbosus and
			Scirpus fluitans
Total	30	0.35	Juncus bulbosus and
			Scirpus fluitans

Classification: Community of Isoetes lacustris (Subunit XVII) Remarks: The iron hardpan was not present here.

Relevé No. 24

Location: sparse reed fringe Size: 10 X 5m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1m Soil: peat

	% Cover	Height (m)	Dominant species
Submergents	30	0.05	Eirocaula aquaticum
Floating leaf	1	1	Nymphara alba and
			Potamogetan polygonifolius
Emergents	1	1 m	Phragmites australis
Total	30		Eriocaula aquaticum
Classification	: Eriocaul	o-Lobelietum,	subassociation with
Eleocharis mul	ticaulis a	nd Utricularia	a intermedia (Subunit XV c)



Lake No. 18

General Information

County: Roscommon	Altitude: 84 m
0.S. $1/2$ inch sheet no. 11	Geology : limestone
O.S. 6 inch sheet no. 19	Ecological division: 3
Grid ref: M 542 850	Area: 160 ha
Sampling date: 19/8/78	Max length: 2.1 km.
Drainage order of inflowing stream:	1

Physico-chemical information (for units see table 2)

Conductivity: 228	Cl- 1.77	Max. depth: -
Alkalinity: -	Na ⁺ 7.3	Transparency: -
Ca - hardness: 82	к+ 0.72	Max vegetated depth: 4m
Total hardness: 92	Ca ² +26.9	Nature of bottom: sandy
Total P: 0.146	Mg ²⁺ 2.8	marl, rocky at shores.

Site description and comments

Calcareous clear water lake with rocky shores.

<u>Emergent zone</u>: Sparse stands of Scirpus lacustris, Phragmites australis and Carex rostrata/Eleocharis palustris occur on South-West shore.

<u>Floating leaf zone:</u> Nuphar lutea occurs sparsely at a depth of 2.70 m. Very few leaves reach the surface, petioles are 2.70 m long. Other leaves are of submergent type.

Submergent zone: In shallow water (up to 1 m) Chara polyacantha is dominant. Chara rudris occurs also and is more dominant in the south end of the lake (more sheltered). Here it occurs throughout all depths. Between 1-2 m Chara desmacantha is dominant. From 2 - 3 m Chara fragilis is dominant. At lower edge of this band Nupthar lutea occurs. At 4 m depth Potamogeton perfoliatus grows on bare mud. Dominant plankton species: Microcystis sp. R Ν L ሞ Κ F Ellenberg values Relevé No. 37 6.8 4 3.5 11.2 7.5 3.3 ----82 ----10 1 8 95 8 _ 2.2 3.5 10.6 7.8 7.4 4 Errit Lough Relevé details Relevé No. 37 Location: open water Size: 10 x 3m; Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 1m; Soil: sandy marl Height(m) Dominant species % Cover Chara desmacantha and 60 Submergents Littorella uniflora Chara desmacantha and 60 Total Littorella uniflora Classification: Community of Chara desmacantha (Subunit XXX).

Remarks: The Chara desmacantha and Littorella uniflora form a mazaic: where one is absent, the other is dominant and vice versa. Epiphytes on Chara mostly Cymbella spp., Gomphonema spp. and Navicula spp.

Relevé No. 82

Location: open water Size: 5 x 5m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 2m, Soil: sandy marl

Dominant species % Cover Height(m) 0.30 Chara fragilis 90 Submergents 0.30 Chara fragilis 90 Total Classification: Sociation of Chara fragilis (Subunit XXIX). Open areas occur scattered at random. At about 2.7 m. Remarks: Nuphar lutea occurs. With a few floating leaves with petioles of Where group of these plants occur Chara is sparse or 2.70m!

absent. Potamogeton perfoliatus occurs in deeper water up to 4m, on bare mud. Epiphytes on Chara mostly Cymbella spp. and Gomphonema spp.

Relevé No. 95

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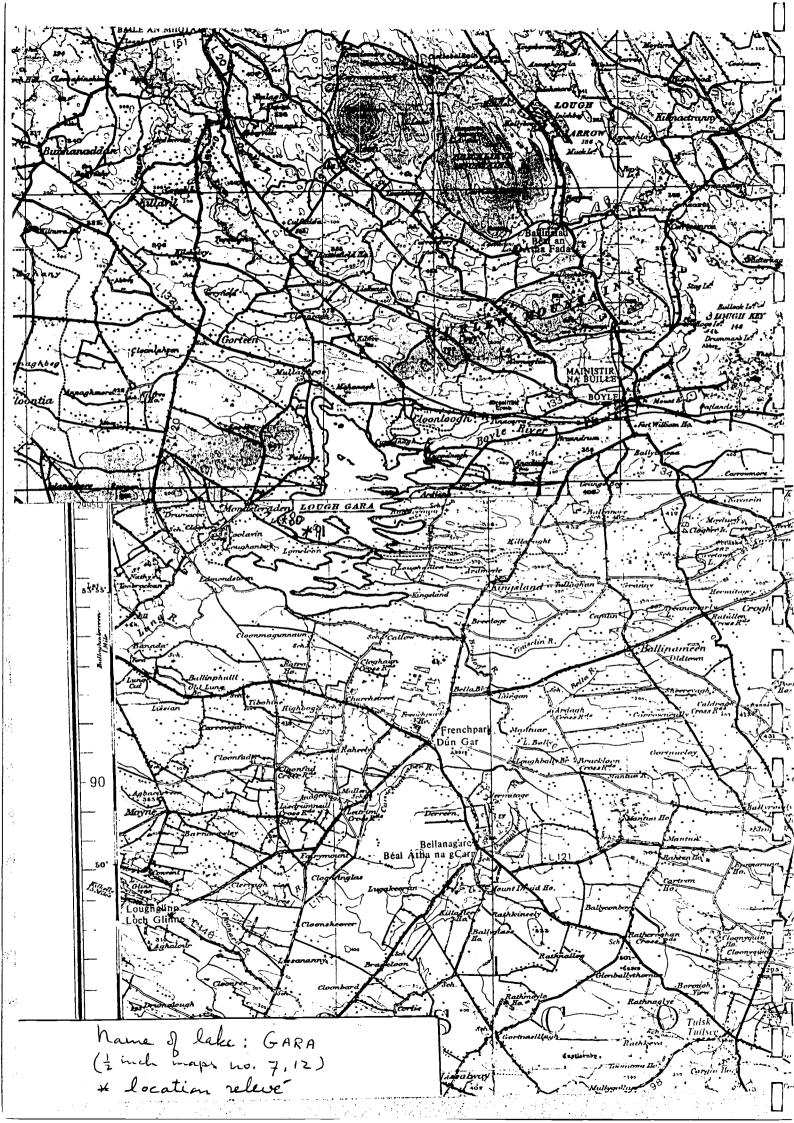
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Location: shallow open water Size: 2 x 1m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.50m Soil: sandy marl with large rocks Dominant species Height(m) ୫ Cover Chara polyacantha 0.25 40 Submergents 0.24 Chara polyacantha 40 Total Classification: Community of Chara aculeolata (Subunit XXXII) Remarks: Epiphytic algae on Chara mostly diatoms, Cymbella sp. dominant.



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Name of Lake: Gara

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General Information

County: Sligo/Roscommon	Altitude:
0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no: 7,12	Geology: mostly limestone
O.S. 6 inch sheet no:	some sandstone shales
Grid Ref:	and slates
Sampling date: 17.8.78	Ecological division: 3
Drainage order of inflowing stream:27	Area: 930 ha
(Lung River)	Max length: 5.5 km

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity:	395	Cl ⁺ 2.84	Max depth: 1.90m (in bay)
Alkalinity:	0.35	Na ⁺ 11.5	Transparency: 1.50 m
Ca-hardness:	84	К+ 1.12	Max vegetated depth: 1.90m
Total hardness:	96	Ca ²⁺ 29.9	Nature of bottom:
Total P:	0.208	Mg ²⁺ 3.2	Marl and sand,
			stony on exposed shores.

Site description and comments

Large exposed marl lake, with hard water, lake level lowered about 1.20m. Old shoreline still clearly visible.

<u>Emergents zone</u>: Phragmites fringe on the lakeward side. Equisetum fluviatile dominated vegetation (80) and Eleocharis palustris dominated areas.

Floating leaf zone: not present.

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<u>Submergent zone</u>: Sparse plants of Chara fragilis, Potamogeton pectinatus, Uticularia neglecta and Tolypella nidifera v. glomerata (91).

Dominant plankton species: Microcystis, 2 spp.

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Relevé No.	80	8	4	-	10	-	5
	91	8	6	2	12	5.5	5
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Relevé Details

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Location: emergent fringe in bay on south side of lake Size: 5 x 5m , Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.10m Soil: Marly sand

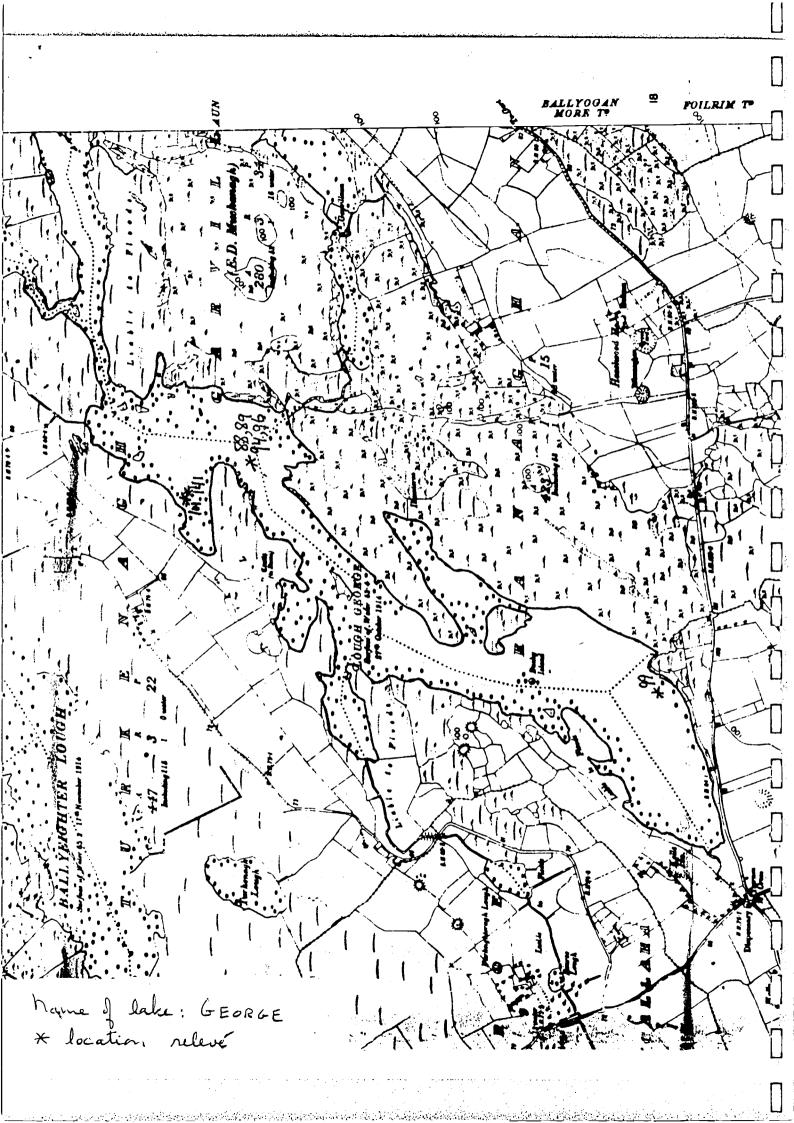
Dominant species Height(m) % Cover Potamogeton filiformis 10 _ Submergents Equisetum fluviatile 40 0.75 Emergents Equisetum fluviatile 40 0.75 Total Classification: Community of Potamogeton filiformis (Subunit XXVII) Remarks: Rivularia sp. dominant epiphyte, grows on Equisetum stems.

Relevé No.91

Location: in large bay in open water, south side lake. Size: 5x5m , Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 1.10m Soil: marl

	% Cover	Height(m)	Dominant species
Submergents	5	0.05	Chara fragilis and
			Tolypella nidifera v.
			glomerata
Total	5	0.05	Chara fragilis and
			Tolypella nidifera
			v. glomerata
Classification:	Community	of Chara	fragilis and Tolypella
nidifera v. glom	erata (Subu	nit XXVIII).	

Remarks: Very few algal epiphytes.



Name of Lake: George

Lake No. 20

General Information

County: Clare	Altitude: 19m
0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 14	Geology: Limestone
O.S. 6 inch sheet no. 17	Ecological division: 4
Grid Ref: R 340 917	Area: 125
Sampling Date: 29.8.78	Max Length: 2 km
Drainage order of inflowing stream:	4

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2) Conductivity: 362 Cl⁺ 3.19 Max depth: -

0.32 Na+ 10.8 Transparency: 5m Alkalinity: Max vegetated depth: 5m к+ 1.4 86 Ca-hardness: Nature of bottom: marl, Ca^{2+} 28.5 Total hardness 111 0.042 Mg^{2+} 6.7 rocky and peaty on shores. Total P:

Site description and comments

Large clear water limestone lake with intricate shore line and many sheltered bays.

Emergent zone: Going lakeward vegetation is dominated by Schoenus nigricans, Cladium mariscus (101.141) and Phragmites australis.

Floating leaf zone: Nuphar lutea (94)

<u>Submergent zones</u>: Dominated by from shallow to deep: Chara desmacantha (96), Chara rudris (94), Chara contraria:with (88) and without (89) Chara rudris.At greatest depth only algae grow: Oscillatoria mat (1.5μ) mixed in with diatom species (mainly Navicula).

Dominant plankton species: Chroococcus, sheaths not striated >8 <16 µ \mathbf{T} Κ F R Ν \mathbf{L} Ellenberg Values 5.7 4.0 11.5 7.0 7.5 4.5 Relevé No: 94 3 10.5 7 5 5 7.5 96 3.7 99 6.5 6 2 11.5 6.8 3 11.2 6.9 4.8 7.2 5.2 Lough George

Relevé details

Relevé No. 88

Location: open water Size: 4 x 1m, Slope: steep, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 4m Soil: marl

% CoverHeight(m)Dominant speciesSubmergents950.05Chara contrariaTotal950.05Chara contrariaClassification: Community of Chara contraria (Subunit XXXI)Remarks: Cymbella, Navicula and Gomphonema dominant epiphytes onChara.

Relevé No. 89

Location: open water Size: 4 x 4m, Slope: steep, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 5m Soil: marl

Dominant species % cover Height(m) Submergents 100 0.05 Chara contraria 100 0.05 Chara contraria Total Classification: Community of Chara contraria (Subunit XXXI) Remarks: Chara contraria had slightly larger spines than usual. Gomphonema dominant epiphytes in Chara. Eunotia and At 5.50m depth a mat of bluegreen algae grows directly on the marl consisting of Oscillatoria sp. (1.5,4) and a mixture of diatoms, Navicula mainly.

Relevé No. 94

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Location: open water Size: 4 x 1, Slope: steep, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1.80m Soil: marl

	% cover	Height(m)	Dominant species
Submergents	100		Chara rudris
Floating leaf	10	1.80	Nuphar lutea
Emergents	1		Scirpus lacustris
Total	100		Chara Rudris

Classification: Community of Chara contraria (Subunit XXXI) Remarks: This vegetation occurs between 1.20 - 2.70m depth. In the nearby sheltered bay Chara tomentosa is more abundant and Chara rudris, Chara delicatula and Hippuris vulgaris occurs also. Navicula and Cymbella spp dominant epiphytes on Chara. A mat of mainly Oscillatoria $(15-2\mu)$ grows on marl underneath Nuphar plants.

Relevé No. 96

Location: shallow water near shore Size: 3 x 1m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.50m Soil: marl

% coverHeight(m)Dominant speciesSubmergents100-Chara desmacanthaTotal100-Chara desmacanthaClassification:Community of Chara desmacantha (Subunit XXX)Remarks:Navicula and Cymbella dominant epiphytes on Chara.

Relevé No. 99 Location: South shore Size: 1 x 3m , Slope: gentle, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.90 - 1.20m Soil: soft marl

% coverHeight(m)Dominant speciesSubmergents40-Littorella unifloraTotal40-Littorella unifloraClassification:Community of Chara and Juncus bulbosis f.Eluitans (Subunit XIV)Remarks:Relevé taken on 22.8.84.Nuphar lutea occurred at thelower edge of this zone.Eluitans (Suburit XIV)

Relevé No. 101

Location: Cladium mariscus fringe, landward of 141 Size: 2 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.05m Soil: peaty clay % coverHeight(m)Dominant speciesEmergents101Cladium mariscusTotal101Cladium mariscusClassification:Cladietum marisci (Subunit IV)

Relevé No. 141

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Location: Cladium mariscus dominant fringe, lakeward of 101 Size: 2 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.20 Soil: peat

Dominant species % cover Height (m) Nymphaea alba 0.20 Floating leaf 1 Cladium mariscus 60 3 Emergents Cladium mariscus 60 3 Total Classification: Cladietum marisci (Subunit IV)

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Name of Lake Glenade

Lake No: 21

General information

County: LeitrimAltitude: 66.6 mO.S.1/2O.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 7Geology : limestoneO.S. 6 inch sheet no. 4, 7Ecological division: 4Grid. ref. : G 828 461Area : 170 ha.Sampling date: 21/7/78 and 14/9/78Max length: 1.9 ha.Drainage order of inflowing stream: 6Altitude: 66.6 mO.S.

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Date	21.7	14.9	Date21.7 14.9	1
Conductivity:	215	153	C1- 2.84 24 8	Max depth: 7.25m
Alkalinity:	0.16	-	Na ⁺ 9.1 8.1	Trans- 21/7: 2.20;
		1	-	parency: 14/8: 2.30
Ca-hardness:	59	57	K ⁺ 0.37 0.3	7
				Max.vegetated depth:
				3.50 m
Total	72	65	Ca ²⁺ 22.8 19.6	
hardness:				Nature of bottom: sand
				and stones in the
				shallows, mud in the
				deeper water.
Total P:	0.042	0.208	$Mg^{2}+2.8$ 2.4	

Site description and comments

lake in Calcareous, relatively nutrient poor, clear water steepsided valley, with stony and/or sandy shores. Two main rivers enter the lake on the Northern side, calcareous flushes as well as some woodland. The lake edge are present here, area of cutaway mostly but small wet grassland consists of surrounding land is mainly The also present. peatland is Stands of Phragmites and Scirpus and patches of Nuphar pasture. Elodea submergents are dominant The present. lutea are praelongus. deeper water Potamogeton canadensis and in

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Hildenbrandia rivularis, an alga indicative of clean well-aerated water can be seen on rocks and stones in shallow water. It is never found in soft, acidic oligotrophic conditions. It was unexpected to find the rare submergent Najas flexilis in this lake, as it is usually associated with soft oligotrophic water. It seems to thrive in this lake with its calcareous water. It was found in very shallow water within the Scirpus beds, and it grew together with Elodea canadensis at 1.80 m depth and at 3 m with Potamogeton praelongus. In the shallows it dyes off earlier in the year than in the deeper water, which suggests it may be a cold water species, rather than a deep water one. Najas flexilis is an annual and may die off earlier in shallow water because it has completed its life cycle earlier because of increased warmth and light. In most lakes we found it associated with Potamogeton berchtoldii, but this plant is absent from Glenade lake.

<u>Emergent zone</u>: Phragmites australis and Scirpus lacustris are the dominant emergents. Typha latifolia occurs at the NW end of the lake. Equisetum fluviatile and Eleocharis palustris are common.

<u>Floating leaf zone:</u> Potamogeton natans and Nuphar lutea occur. The latter in small patches.

On the land side of the reed beds in the Submergent zones: water Chara aspera grows on sand, and a little shallowest Littorella uniflora is the main macrophyte. In the reed deeper. beds Potamogeton gramineus is abundant at less than 1 m depth, while Potamogeton lucens is common at more than 1 m depth. The latter decline just outside the reed bed and Potamogeton natans of the floating leaf zone takes over. Lakewards of the reed beds and of the floating leaf zones Elodea canadensis is the dominant At 3 m depth Potamogeton submergent at about 1.50 m depth. praelongus (dominant), Myriophyllum spicatum and Potamogeton pusillus occur. Najas flexilis is found throughout the reed bed zone down to the deepest vegetated areas (see remarks relevé 46 This zonation was present at North and South end for details). (relevé 46) as well as off shore from the island (relevé 34, 35).

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Dominant plankton species:

21.7.78: Mixture of species - Nostoc, Ceratium herundinella, Dinobryon, Asterionella formosa, Fragillaria crotonensis, Synedra abundant. Microcystis wesenbergii and Rhizosolenia longiseta present.

14.9.78: Tabellaria fenestrata v. astera main alga, Anabaena
>4≤8u, Fragillaria crotonensis, Tabellaria flocculosa, Pandorina sp. abundant.

Ellenberg values		\mathbf{L}	Т	K	F	R	N
Relevé No.	34	7.0	4.3	2.3	11.3	6.4	3.4
	35	6.8	5.0	3.0	11.6	6.0	4.0
	46	7.0	4.7	4.3	11.7	7.5	5.7
Glenade Lough		6.9	4.7	3.2	11.5	6.6	4.4

<u>Relevé details</u> Relevé No. 34

Location: island shore, south side Size:5 x 2m, Slope: slight, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.60m Soil: gravel and rocks

Dominant species Height (m) % Cover Littorella uniflora 65 Submergents Litorella uniflora 5 1 Emergents Littorella uniflora 70 Total Community of Isoetes lacustris (Subunit XVII) Classification: Hildenbrandia rivularis, incrassata, Chaetophora Remarks: Tolypothrix sp. and Gloeotrichia sp. are very abundant in this The first two are indicative of clean, well vegetation type. aerated water. Cladophora sp. was growing on the rocks.

Relevé No. 35

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Location: south side shore of island, further offshore than 34. Size: 5 x 2m , Slope: slight, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 1.60m

Soil: sand and rocks

	% cover	Height (m)	Dominant species
Submergents	80	-	Lemna trisulca
Total	80	-	Lemna trisulca

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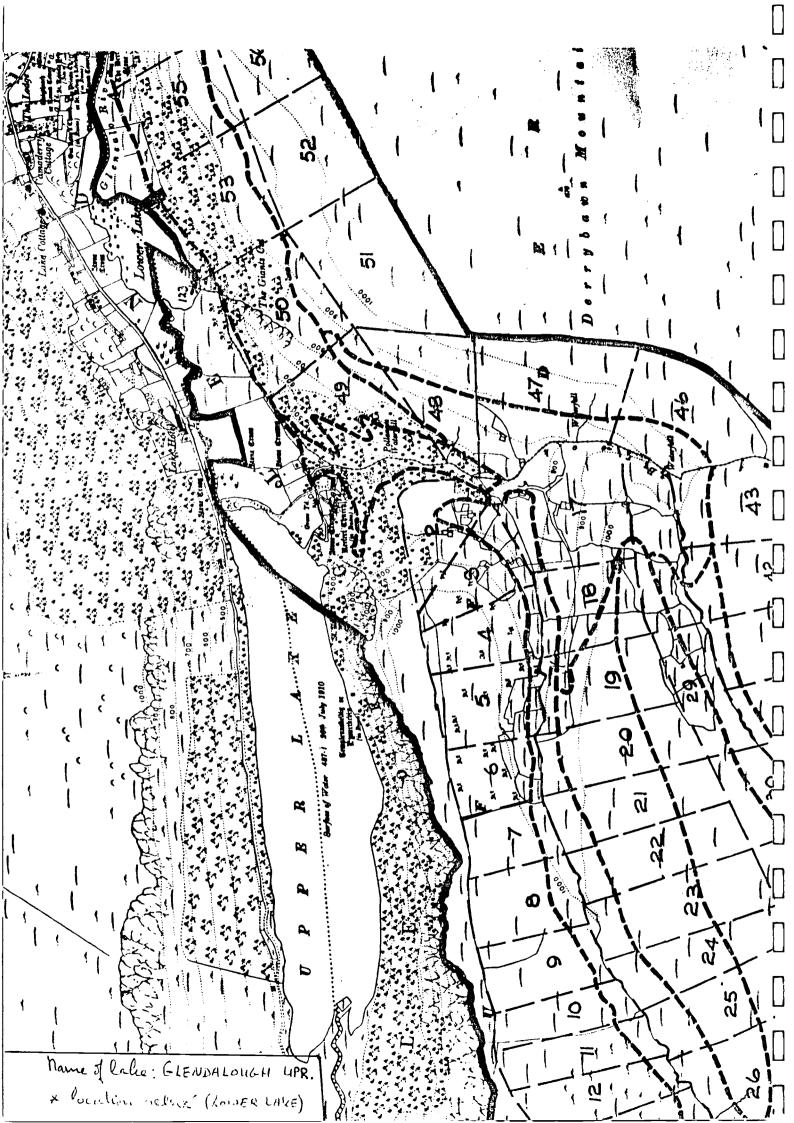
Classification: Community of Isoetes lacustris (Subunit XVII) Remarks: The alga Gloeotrichia is most abundant. Going lakewards from the island into deeper water Elodea canadensis becomes dominant, deeper again Potamogeton pusillus, Nitella flexilis v. flexilis, Elodea canadensis and Potamogeton praelongis grow together. The sheltered south side of the island had the most marginal vegetation, very little vegetation on the other shores of the island.

Relevé No. 46

Location: South end of lake, in sheltered bay Size: 5 X 5m , Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 3.00m Soil: mud

% Cover Height(m) Dominant species
 Submergents 20 - Potamogeton praelongus
 Total 20 - Potamogeton praelongus
 Classification: Community of Najas flexilis and Potamogeton
 berchtoldii (Subumit XIX).

This relevé was taken on 14-9-78 and most of the Remarks: plants were dying off. The alga Cladophora was lying the on bottom (washed down presumably from the shore). The dominant epiphytes were Chaemaesiphon sp. and Cocconeis sp. On our previous visit (21-7-78) Najas flexilis was noted from very shallow water in the Scirpus reed bed together with Potamogeton pusillus, Nitella flexilis v. flexilis, Tolypella nidifera v. hermafroditica and fragilis, Callitriche glomerata, Chara Acrocladium cuspidatum, just lakeward of the Chara aspera zone. Najas was seen growing at 1.80m depth together with Nitella flexilis, Tolypella nidifera v. glomerata, v. flexilis Callitriche hermafroditica, Fontinalis antipyretica and Elodea canadensis. Some of the epiphytic algae were calcified. Najas had gone from these shallower areas on 14-9-78. At 3m of depth Potamogeton praelongus was dominant and Najas was present. As depth increased Potamogeton praelongus opened up and Najas flexilus and Sparganium emersum were more frequent.



Name of lake: Glendalough Upr

Lake No. 22

General Information

County: WicklowAltitude: 151.5mO.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 16Geology: AndovicianO.S. 6 inch sheet no. 23Ecological Division. 2Grid Ref: T 103 960Area: 80Sampling date: 8.8.78Max length: 1.6kmDrainage order of inflowing stream: 5

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity:	42	Cl ⁺ 3.19	Max depth: -
Alkalinity:	0.Q45	Na ⁺ 4.9	Transparency: 3m
Ca-hardness:	5	К+ 0.27	Max vegetated depth: 2m
Total hardness	:8	Ca ²⁺ 2.2	Nature of bottom:
Total P:	0.312	Mg ²⁺ 0.6	Sandy, rocky; mud in deeper
			water

Site description and comments

Large, deep, steep sided, soft water lake, almost sterile. and some Tabellaria Plankton consisted of mostly Daphnias In shallow water the liverworth Mylia anomalia, the flocculosa. moss Polytichum heliferum, Juncus bulbosus and Isoetes lacustris were found on rocky substrate. The liverworths form a carpet. Potamogeton natans and Scirpus fluitans occur in muddy areas. Juncus bulbosus is the most common submergent. Other species found: Callitriche hamulata, Littorella uniflora, Nymphera alba, Sphagnum sp., Nardia compressa and Campylopus flexuosus. The lake is bordered by emergent vegetation, Phragmites lower dominated (123).

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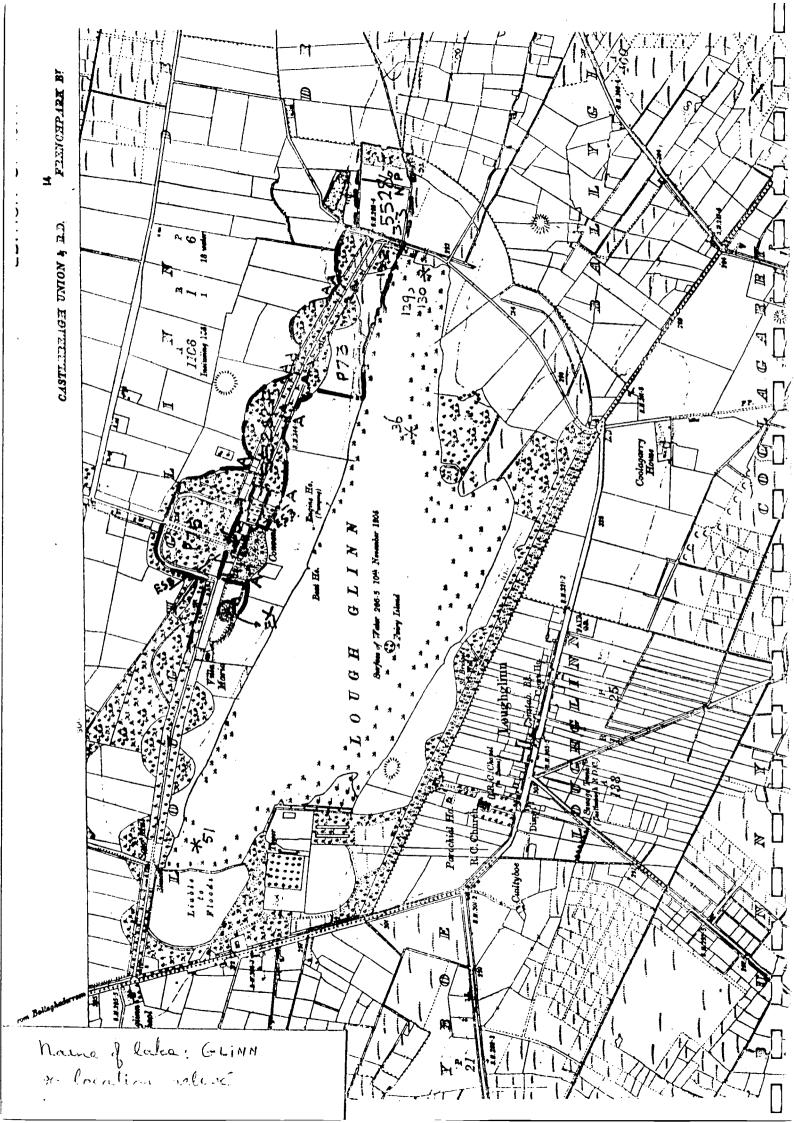
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Relevé No. 123 (Lower lake)

Location: South shore, Lower lake. Size: 3 x 1.50m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.10m Soil: root mat, Phragmites on sand % Cover Height(m) Dominant species Hydrocotyle vulgaris 1 _ Submergents 1.70 Phragmites australis 40 Emergents Phragmites australis 40 1.70 Total Classification: Phragmitetum australis (Subunit IX)

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Name of lake: Glin

Lake No. 23

General Information

County: Roscommon	Altitude: 87.3
O.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 12	Geology: limestone
O.S. 6 inch sheet no. 20	Ecological division: 3
Grid Ref: M 635 865	Area: 125 ha
Sampling Date: 15.8.78	Max length: 1.8 km
Drainage order of inflowing strea	am: 1

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity: 170	Cl ⁺ 1.77	Max depth: 1.50m
Alkalinity: -	Na ⁺ 6.1	Transparency: >depth
Ca-hardness: 35	K ⁺ 0.28	Max vegetated depth: 1.50m
Total hardness: 41	Ca ²⁺ 13.0	Nature of bottom: sand in
Total P: 0	Mg ²⁺ 1.2	shallows, soft mud in deeper
		areas, peaty at south end of
		lake.

Site description and comments

Shallow lake with sandy peaty shores, relatively soft water and a fringed with Scirpus lake is small catchment area. The In the south west it has a large fen area of mostly lacustris. floating Menyanthes scraw. In this area the lake bottom consists mainly of fen peat, while elsewhere soft mud predominates. Typha latifolia and Cicuta virosa occur at the Southern end. The dominant submergent species are Chara delicatula and Potamogeton obtusifolius in the open water and Lemna trisulca in the reed The lake is surrounded by Filipendula grassland and beds. pasture.

Emergent zone: Carex rostrata dominated fringe (relevé 130) with lakeward a Scirpus lacustris stand (relevé 129, 36) surrounding the lake. Typha latifolia dominated areas (relevé 131) are present on the Southern side of the lake, backed by an extensive fen area. Cicuta virosa occurs amongst the Typha. Floating leaf zone: Nuphar lutea, Nymphaea alba, Polygonum amphibium and Potamogeton natans are present outside the Scirpus zone, as well as inside the emergent vegetations.

Submergent zone: Chara delicatula grows up to 1.50m deep (see remarks relevé 36). It runs down the middle of the lake. Other areas are dominated by Potamogeton obtusifolius (51). Lemna trisulca is very abundant in the reed beds.

Dominant plankton species: Dinobryon sp.

Ellenberg Values		L	Т	К	F	R	N
Relevé No.	51	6.8	4.6	4	11.8	7	5.5

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Relevé No. 36

Location: Scirpus bed on Southern end of the lake. Size: 5 x 2m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.50m Soil: very peaty sand (some wood remains)

	% Cover	Height(m)	Dominant species			
Submergents	100		Lemna trisulca			
Emergents	5		Scirpus lacustris			
Total	100	-	Lemna trisulca			
Classification:	Community of	Littorella	uniflora and Scirpus			
lacustris (Subunit XII).						

the Scirpus bed Chara the lakeward side of Remarks: On dominant in some areas. Potamogeton becomes delicatula obtusifolius grows in clumps here, but generally poorly. Where peat Chara delicatula is one of the few the substrate is remaining species, and grows poorly.

Relevé No. 51

Lakeward of Scirpus bed in sheltered bay, North West Location: end Size: 10 x 10m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.40m Soil: very soft mud Dominant species Height (m) % Cover 20 0.30 Potamogeton obtusifolius Submergents 0.30 Potamogeton obtusifolius 20 Total Classification: Community of Elodea canadensis and Lemna trisulca (Subunit XXVI). Remarks: Grazing by swans reduces the extent of the Potamogeton Anadonta and snails are abundant on obtusifolius in this area. the mud, Perch plentiful. The alga Nostoc pruniforme occurs abundantly on the mud bottom of sheltered areas. Relevé No. 129 Location: Scirpus bed Size: 2 x 2m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.10m Soil: sandy Dominant species Height(m) ቆ Cover 5 Littorella uniflora Submergents 1 0.10 Potamogeton natans and Floating leaf Nuphar lutea Scirpus lacustris 2 Emergents 25

Total of Littorella uniflora and Scirpus Classification: Community lacustris (Subunit XII).

Scirpus lacustris

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Relevé No. 130

Location: Carex rostrata dominant zone, landward of 129. Size: 2 x 2m , Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.50m

Soil: peaty sand

Dominant species % Cover Height(m) Fontinalis antipyretia 1 Submergents and Lemna trisulca 0.05 Nymphaea alba Floating leaf 1 2 60 Carex rostrata Emergents 2 Carex rostrata 60 Total Classification: Carecetum rostratae (Subunit II6).

Relevé No. 131

Location: South side of lake Size: 2 x 2m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.20m Soil: Root mat on sand

% Cover Height (m)Dominant speciesSubmergents40-Lemna trisulcaEmergents252Menyanthes trifoliataTotal502Lemna trisulcaClassification:Carecetum rostratae (Subunit IIb)

Relevé No. 132

Location: South side of lake Size: 1 x 1m , Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: Om Soil: floating scraw (fenpeat)

% coverHeight (m)Dominant speciesEmergents60-Menyanthes trifoliataTotal60-Menyanthes trifoliataClassification:Carecetum rostratae (Subunit II6)

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Name of lake: Gowna (south part)

General Information		
County: Longford	Altitude: 65.3	
O.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 12	Geology: Silurian	
O.S. 6 inch sheet no. 6	Ecological division:	5
Grid Ref: N 280 866	Area: 1100 ha	
Sampling date: 8.9.77	Max length: 4 km	
Drainage order of inflowing stream:	30	

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2) C1+ 10.7 Max depth: -Conductivity: 268 8.2 Transparency: 0.50m Na+ Alkalinity: 0.17 к+ Max vegetated depth: 0.90m 0.65 Ca-hardness: 69 $Ca^{2+} 30.0$ Nature of bottom: mud Total hardness: 0.67 Mq^{2+} 8.4 Total P:

Site description and comments

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South part of this large eutrophicated lake was investigated. Transparency is very low and submerged vegetation does not reach beyond the emergent zones. All three zones are retracted into one.

Emergents zones: Going lakeward Carex rostrata dominated fringe. Scirpus lacustris fringe (71,126). Littorella uniflora and Eleocharis palustris area.

Floating leaf plants: Nuphar lutea within reed beds, at time of survey on dry land.

Submergent zone: Only present within the emergent vegetation. Lemna trisulca and Elodea canadensis dominant. Cladophora very abundant on stony shores.

Dominant plankton species: bloom of Dinoflagellate

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Releve No.	72	6.3	5.7	5	11.8	7	7.3

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Relevé Details

Relevé No. 71

Location: Scirpus fringe on Erne Island Size: 3 x 3m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.30m Soil: Scirpus root mat

Dominant species % Cover Height (m) Fontinalis antipyretica Submergents 20 _ Scirpus lacustris 1.50 50 Emergents Scirpus lacustris 1.50 50 Total Classification: Scirpo-Phragmitetum (Subunit X) Remarks: Shoreward of this reed bed Littorella uniflora occurs, lakewards, Potamogeton obtusifolius, in more sheltered positions Zannichellia palustris, Potamogeton perfoliatus and Potamogeton friesii.

Relevé No. 72

Location: shore of Erne Island Size: 2 x 2m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.50m Soil: stony & Cover Height (m) Dominant species

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Submergents	30	0.10	Callitriche
			hermaphroditica
Total	30	0.10	Callitriche
			hermaphroditica

Classification: Community of Elodea canadensis and Lemna trisulca (Subunit XXVI) Remarks: 100% cover of Cladophora present.

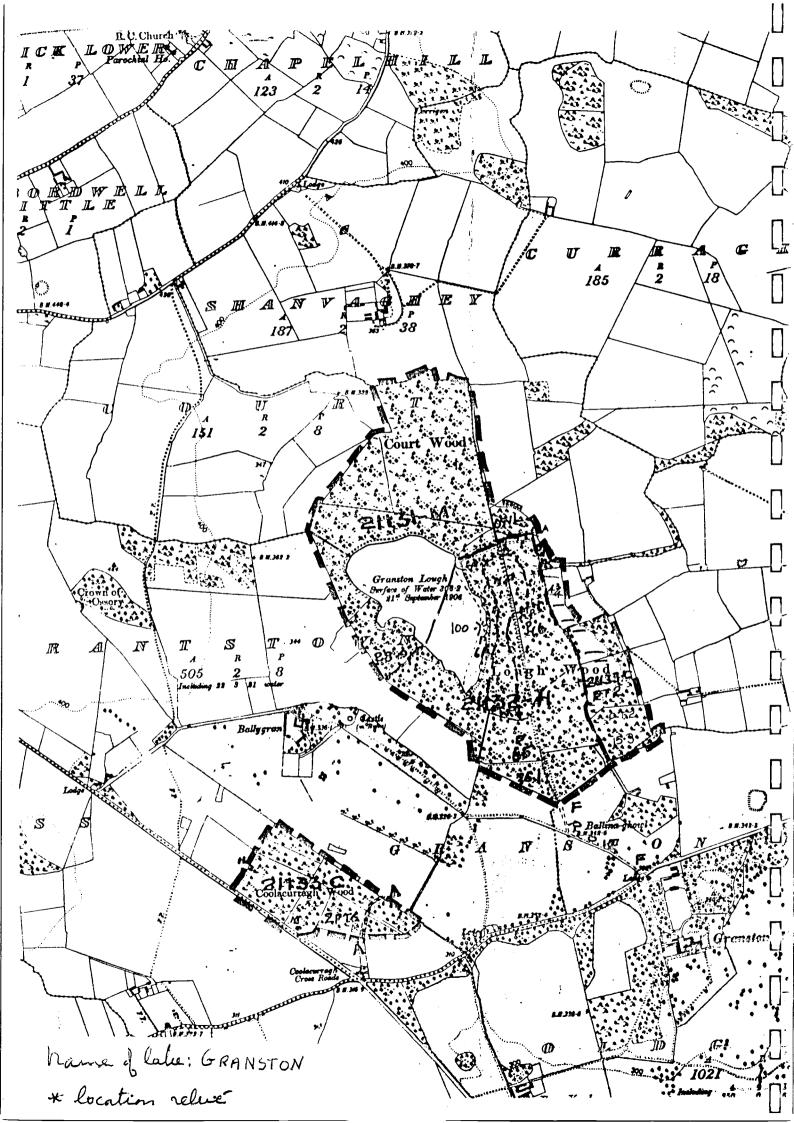
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Location: Scirpus fringe, south shore Size: 1 x 1m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.30m Soil: stony and peaty

	% Cover	Height(m)	Dominant species
Submergents	100	-	Lemna trisulca
Emergents	50	1.50	Scirpus lacustris
Total	100	1.50	Lemna trisulca
Classification:	Scirpetum	lacustris (Subunit	XI)

Remarks: In other areas in this vegetation Lemna trisulca is replaced by Fontinalis antipyretica. On the landward side of this vegetation Littorella uniflora/Eleocharis palustris dominated areas occur. Further landward Carex rostrata fringe.



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Name of lake: Granston

Lake No. 25

General Information Altitude: 94m Laois County: Geology: Limestone O.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no.: 18 O.S. 6 inch sheet no.: 28 Ecological Division: 3 Area: 8.9 ha Grid Ref: S 334 800 Sampling date: 23.8.79 Max length: 0.5 km Drainage order of inflowing stream: 0

Physico-chemical information(for units see Table 2)Water not analysedMax depth: -Transparency: 0.90mMax vegetated depth: 2mNature of bottom: marl

Site description and comments

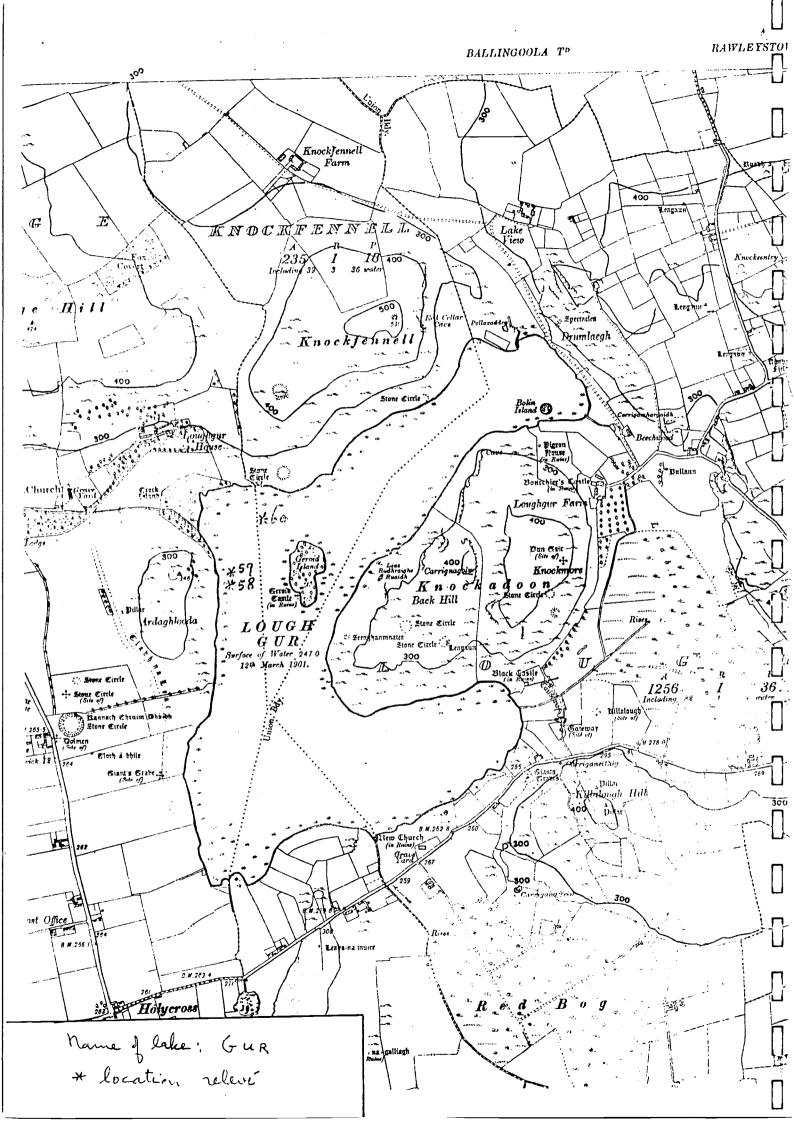
Small relatively deep Calcium rich lake with reed fringe all around. Dominant species of reed fringe: Phragmites australis, Scirpus lacustris and Cladium mariscus also some patches of Typha latifolia and Hippuris vulgaris. Patches of Phormidium present, characteristic of calcium rich lakes on bare soil, where the Chara's have disappeared. Dominant plankton species are Ceratium hirundinella and Pandorina. This lake is almost certainly subject to frequent stratification.

Relevé details Relevé No. 100

Location: south-shore, open water off Cladium mariscus bed. Size: 5 x 5m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1.50m

Soil: marl

Dominant species % Cover Height(m) 0.40Chara rudris 95 Submergents 0.40 Chara rudris 95 Total Classification: Community of Chara rudris (Subunit XXXII) 4 forms mats, consisting of unbranched. Phormidium 2 Remarks: Cymbella dominant filaments, on Chara's and on open soil. epiphyte.



Name of lake: Gur

Lake No. 26

General Information

Altitude: 75.3m Limerick County: Limestone Geology: $0.5.\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no.: 18 Ecological division: 3 O.S. 6 inch sheet no.: 32 Grid Ref: R 638 406 Area: 113 ha Sampling date: 10.10.77 Max length: 17 km 1 Drainage order of inflowing stream:

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity:	265	Cl ⁺ 14.2	Max depth: 2.50m
Alkalinity:	1.7	Na ⁺ 10.3	Transparency:>depth
Ca-hardness:	49	K ⁺ 0.45	Max vegetated depth:2.50m
Total hardness:	85	Ca ²⁺ 29.3	Nature of bottom: shelly
Total P:	0.19	Mg ²⁺ 10.8	sand

Site description and comments

Shallow calcareous lake bordered by Scirpus, Typha latifolia and Equisetum fluviatile. Extensive reed swamp with several small pools present. The submergent vegetation is surprisingly invaried. The dominant species are Chara delicatula and Ceratophyllum demersum. Lake bottom consists of shell sand.

Emergent zones: Phragmites swamp with scattered clumps of Typha latifolia, Carex paniculata and sedge and grass dominated areas, some small pools within the swamp. Lake bordered by Scirpus lacustris, Typha latifolia and Equisetum fluviatile. Lakeward Equisetum fluviatile is the dominant emergent, at 0.60m depth (relevé 58).

Floating leaf zone: A narrow band (5m) of Polygonum amphibium is present in places.

Submergent zone: At 1m depth Chara delicatula (60) is the dominant species. At 1.70m depth Ceratophyllum demersum reaches

a cover of 100% (59). Most of the lake bottom is covered with this plant, except for a few bare patches.

Dominant plankton species: A large species of the Desmid Cosmarium, band shaped colonies of Synedra and Microcystis aeruginosa are co-dominant.

Ellenberg Values		L	Т	K	F	R	N
Relevé No.	58	7.3	5.4	4.0	11.1	6.5	6.2
	59	6.8	6.5	4.3	12.0	7.3	7.0
	60	6.0	6.5	5.0	12.0	8.0	7.5
Lough Gur		6.7	6.1	4.4	11.7	7.3	6.9

Relevé details

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Relevé No. 58

Location: Reed fringe Size: 2 x 2m , Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.60m Soil: shell sand

	% Cover	Height(m)	Dominant species
Submergents	15	-	Ceratophyllum demersum
Floating leaf	1	0.60	Lemna minor
Emergents	45	1.50	Equisetum fluviatile
total	5 5	1.50	Equisetum fluviatile
Classification:	Charetum	asperae (Subunit	XXV)

Remarks: Towards the shore Typha latifolia becomes more dominant, towards open water Equisetum fluviatile becomes more dominant. The underwater vegetation remains more or less similar. Cladophora, Coleochaete orbicularis and the diatoms Cymbella and Epithemia are the most dominant algae.

Relevé No. 59

Location: just on the lakeward side of the reed fringe. Size: 2 X 2 m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 1m. Soil: shell sand

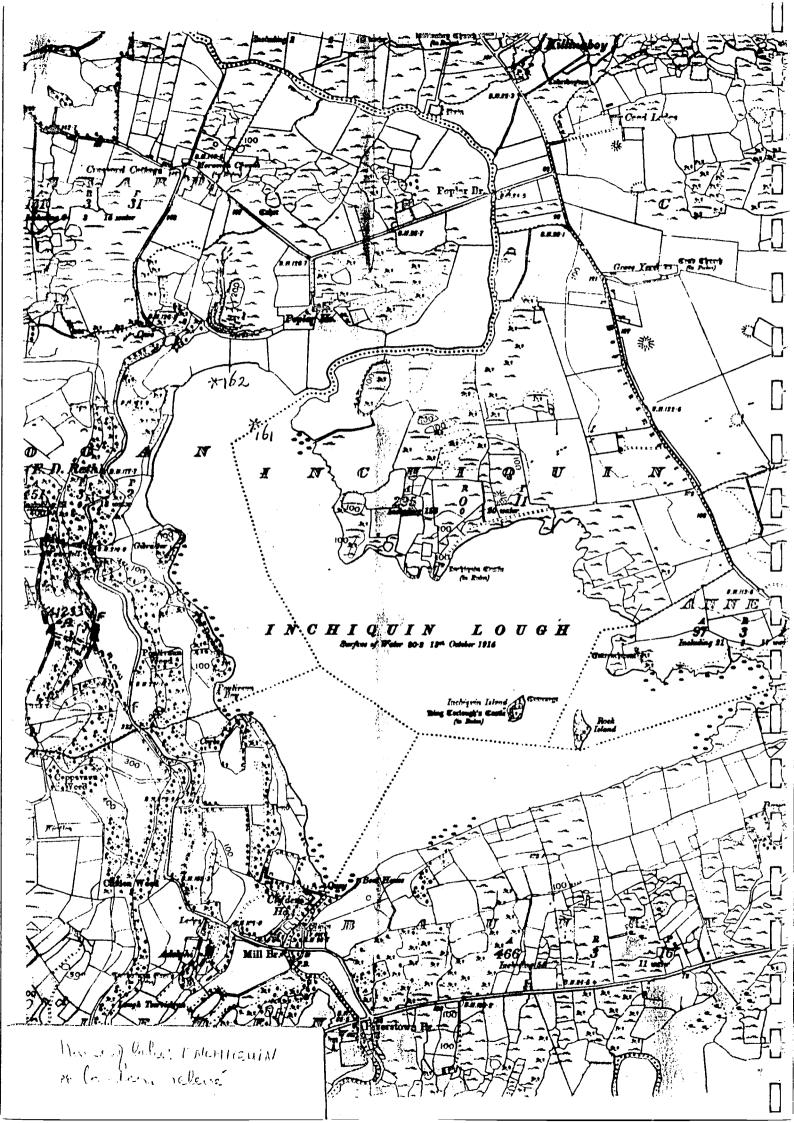
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Dominant species Height (m) % Cover Chara delicatula 0.12 100 Submergents 01.2 Chara delicatula 100 total Classification: Charetum asperae (Subunit XXV). Remarks: Chara aculeolata is also present in this zone, but it is Algae: Cosmarium sp., Gloeotrichia, outside this relevé. Tolypothrix, Synedra and other diatoms.

Relevé No. 60

Location: in open water Size: 2 X 2m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 1.70m Soil: shell sand.

Dominant species Height (m) % Cover Ceratophyllum demersum 0.50 100 Submergents Ceratophyllum demersum. 100 0.50 Total Classification: Charetum asperae (Subumit XXV). Remarks: Most of the lake bottom is covered in this vegetation. Anabaena, Aphanocapsa, Gloeotrichia, Many algal species e.g. diatom genera. Microcystis, Phormidium 1μ, and several



Name of lake: Inchiquin

Lake No: 27

General Information

County: ClareAltidue: 24 mO.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 14Geology: limestoneO.S. 6 inch sheet no. 17Ecological division: 3Grid ref.:R 270 900Area: 110 ha.Sampling date:31.7.81Max length: 17 mDrainage order of inflowing stream:9 (also underground drainage)

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Physico-chemical information (per units see Table 2)

Water not analysed

Max. depth: 27 m Transparency: -Max. vegetated depth: -Nature of bottom: mud

Site description and comments:

Calcarious lake, enriched (AFF), develops a thermocline in Emergent vegetation dominated by Phragmites australis summer. and Scirpus lacustris and backed by Carex rostrata fringe. Areas of Typha angustifolia present in North-West corner of lake. Floating leaf vegetation consists of Nuphar lutea. Submergent vegetation dominated by Elodea canadensis and Potamogeton spp. pectinatus) crispus, Potamogeton Fontinalis (Potamogeton antipyretica also present. Chara beds common.

Emergent zone: Phragmites australis and Scirpus lacustris, areas of Typha angustifolia.

Floating leaf zone: Nuphar lutea

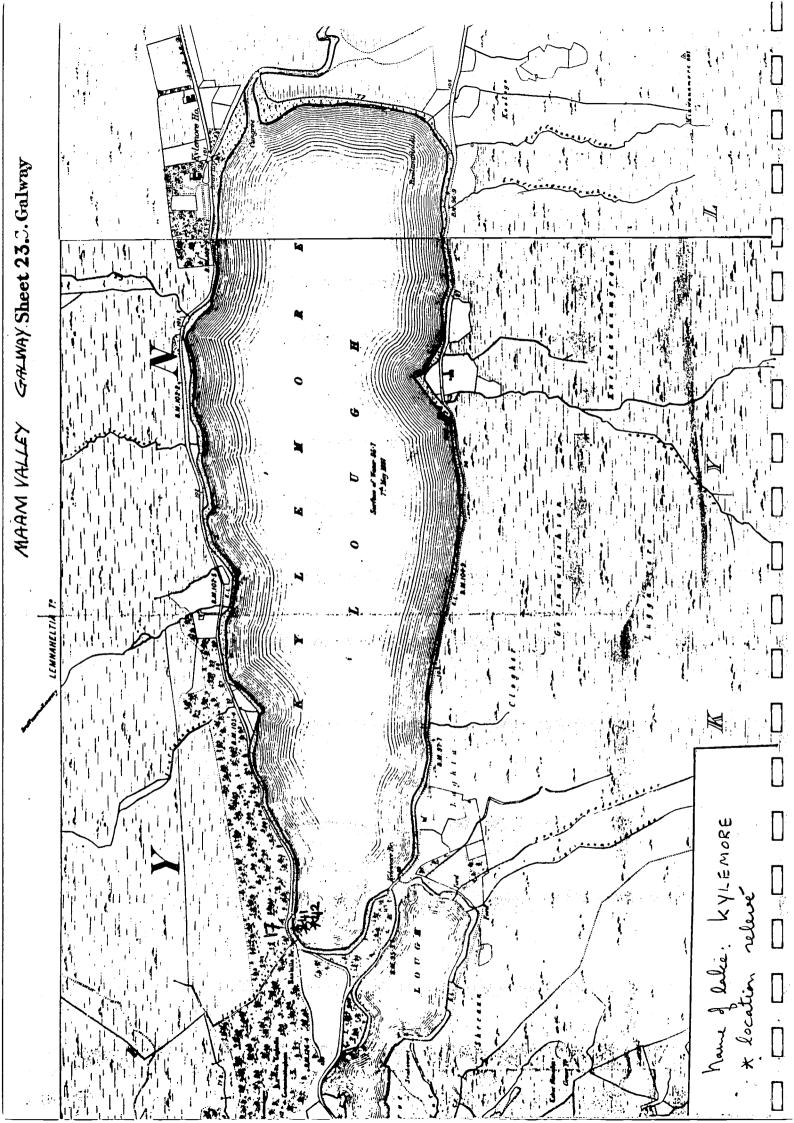
Submergent zones: Elodea canadensis and Potamogetan species. Chara beds common.

Dominant plankton species: not sampled Ellenberg values L T K F R Ν 161 6.4 7.3 6.5 Relevé No. 5.5 4 12 6.3 4.3 11.8 7.5 162 6.2 5.5 11.9 7.4 6.4 6.3 5.5 4.2 Inchiquin Lough Relevé details Relevé No. 161 Location: open water, opposite river mouth Size: 5 X 5 m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth:; 1 m Soil: very soft mud % Cover Height (m) Dominant species Submergents 30 Potamogeton pectinatus 30 Potamogeton pectinatus Total Classification: Charetum asperae (Subumit XXV). Remarks: Cladophora up to 50% cover in this relevé. Relevé taken by Tom Curtis and Noel McGough. Relevé No. 162 Location: on mud near river mouth on Northern shore lakeward of Carex rostrata fringe. Size: 5 X 5 m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.15m Soil: soft mud, some boulders. Dominant species % Cover Height (m) Elodea canadensis 50 Submergents Potamogeton crispus Fontinalis antipyretica Hippurus vulgaris 5 Emergents Sparganium emersum Elodea canadensis, Total 50 Potamogeton crispus,

Classification: Charetum asperae (Subunit XXV) Remarks: Relevé taken by Tom Curtis and Noel McGough.

Fontinalis antipyretica .

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Name of lake: Kylemore (Western part)

General Information

County: Galwayaltitude: 29.2mO.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 10geology: shist and gneissO.S. 6 inch sheet no. 23, 24ecological division: 2grid ref: L 770 583area: 140 ha.sampling date: 11-8-77max. length: 2.4 kmdrainage order of inflowing stream: 12

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2) Max. depth: 10 m Conductivity: 110.5 C1 _ Alkalinity : 0.15 Na⁺ 6.2 Transparency: 2.20 m Ca-hardness : 🗎 🗎 K⁺ 0.23 Max. vegetated depth: 4m Ca²⁺4.0 Nature of bottom: sand and Total hardness: -Mg²⁺6.0 silty mud, rocky on shores. Total P: 0.82 -

Site description and comments

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Large exposed oligotrophic soft water lake with rocky shores and sparse aquatic vegetation, surrounded by mountanous country. The western corner of the lake was investigated.

Emergent zone: Mostly absent, except for some sparse Phragmites.

Floating leaf zone: Potamogeton natans occured very sparsely.

<u>Submergent zone:</u> In the shallows Littorella uniflora occurs sparsely on the stony shores. At 1.20m depth Lobelia dortmanna is abundant (17), at 3.50 m Isoetes lacustris and Nitella flexilis v. flexilis dominate (41) and at 4 m depth Nitella flexilis v. flexilis dominates and Najas flexilis occurs sparsely.

Dominant plankton species: Mixture of species.

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Ellenberg values		L	Т	K	F	R	N
Relevé No.	17	7.4	5.3	2.0	10.6	3.4	2.2
	41	7.7	4.7	3.0	12.0	5.3	3.0
	42	7	4	2	12	3	1
Kylemore Lough:		7.4	4.7	2.3	11.5	3.9	2.1

Relevé details:

Relevé No. 17

Location: sheltered inlet on North-West shore, open water. Size: 4 X 4 m, Slope: steep, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 1.20m

Soil: sand

% Cover Height (m) Dominant species 30 0.05 Lobelia dortmanna Submergents 0.05 Lobelia dortmanna 30 Total Classification: Eriocaulo-Lobelietum Isoetetosum (Subunit XVb) Remarks: At the same depth but further offshore Isoetes lacustris and Utricularia neglecta are more common, otherwise similar vegetation. Spirogyra spp. are the dominant algae.

Relevé No. 41

Location: open water, further offshore than 17. Size:4 x 1 m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: exposed, Water depth:3.50m Soil: sandy silt with $\frac{1}{2}$ cms of organic detritus on surface. Height (m) Dominant species % Cover 70 0.10 Isoetes lacustris and Submergents Nitella flexilis v. flexilis. 70 0.10 Isoetes lacustris and Total Nitella flexilis v. flexilis. Classification: Community of Najas flexilis and Potamogeton,

Remarks: Spirogyra main algal species.

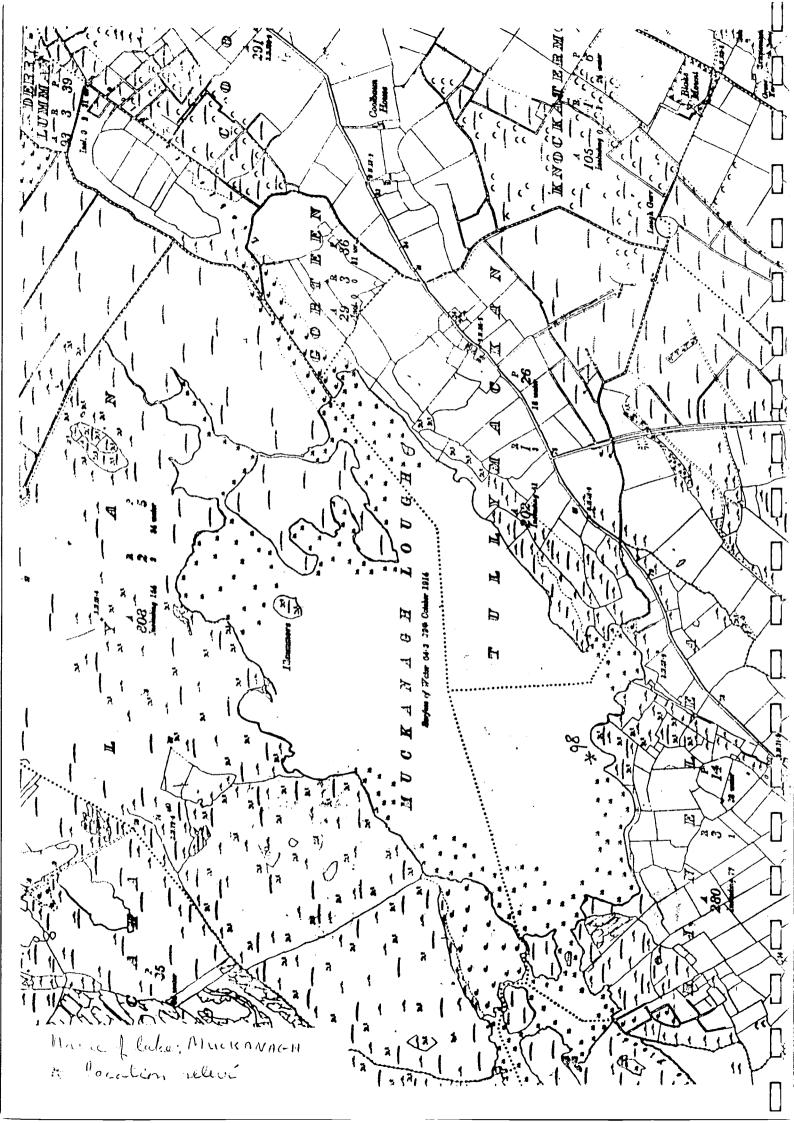
berchtoldii (Subunit XIX).

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Location: open water, further offshore than 17 and 41. Size: 2 x 2m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 4m Soil: silty sand with $\frac{1}{2}$ cm of peaty material on top. % Cover Height(m) Dominant species Submergents 10 Nitella flexilis v. flexilis 10 Nitella flexilis Total v. flexilis Classification: Community of Najas flexilis and Potamogeton berchtoldii (Subunit XIX). Remarks: Dead tree leaves on bottom, Spirogyra main algal species.



Name of lake: Muckanagh

Lake No: 29

General Information:

Altitude: 20m County: Clare Geology: Limestone 0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no: 14 Ecological division: 4 O.S. 6 inch sheet no: 18 Area: 118 ha Grid ref: R 370 920 2 km Sampling date: 26-8-84 Max. length: Drainage order of inflowing stream: 2 (also underground drainage)

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Water not analysed Max. depth: -Transparency: -Max. vegetated depth: -Nature of bottom: marl

Site description and comments: Calcareous lake bordered by reeds.

Emergent zone: Phragmites reed beds, patches of sparse Scirpus
lacustris.

Floating leaf zone: absent.

Submergent zones: Chara beds dominant.

Chara tomentosa occured with Nuphar lutea, Potamogeton lucens, Potamogetan perfoliatus and Elodea canadensis and various other Chara species (probably Chara contraria) at 4 m depth. In shallow water Littorella uniflora occured with Samolus valerandi in patches. Chara desmacantha (abundant) and Chara aculeolata (sparse) also occured. Very thick calcium deposit on rocks in shallows.

Dominant plankton species: not sampled.

Ellenberg values	\mathbf{L}	Т	К	F	R	N
Relevé No: 98	8	6	2	11	6.8	3

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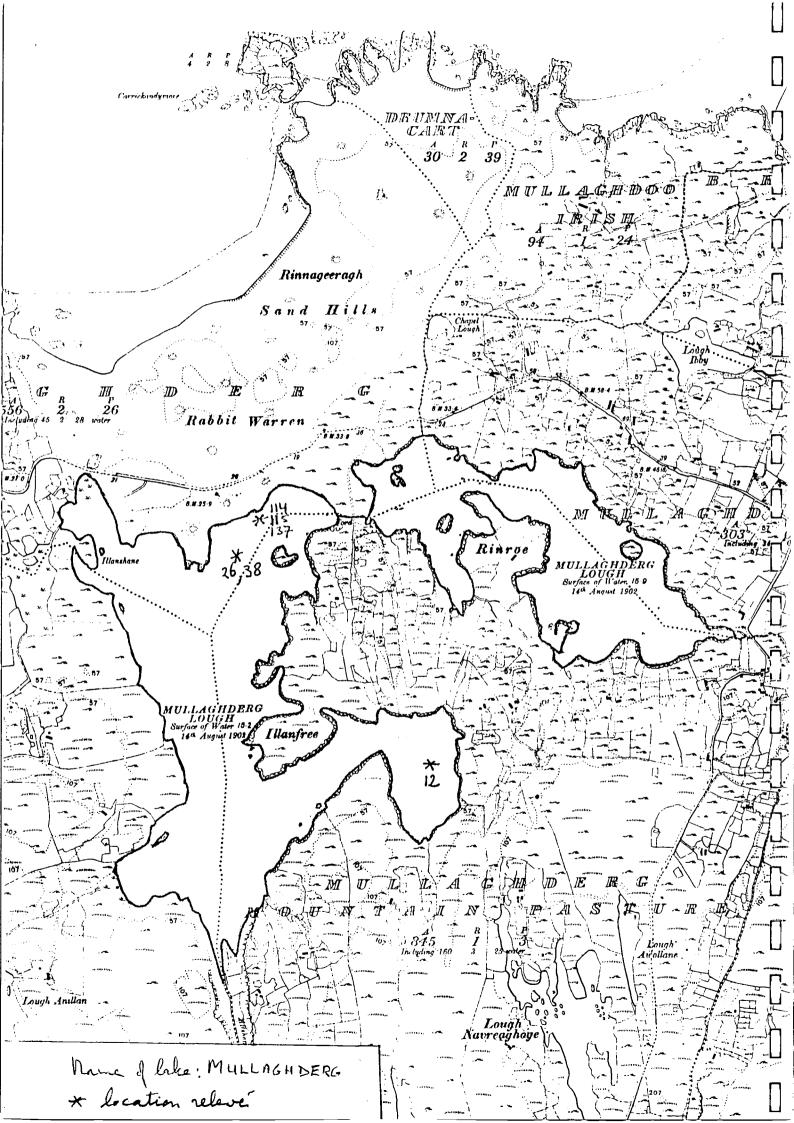
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Relevé No. 98

Location: south end Size: 5 X 5 m , Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 2m Soil: soft marsh

% CoverHeight (m)Dominant speciesSubmergents900.15Chara desmacanthaTotal900.15Chara desmacanthaClassification:Community of Chara desmacantha(Subunit XXX).Remarks:Relevé taken on 26-8-84.



Name of lake: Mullaghderg (western lake)

Lake No: 30

General information

County: Donegal	Altitude: 4.6 m
0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 1	Geology : granite
O.S. 6 inch sheet no. 41	Ecological division: 7
Grid ref: B 761 196	Area: 70 ha
Sampling date: 21-9-77	Max. length: 1.2 km
Drainage order of inflowing	stream: 1

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity: 250	Cl- 13.1	Max. depth: 1.50m
Alkalinity : 008	Na ⁺ 15.0	Transparency: >depth
Ca-hardness : -	K ⁺ 0.28	Max. vegetated depth: 1.50m
Total hardness: -	Mg ²⁺ 11.5	Nature of bottom: sand and
Total P: 0.81	Mg ²⁺ 15.0	Silt overlying sand.

Site description and comments

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Shallow lake behind sand dunes, with moderately soft water and sandy bottom. Sparse emergent fringe. Submergent vegetation dominated by Littorella uniflora, Eriocaulon aquaticum or at northern more alkaline end Chara aspera. Najas flexilis found in this lake. Much of bottom covered with flocculated algal material to 0.10 m thick.

Emergent zone: Sparse fringes of Carex rostrata (115) and Phragmites (137) dominated areas.

Floating leaf zone: no floating leaf zone.

<u>Submergent zone</u>: Littorella uniflora (26) Chara aspera and Eriocaulon aquaticum (12) dominated areas occur at about lm depth. At 1.50 m Potamogeton praelongus, Potamogeton gramineus, Najas flexilis and Nitella flexilis v. flexilis were found together, on soft silt overlying sand. Dominant plankton species: mixture of species. L Т Κ F R Ν Ellenberg values 12 6.8 3.5 3 11.5 4.3 3.3 Relevé No: 10.8 3.8 3.0 26 7.0 5.5 2.6 4.0 3.5 11.5 6.0 38 7.0 4.3 3.4 6.9 3 11.3 4.7 Mullaghderg Lough: 4.4 Relevé details Relevé No. 12 Location: in sheltered bay in open water Size:10 X 10m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1m Soil: silty sand Height(m) Dominant species % Cover Eriocaulon aquaticum 95 1.10 Submergents 1.10 Eriocaulon aquaticum 95 Total Classification: Eriocaulo-Lobelietum (Subunit XV a). Remarks: The Myriophyllum may be spicatum. Nostoc carneum very abundant. Relevé No. 26 Location: open water, north end

Size: 3x3m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.90m Soil: silt on sand. % Cover Height(m) Dominant species

Submergents75-Littorella unifloraTotal75-Littorella unifloraClassification: Eriocaulo-Lobelietum (Subunit XVa)Remarks: In areas where the sand is not covered with silt Charaaspera is the dominant, accompanied by Scorpidium scorpioides andoccasionally Juncus bulbosus.

Location: open water, north end Size: 10 X 5m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.75 - 1mSoil: 10, cm of silt overlying sand. % Cover Height (m) Dominant species Submergents 25 0.50 Potamogeton praelongus 5 2 Phragmites australis Emergents 0.50 Potamogeton praelougis Total . 25 and Potamogeton of Najas flexilis Classification: Community berchtoldii (Subunit XIX). Relevé No. 114 Location: emergent fringe, northern shore Size: 2 x lm, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.20m Soil: sand Dominant species Height(m) % Cover 70 Chara aspera Submergents 10 0.40 Carex rostrata and Emergents Equisetum fluviatile Chara aspera 80 Total Classification: Carecetum rostratae, subassociation with elements of Littorellion. (Subunit IIa). Relevé No. 115 Location: emergent fringe, landward of 114, northern shore Size: 1 x 1 m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.05m Soil: sandy mud Dominant species % Cover Height (m) 40 2 Carex rostrata Emergents 2 90 Scorpidium scorpioides Total Classification: Carecetum rostratae, subassociation with elements of Littorellion (Subunit IIa).

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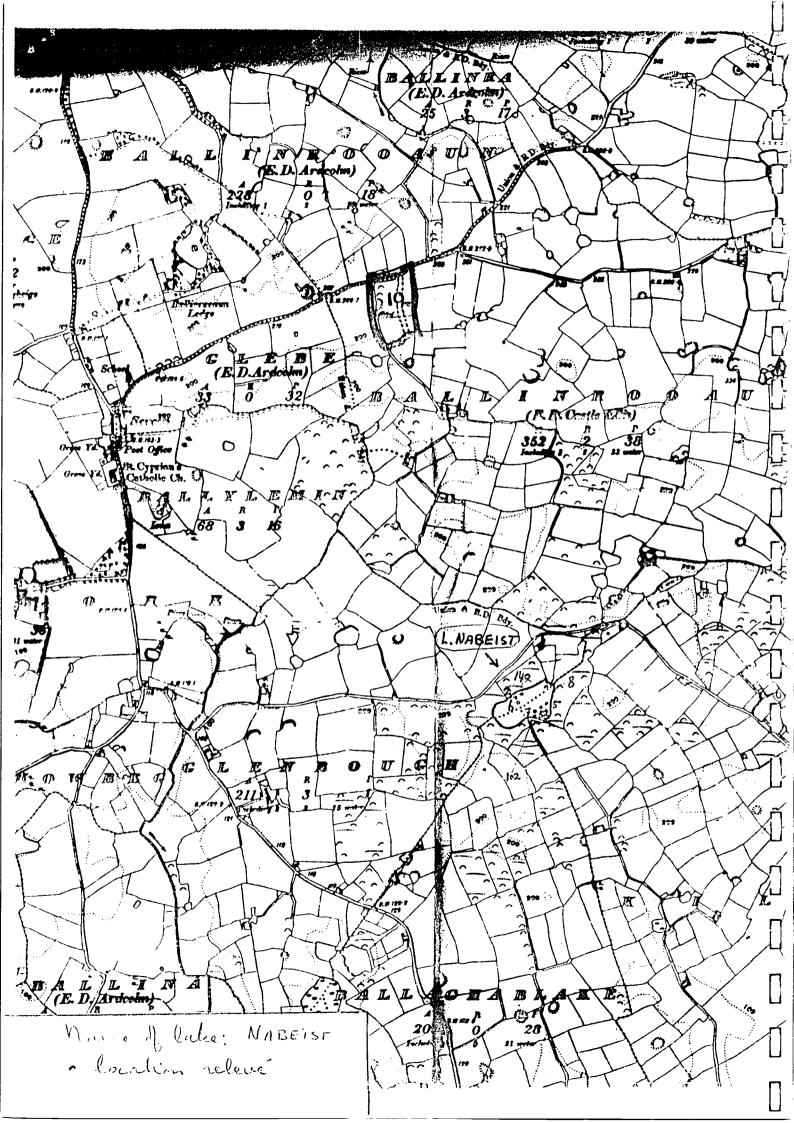
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Location: emergent fringe, northern shore Size: l x lm, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.20m Soil: silt or sand & Cover Height (m) Dominant species

Submergents 70 – Littorella uniflora Emergents 5 2 Phragmites australis and Equisetum Fluviatile Total 75 – Littorella uniflora Classification: Community of Littorella uniflora and Scirpus lacustris (Subumit XII).



Name of Lake: Na Beist

Lake No: 31

General Information

County: WexfordAltitude: between 30-60 mO.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 23Geology : CambrianO.S. 6 inch sheet no. 33Ecological division: 5Grid. ref: T 094 294Area: 2 haSampling date: 28.7.77Max. length: 0.17 kmDrainage order of inflowing steam: 0

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2) C1⁺ 16.0 Max. depth: 15 m Conductivity :250 Transparency: 2.90 m Na⁺ 13.2 Alkalinity :112 0.68 Max. vegetated depth: 6.20m к+ : 32 Ca-hardness $Ca^{2+21.5}$ Nature of bottom: sand with Total hardness: 64 1.39 Mg^{2+} 5.4 layer of silt on top. Total P:

Site description and comments

Deep, steep sided, small lake with sandy bottom in low hilly countryside. Surrounding landuse mainly pasture. No inflowing In geological terms the lake is a kettlehole. It is steams. lacustris and Phragmites australis. fringed by Scirpus Polygonum amphibium is the only floating leaf plant present. Fontinalis antipyretica grows deepest. One area of Myriophyllum A band of Chara fragilis and Nitella spicatum is present. flexilis v. flexilis occurs at 0.30 m and at 2 m depth. When visited the lake was stratified near the bottom.

Emergent zone: Reedbeds of Scirpus lacustris (dominant) and Phragmites australis surround the lake. (2, 8, 140). On landward side of reeds occur Juncus articulatus vegetation (5) and Ranunculus flammula dominated areas (102).

<u>Floating leaf zone</u>: Polygonum amphibium dominated, covers about 5% of the lake surface, mostly on Southern shore of lake (7). Polygonum amphibium also occurs in the emergent zone. <u>Submergent zone:</u> Fontinalis antipyretica is the major submergent of the lake, it occurs throughout the shallower zones, as well as in the submergent zone, decending to 4-5 metres. Whether it is active at this depth or not is uncertain as whole areas seem to have slipped down from above. The only other vegetation type found actively growing was Myriophyllum spicatum (52). Nitella flexilis is also probably abundant at sometimes of the year but was moribond when the site was visited.

Dominant plankton species: no plankton sample.

Ellenberg values	5		\mathbf{L}	Т	K	F	R	N
Relevé No.	•	7	7	-	-	11	-	7
		52	6.0	5.0	-	11.0	7.5	5.0
		102	7.3	6	2.5	10.3	3	3.7
Lough Na Beist			6.8	5.5	2.5	10.8	5.3	5.2

Relevé details

Relevé No. 2

Location: Reedbed 2 m offshore on Northwest, side of lake. Size: 10 X 2 m, Slope: 40°, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1.0 m

Soil: sand with 3 cm of organic silt on top.

	१ Cover	: Height(m)	Dominant species	
Submergents	5	-	Fontinalis antipyretica	
Floating leaf	30	1.00	Polygonum amphibium	
Emergents	40	1.50	Phragmites australis	
Total	60	1.50	Phragmitetum australis	
Classification: Phragmitetum australis (Subumit IX)				
Remarks: Domina	nt algae: C	Scillatoria	splendida and Tolypothrix	
sp (7.5 μ trichome).				

Location: Upper edge of water, landside of reeds, North West side Size: 2 X 1m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.20-0.50m

Soil: sand, gravel

Height(m) % Cover Dominant species 5 Submergents Myriophyllum spicatum and Callitriche species 0.20 20 Juncus articulatus Emergents 0.20 Total 25 Juncus articulatus Classification: Phragmitetum australis (Subunit IX) Remarks: Species of blue green algae the dominants, are (Phormidium lµ, Tolypothrix) as well as a mixture of other species.

Relevé No. 6

Location: in open water, outside Phragmites zone, North-West side of lake. Size: 4 X 3 m, Slope: steep, Exposure: sheltered: Water depth: 2.85 m Soil: sand with thin layer of organic mud on top. % Cover Height(m) Dominant species 95 Submergents 0.30 Fontinalis antipyretica 95 0.30 Fontinalis antipyretica Total Classification: Community of Nitella flexilis (Subunit XXI a). Remarks: Extensive bare patches are seen on the steep slope, as if the vegetation had slumped down towards bottom of lake. Dead remains of Nitella flexilis v. flexilis suggest that this plant is more abundant at other times of the year. Filamentous green algae are abundant (Mou geotia spp. 27µ, 35µ; Oedogonium sp. 20µ).

Location: Floating leaf zone on South-East shore Size: 3 X 3 m², Slope: steep, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 2.0 m Soil: silty sand & Cover Height (m) Dominant species

Submergents950.30Fontinalis antipyreticaFloating leaf302.0Polygonum amphibiumTotal1000.30Fontinalis antipyreticaClassification:Community of Polygonum amphibium (Subunit XXIII)Remarks:Cladophora sp. is the most abundant alga found.

Relevé No. 8

Location: Scripus zone on North East side of lake Size: 4 x 4 m, Slope: steep, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1.50 m

Soil: root mat, 0.30 m deep.

Dominant species % Cover Height (m) Submergents 0.30 Fontinalis antipynetica 95 45 2 Scirpus lacustris Emergents 0.30 Fontinalis antipyretica 100 Total Classification: Scirpo-Phragmitetium (Subunit X) Remarks: This zone measures about 8 m across. A mixture of algal species of equal abundance is present e.g. Cladophora sp several Coleochaete orbicularis, filamentous greens, unbranched Gloeotrichia, Nostoc, Tolypothrix and several others.

Relevé No. 52

Location: off shore from releve 5, North West shore Size: 2 x 1 m, Slope: steep, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.80-1.50 m Soil: sand

% Cover	Height (m)	Dominant species ,
100	0.20	Myriophyllum spicatum
1	1	Phragmites australis
100	0.20	Fontinalis antipyretica
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Classification: Charetum asperae (Subunit XXV) Remarks: Between relevé 5 and 52 there is an area without emergents dominated by Chara fragilis (40% cover). Lakewards of 52 there is a zone of Chara fragilis and Nitella flexilis. Beyond this zone from 2-3 m depth no vegetation. At 4 m depth Fontinalis antipyretica appears up to 6.20m depth.

Relevé No. 102

Location: East shore, land side of reeds. Size: 2 x 2 m, Slope: steep, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.15-0.60m

	∛ Cover	Height(m)	Dominant species
Submergents	5	-	Nitella flexilis v.
	~		flexilis
Floating leaf	5	0.40	Potamogeton polygonifolius
			and Polygonium amphibium
Emergents	20	1.40	Ranunculus flammula
Total	25	1.40	Ranunculus flammula
Classification:	Communit	y of Polygor	uum amphibium (Subunit XXIII)

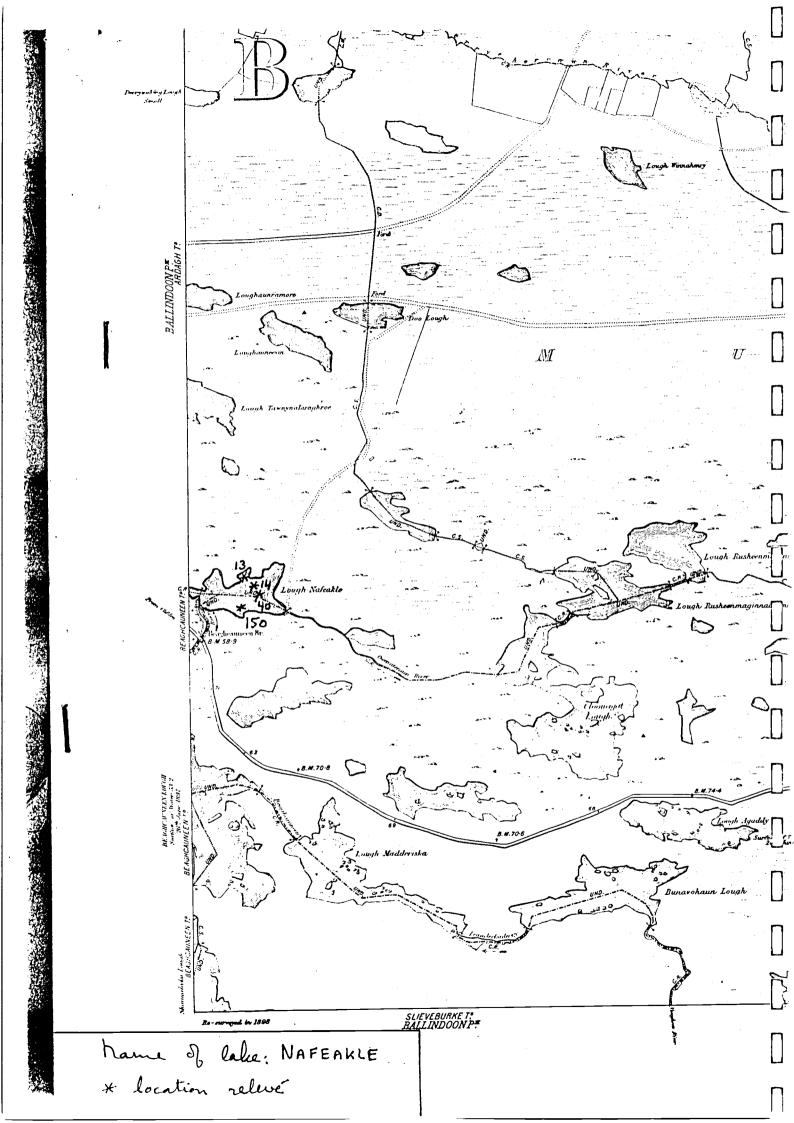
Remarks: Slightly poached by cattle.

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Location: South West shore, Scirpus reed bed Size: 2 x 2 m, Slope: slight, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.60-0.90 m Soil: fine mud over sand. % Cover Height (m) Dominant species

Fontinalis antipyretica 100 ----Submergents Polygonum amphibium 0.75 5 Floating leaf Scirpus lacustris 2.40 50 Emergents Fontinalis antipyretica ____ Total 100 Classification: Scirpo-Phragmitetum (Subunit X)



Name of Lake: Nafeakle

Lake No. 32

General Information

County: Galway	Altitude: 16m			
O.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no.: 10	Geology: Schist and Gneiss			
O.S. 6 inch sheet no.: 36	Ecological Division: 1			
Grid Ref. L 683 475	Area: 3 ha			
Sampling date: 10/8/77	Max length: 0.26m			
Drainage order of inflowing stream: 4				

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2) Conductivity: C1+ Max depth: 3m 110 ---Transparency: 1.75m Alkalinity: 0.04 Na⁺ 12.2 к+ Ca-hardness: ---0.20 Max vegetated depth: 3m Ca²⁺ 3.8 Nature of bottom: peaty Total hardness: , T Mq^{2+} 12.8 Total P: 0.85 silt

Site description and comments

Small shallow soft water lake with peaty bottom. Surrounded by bog and peat with rocky outcrops on shoreline.

<u>Emergent Zone:</u> Scirpus lacustris (13) and Phragmites beds (150) occur. Shores rocky otherwise.

Floating leaf zone: Small areas of Nymphaea alba, Nuphar lutea or Potamogetan natans occur.

<u>Submergents zone:</u> Areas with Eriocaulon aquaticum (13) or Juncus bulbosus (14) dominant occur to 2m depth. At 3m depth Najas flexilis is the dominant species.

Dominant plankton species: mixture of species.

Ellenberg Values		\mathbf{L}	т	К	F	R	N
Relevé No.	13	7.3	4.6	2.3	11.0	4.6	3.1
	14	6.0	4.0	5.0	12.0	7.0	6.0
	40	7.2	3.7	4.0	11.5	6.7	3.8
	150	7	4.8	3	10.4	5	4.2
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Location: North-West shore, in bay Size: 10 x 10m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: Soil: rocky and peaty silt Height(m) Dominant species % Cover 90 Eriocaulon aquaticum Scirpus lacustris 1

90 Eriocaulon aquaticum Total Classification: Eriocaulo-Lobelietum (Subunit XVa) Spirogyra spp. are the dominant algae. Eriocaulon Remarks: Where the mat is broken up clear aquaticum forms a root mat. areas exists with Utricularia vulgaris agg. Elatine hexandra, Myriophyllum alterniflorum and Chara fragilis.

Relevé No. 14

Relevé Details

Relevé No. 13

Submergents

Emergents

1 - 2m

Location: open water Size: 5 x 5m, Slope: steep, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.75 - 2mSoil: peat

8 Cover Height (m) Dominant species Juncus bulbosus 95 1 Submergents 1 Juncus bulbosus 95 Total Community of Juncus bulbosus f. fluitans. Classification: (Subunit XVI)

This vegetation is 5m wide and changes abrubtly into Remarks: the Najas flexilis band. Hapalosiphon is the dominant alga.

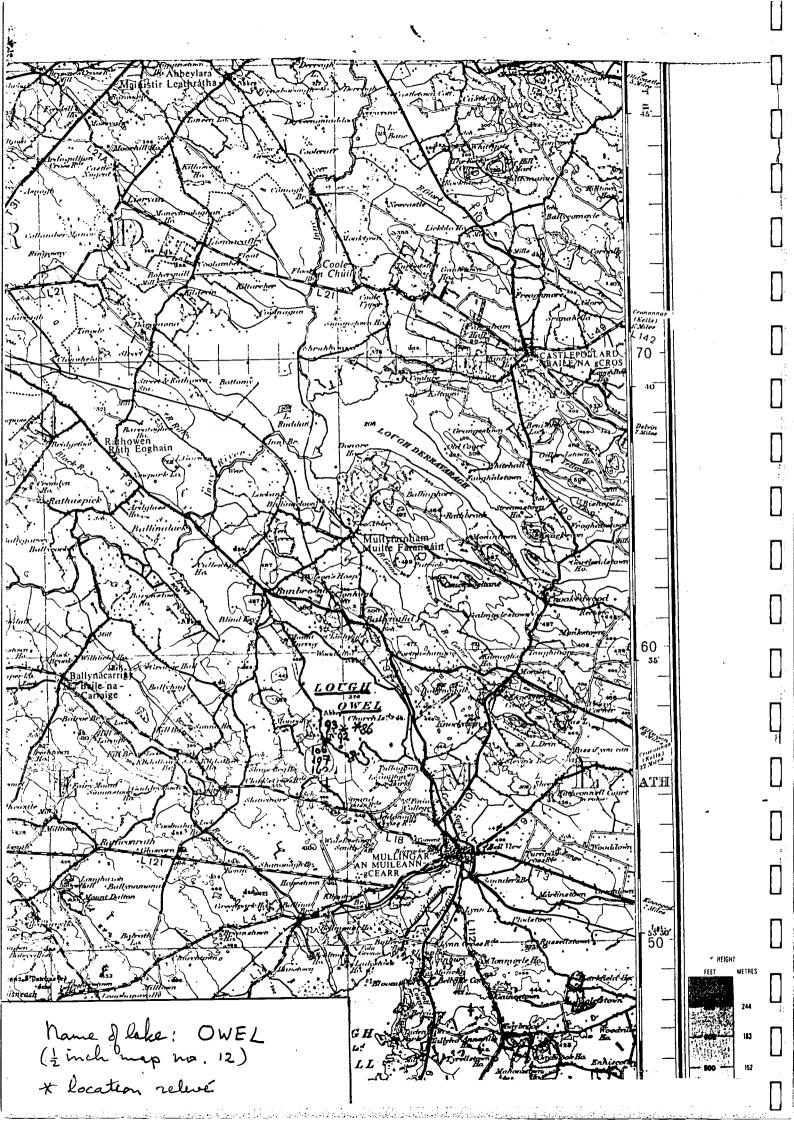
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Location: open water Size: 10 x 2 m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 3m Soil: peaty mud Height (m) Dominant species % Cover Emergents 20 0.10 Najas flexilis 0.10 Najas flexilis Total 20 Classification: Community of Najas flexilis and Potamogeton berchtoldii (Subunit XIX). Remarks: Roots of plants seen to be encased in some iron deposit (anaerobic?). Hapalosiphon is the dominant alga. In centre of lake Nitella translucens and Utricularia vulgaris agg. occur. Relevé No. 150 Location: Southern shore. Size: 5 x 1m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.15m Soil: peaty % Cover Height (m) Dominant species Submergente 50 0 05 Eriocaulon aquaticum Potamogeton natans

Submergents	50	0.05
Floating leaf	30	0.15
Emergents	5	-
Total	80	0.05
Classification:	Eriocaulo -	- Lobelietum

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Dominant species Eriocaulon aquaticum Potamogeton natans Phragmites australis Eriocaulon aquaticum (Subunit XV a)



Name of lake: Owel

Lake No. 33

General Information

Altitude: 99.5m County: Westmeath Geology: limestone 0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 12 Ecological 0.S. 6 inch sheet no. 11, 12, 18, 19. Division: 3 Grid Ref: N 397 572. 950 ha. Area: Sampling date: 6-9-77 Max. Length: 6 km. Drainage order of inflowing stream: 4

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Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity: 255 0.19 Alkalinity : Ca-hardness : 56 Total hardness:76 0.73 Total P :

Max. depth: 13.2 m Transparency: 2.90 m Max. vegetated depth: 7m 0.41 Nature of bottom: silty marl and mud, on shores: exposed: stony; sheltered: muddy, peaty.

Site description and comments

Large calcareous lake with mostly exposed stony shores. The maximum vegetated depth is much greater than the transparency. Usually there is only a difference of 1 meter. This may indicate recent eutrophication of the water, triggering an unusually high plankton crop.

Mostly rocky exposed shores with sparse Emergent zone: On sheltered shores going lakeward: Carex rostrata emergents. (106) Phragmites australis (160), Scirpus lacustris (106). On more exposed shores (107) fringe of Eleocharis palustris.

Submergent zone: Dominant is at 2 m depth Chara aculeolata (93), at 3 m depth Chara rudris (92) at 6 m depth Chara contraria (86).

Dominant plankton species: Ceratium hirundiniella, Dinobryon, Fragillaria crotonensis.

Ellenberg values		L	т	K	F	R	N
Relevé No.	86	6.0	5.5	4.3	11.8	6.7	5.8
	92	6	-	-	12	7	8
	93	6	-	-	12	7	8
	160	7.3	5	3	10.3	6.5	3.5
Lough Owel		6.3	5.3	3.7	11.5	6.8	6.3

Relevé details

Relevé No. 86

Location: open water Size: 10 x 10 m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: enclosed, Water depth: 6 m

Soil: silty mud, shell remains.

% Cover Height (m) Dominant species Chara contraria 0.15 90 Submergents 0.15 Chara contraria 90 Total Classification: Community of Chara contraria (Subunit XXXI). Potamogeton perfoliatus was found up to 7 m depth. Remarks: Curious holes are present in the vegetation. Small diatoms Forms of Chara contraria occur epiphytic on Chara contraria. with and without cortex, the corticated form predominates.

Relevé No. 92

Location: open water Size: 10 x 10h,Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 31.5m Soil: silty marl. Height (m) Dominant species % Cover 0.75 Chara rudris 90 Submergents 6.75 Chara rudris 90 Total Classification: Community of Chara contraria (Subunit XXXI), few actively growing epiphytes in carbonate deposits on Chara. Relevé No. 93 Location: open water Size: 10 X 10m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 2.20m Soil: silt over marl with shell remains, at 50 cm depth peat. .% Cover Height (m) Dominant species 100 Chara aculeolata Submergents 100 Chara aculeolata Total Classification: Community of Chara aculeolata (Subunit XXXII). Chara tomentosa is in general surrounded by Chara Remarks: contraria, while large areas of Chara aculeolata cover the rest Few actively growing epiphytes in carbonate of the area. deposits on Chara.

Relevé No. 106

(Subunit VI).

Location: Carex rostrata fringe, South-West shore Size: 2 X 1 m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.05m Soil: soft peaty mud. Dominant species Height (m) % Cover Carex rostrata and Berula 70 0.50 Emergents erecta Carex rostrata and Berula 70 0.50 Total erecta Classification: Community of Berula erecta and Scirpus lacustris

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Remarks: The Carex rostrata (band (4 m wide) occurs landwards of the Phragmites dominated fringe. Scirpus lacustris occurs in district parallel zones or interspersed with the Phragmites.

Relevé No. 107

Location: Eleocharis palustris fringe, South-West shore Size: 1 X 1 m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.05 m Soil: soft peaty mud, with stones.

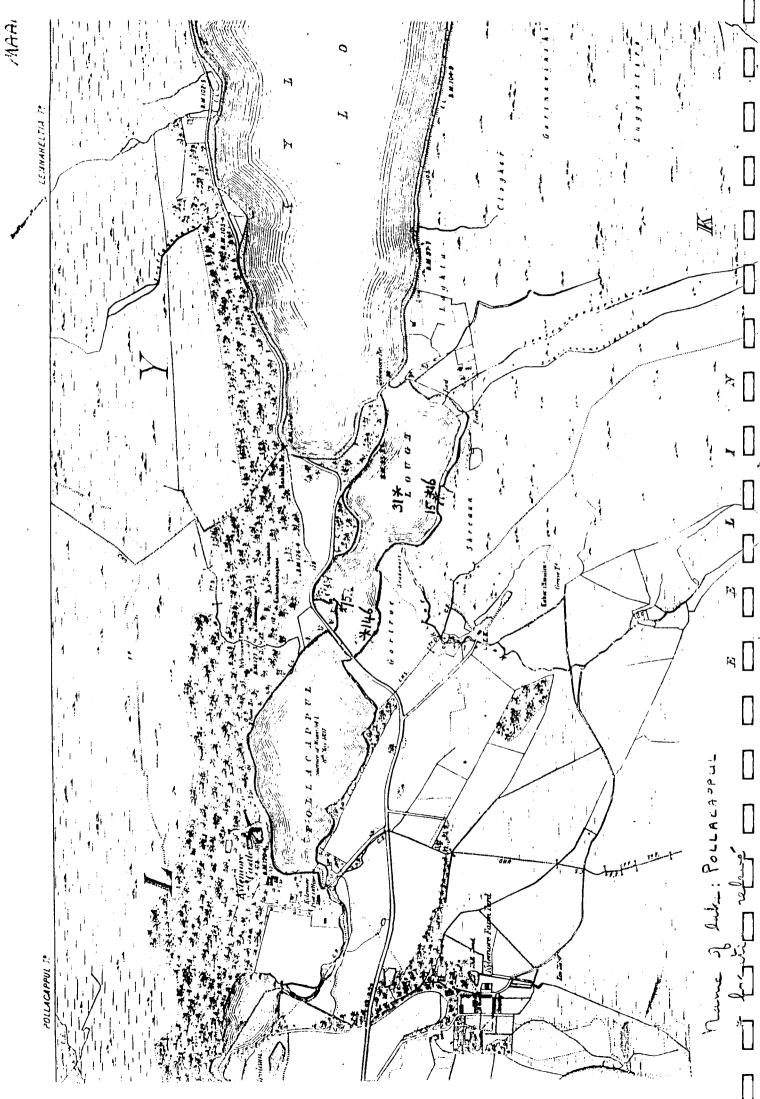
% CoverHeight (m)Dominant speciesEmergents600.50Eleocharis palustrisTotal600.50Eleocharis palustrisClassification:Community of Eleocharis palustris (Subunit V)

Relevé No. 160

Location: Phragmites fringe, South-West shore. Size: 2 X 1 m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered: Water depth: 0.10 m

Soil: firm mud.

Dominant species Height(m) % Cover Chara contraria 10 Submergents Nuphar lutea 0.10 1 Floating leaf Phragmites australis 1.50 5 Emergents Chara contraria 10 Total Classification: Community of Chara contraria (Subunit XXXI) Chara aspera was noted in the Phragmites zone, with a Remarks: cover of about 40% (not in this relevé).



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Name of lake: Pollacappul

Lake No.: 34

General information

County: Galway O.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no.: 10 O.S. 6 inch sheet no.: 23 Grid ref: L765 583 Sampling date: 11-8-77 Drainage order of inflowing stream: 19

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity:75	C1-	Max. depth: 1.75m
Alkalinity: 0.16	Na + 6. 2	Transparency: >depth
Ca-hardness: -	K ⁺ 0.23	Max. vegetated depth: 1.75m
Total hardness: -	Ca ²⁺ 4.0	Nature of bottom: silty mud,
Total P: 0.82	Mg ²⁺ 6.0	sandy and stony or peaty mud
		on shores.

Site description and comments

Shallow relatively sheltered soft water lake, surrounded by mountains and immediately downstream from a large lake (Kylemore Lake).

Emergent zone: Going lakewards Carex rostrata fringe (147) or sparse Equisetum fluviatile band (16), Phragmites band (148), Scirpus lacustris fringe (16). Scirpus lacustris and Phragmites australis are the dominant emergents of the lake.

Floating leaf zone: Nymphaea alba is dominant in the floating leaf zone, Potamogetan natans also occurs.

<u>Submergent zone</u>: In the shallows Littorella uniflora (152) or Eriocaulon aquaticum (15, 16, 146, 147, 148) dominate, in the deeper water Isoetes lacustris (31). Pillularia globulifera is. abundant along the sheltered southern shore but absent from the Northern shore. Subularia aquatica and Najas flexilis only occur on the Northern shore near the bridge.

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Classification: Eriocaulo-Lobelietum Isoetetosum (Subunit XV b)

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Remarks: Dominant alge for this relevé are Oedogonium and Spirogyra. Pillularia globulifera extends into denser Scirpus fringe, going landward, where Potamogeton berchtoldi occurs occasionally. Soil in Scirpus zone is muddy. Utricularia vulgasis agg. is found lakeward of the Scirpus. Going landward, more into the Equisetum band, Pillularia does not occur and Littorella and Lobelia decrease.

Relevé No. 31

Location: open water, centre of lake. Size: 5 X 5 m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1.75m

Soil: silty mud

% Cover Height (m)Dominant speciesSubmergents1000.20Isoetes lacustrisTotal1000.20Isoetes lacustrisClassification:Eriocaulo-Lobelietum Isoetetosum (Subunit XVb).Remarks:Oedogonium (7.5/4,12.5µ) main algae.

Relevé No. 146

Location: South shore of lake, landward of Carex rostrata and Scirpus lacustris band. Size: 2 X l m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.05m Soil: sandy (at 35 cm depth peaty) & Cover Height(m) Dominant species Emergents 80 0.10 Eriocaulon aquaticum Total 80 0.10 Eriocaulon aquaticum

Classification: Eriocaulo-Lobelietum (Subunit XVa) Remarks: This vegetation occurs in a band 5 m wide.

Relevé No. 147

Location: Carex rostrata fringe, South shore lakeward of 146 Size: 2 X 1 m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.40 m

Soil: sandy, peaty underneath.

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% Cover Height (m) Dominant species Eriocaulon aquaticum 70 Submergents ----0.40 Potamogeton natans Floating leaf 1 Carex rostrata 25 1 Emergents Eriocaulon aquaticum 90 Gotal Classification: Eriocaulo-Lobelietum (Subunit XVa)

Relevé No. 148

Location: North shore, in sparse Phragmites fringe Size: 2 X 1 m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.10m Soil: peaty mud

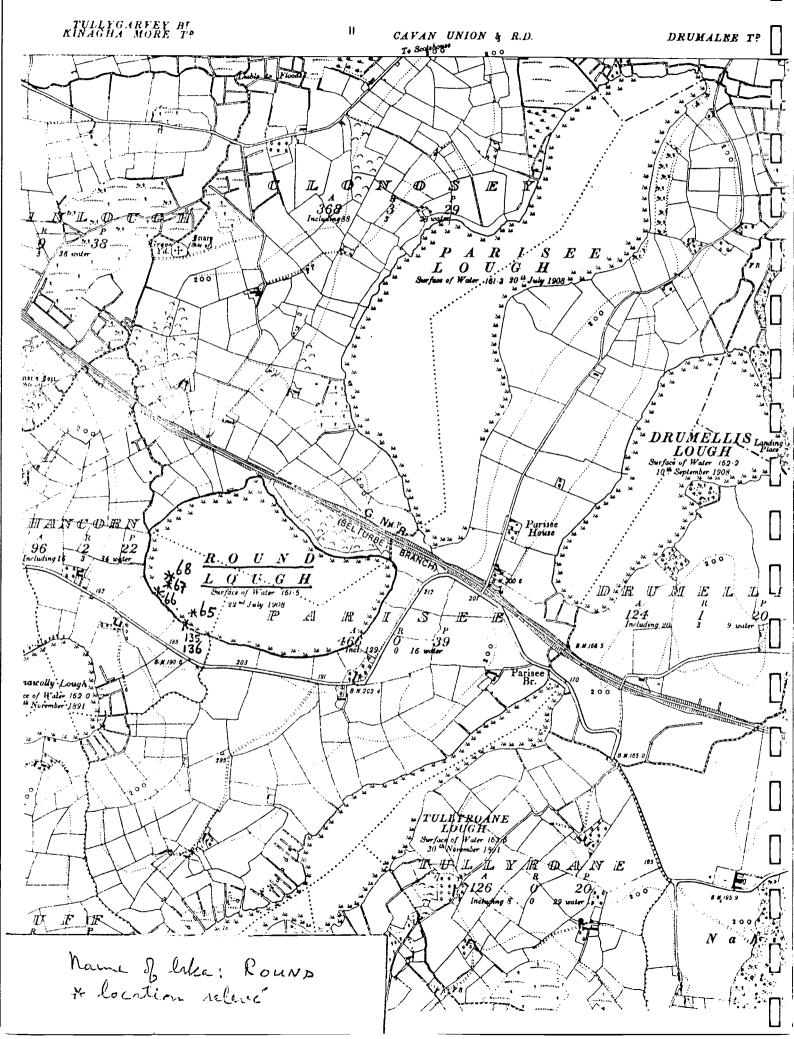
Dominant species Heigth (m) % Cover Eriocaulan aquaticum 95 _ Submergents 0.10 Potamogetan natans 1 Floating leaf 1.50 Phragmites australis Emergents 5 _ Eriocaulon aquaticum 95 Total Classification: Eriocaulo-Lobelietum (Subunit XVa)

Relevé No. 152

Location: southern shore Size: 1 X 1 m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.10 m Soil: stony

% Cover Height(m)Dominant speciesSubmergents150.01Littorella unifloraTotal150.01Littorella unifloraClassification: Eriocaulo-Lobelietum (Subunit XVa).

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Name of lake: Round

General Information

County: CavanAltit $0.S. \frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no.: 8Geold0.S. 6 inch sheet no.: 15EcoldGrid ref: H392 153Area:Sampling date: 9-9-77Max.Drainage order of inflowing stream: 22

Altitude: 49 m Geology: limestone Ecological division:3 Area: 24 ha Max. length: 0.7 km

Physico-chemical infor	mation	(for	units see Table 2)
conductivity: 232	C1-	10.7	Max. depth: -
alkalinity : 0.15	Na ⁺	8.2	Transparency: 4m
mCa-hardness : 52	к+	0.8	Max. vegetated depth: 5m
total hardness: 84	Ca ²⁺	29.0	Nature of bottom:
total p: 0.82	Mg2+	8.4	soft black mud, on shores
			peaty sand.

Site description and comments

Sheltered drumlin lake with peaty sandy soil, on shores fringed by tall reeds (mainly Phragmites and lakeward Scirpus lacustris), water hard, clear. Lake bottom consists of soft black mud, dominant submergents Lemna trisulca, Elodea canadensis and Stratiotes aloides.

Emergent zones: Going from the shore lakewards the following emergents dominate the vegetation in turn. Carex rostrata, Cladium mariscus, Typha latifolia, Phragmites australis and Scirpus lacustris. The Cladium and Typha bands occur only on the South-East shore.

Floating leaf zone: Nuphar lutea is present in the emergent zone, no floating leaf zone present lakeward of reeds.

<u>Submergents</u>: In the South West corner of the lake just beyond the reed fringe Stratiotes aloides is dominant. Elsewhere Elodea canadensis or Chara rudris dominate. In the deepest areas (up to

5 m) Cladophora occurs. In the reeds Lemna trisulca is the major submergent.

Dominant plankton species: Gloeotrichia sp. and Anabaena spp. (5µ, 12µ).

Ellenberg values		L	т	К	F	R	N
Relevé No:	65	7.5	6.5	4.3	11.8	6.7	6.3
Y.	66	7.4	5.8	4.0	11.4	7	5.8
	67	7.0	6.0	4.5	12	7	6.8
	68	7.0	5.8	4.2	11.8	6.6	6.2
Round Lough:		7.2	6	4.3	11.8	6.8	6.3

Relevé No. 65

Location: in open water Size: 5 X 5 m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 4m

Soil: soft black mud

Height (m) Dominant species % Cover Elodea canadensis 0.20 90 Submergents Elodea canadensis 90 0.20 Total canadensis and Lemna Community of Elodea Classification: trisulca (Subunit XXVI).

Remarks: Deeper than 4m the bottom is covered with patches of Lemna trisulca. Common epiphytic algae: Anabaena 2.5-3µ, Epithemia. Cladophora also present.

Relevé No. 66

Location: in Scirpus fringe. Size: 3 x 1m, Slope: steep, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1 m Soil: soft black mud. Height (m) Dominant species % Cover Stratiotes aloides 10 Submergents 2.50 Scirpus lacustris 40 Emergents 2.50 Scirpus lacustris 50 Total Classification: Community of Elodea canadensis and Lemna trisulca (Subunit XXVI)

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Remarks: Just outside the Scirpus bed Stratiotes is most common, reaching a cover of 50% in places. Filamentous green algae most dominant: Spirogyra 24μ , 58μ and Oedogonium 25μ .

Relevé No. 67

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Location: in open water Size: 5 x 5m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 2.25m Soil: soft black mud. Dominant species 8 Cover Height (m) Stratiotes aloides 95 0.75 Submergents Stratiotes aloides 95 0.75 Total Classification: Community of Elodea canadensis and Lemna trisulca

(Subunit XXVI)

Remarks: Cladophora dominant alga.

Relevé No. 68

Location: open water Size: 10 x 2m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 4m

Soil: soft black mud

% CoverHeight (m)Dominant speciesSubmergents50-Elodea canadensisTotal50-Elodea canadensisClassification:Community of Elodea canadensis and Lemna trisulca(Subunit XXVI).Remarks:Macrophytes become scarcer and scarcer towards 5m depth,

until only Cladophora is left. Cladophora is the dominant alga in the relevé.

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Relevé No. 135

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Location: emergent fringe, Southern shore of lake. Size: 1 x 1m , Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth 0.10m Soil: sandy peat

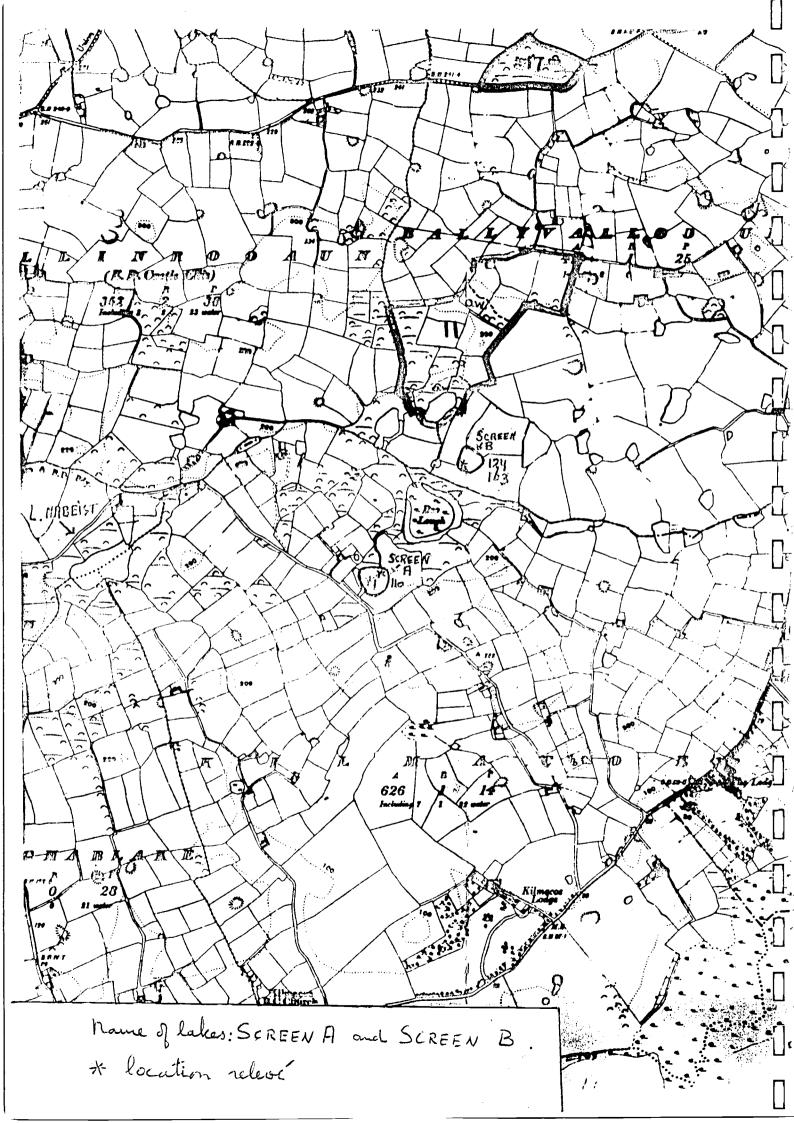
Dominant species % Cover Height (m) Lemna trisulca 60 Submergents Carex rostrata 29 0.40 Emergents Lemna trisulca 75 _ Total Classification: Carecetum rostratae subassociation with elements of Littorellion (subunit II a) Remarks: Some grazing of this vegetation

Relevé No. 136

Location: emergent fringe, Southern shore, lakeward of 135. Size: 2 x 1m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.50m

Soil: sandy peat

Dominant species Height (m) % Cover Littorella uniflora 20 _ Submergents Phragmites australis 2 5 Emergents Littorella uniflora 25 Total uniflora and of Littorella Scirpus Classification: Community lacustris (Subunit XII) Remarks: Stratiotes aloides was found in this vegetation.



Name of lake: Screen A

General Information

County: Wexford	Altitude: between 30-60m
0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no.: 23	Geology: Cambrian
0.S. 6 inch sheet no.: 33	Ecological division: 5
Grid Ref. T 102 294	Area: 1 ha
Sampling date: 27.7.77	Max length: 0.08 km
Drainage order of inflowing stream:	0

Physico-chemical information			(for unit	s see Table 2)
Conductivity:	150	C1+	19.2	Max depth: 3m
Alkalinity:	0.10	Na ⁺	15.4	Transparency: 1.50 m
Ca-hardness:	7	к+	0.53	Max vegetated depth: 3m
Total hardness:	17	Ca ²⁺	3.5	Nature of bottom: sandy
Total P:	0.81	Mg2+	2.3	shores, black organic mud
				on bottom

Site description and comments

Small steepsided kettle hole with tiny catchment area and brown water, surrounding land dominated by bracken. Marginal vegetation dominated by Carex rostrata. Major submergents are Littorella uniflora at the edge and Nitella translucens in deeper water (1-3m depth).

Emergent Zone: Carex rostrata dominated fringe with Eleocharis palustris dominant in deeper water.

Floating leaf zone: Potamogeton polygonifolius occurs with Eleocharis palustris and Myriophyllum alterniflorium. Polygonum amphibium present nearer the grassland on the shore, in a cattle drinking place, on NW side of lake.

Submergents zones: Lakeward of emergent and floating leaf zone bare areas occur with occasional Myriophyllum alterniflorum and in deeper water areas of 100% Nitella translucens. Coleochaete nitellarum occurs massively as an epiphyte on the Nitella., Spirogyra (24µ) is also very common.

Dominant plankton species: No sample taken.

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Location: in open water Size: 3 x 3m , Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 1.50m Soil: black organic mud & Cover Height (m) Dominant species Submergents 100 0.60 Nitella translucens 100 0.60 Nitella translucens

Classification: Community of Nitella translucens (Subunit XXI b) Remarks: The Nitella zone extends from 1-3m depth.

Relevé No. 110

Location: Emergent fringe Size: 1 x 0.50m, Slope: slight, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.50m Soil: soft mud

	% Cover	Height (m)	Dominant species			
Submergents	40	-	Littorella uniflora			
Emergents	70	0.60	Carex rostrata			
Total	100	0.60	Carex rostrata			
Classification: Care	cetum ro	ostratae,	subassociation with			
elements of Littorelli	on (Subun	it IIa)				
			rata fringe Littorella			
uniflora and Myriophyllum alterniflorum (the latter is not						
			100%. The lake side			
ed ge of this zone	is domi	inated by	Eleocharis palustris,			

Potamogeton polygonifolius and

Myriophyllum alterniflorum.

Name of Lake: Screen B

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Site No. 37
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General Information

Altitude: between 30-60m Wexford County: Cambrian 0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no. 23 Geology: O.S. 6 inch sheet no. 33 Ecological division: 5 Grid Ref.: T 105 297 Area: 1 ha Sampling date: 27.7.77 Max length: 0.07 km Drainage order of inflowing stream: 0

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity:	160	C1+	19.5	Max depth: 3.60m
Alkalinity:	0.18	Na ⁺	15.4	Transparency: -
Ca-hardness:	12	K+	0.38	Max vegetated depth: 2.40m
Total hardness:	27	Ca ²⁺	5.7	Nature of bottom: sand,
Total P:	-	Mg ²⁺	2.3	peaty sand on shores

Site description and comments

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Little lake similar to Screen Lake A bordered by Equisetrum fluviatile backed by Carex rostrata. Bottom falls away sharply. Nitella translucens grows to a depth of 2.40m. The hydrosere succession is further advanced in this lake than in Screen lake A. For map see Screen A.

<u>Emergent Zones</u>: Carex rostrata dominated zone with at its lakeward side a fringe of Equisetum fluviatile.

Floating leaf zone: Potamogeton polygonifolius is present in the emergent fringe, but not as a separate zone.

<u>Submergent zone</u>: Nitella translucens is dominant in the open water (1.60 - 2.40m depth). It and Myriophyllum spicatum occur in the emergent fringe.

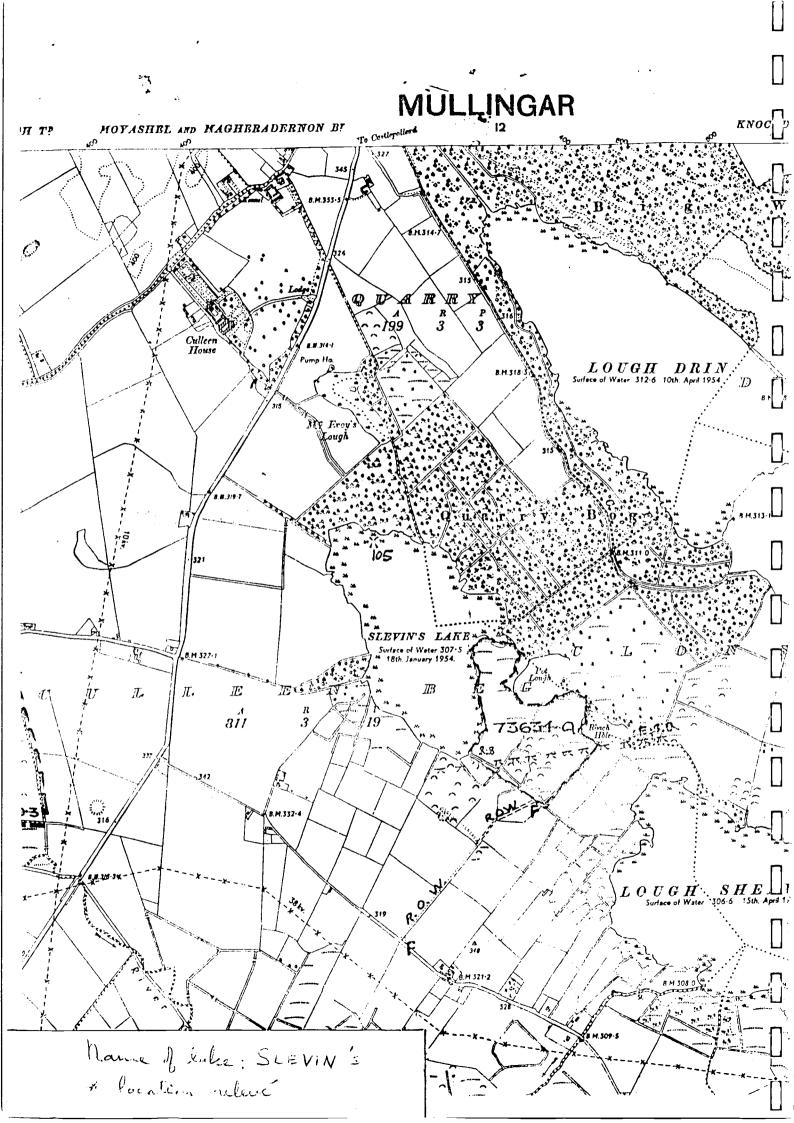
Dominant plankton species: No sample taken.

Ellenberg Values		Ľ	т	К	F	R	N
Relevé No.	163	7.5	4	2	11	3	4

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Relevé No. 124

Location: Emergent fringe Size: 2 x 1m, Slope: slight, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.20m Soil: eaty sand Dominant species Height(m) % Cover Submergents 5 ----Hydrocotyle vulgaris Potamogeton polygoniflious Floating leaf 1 0.20 Carex rostrata 30 0.90 Emergents 0.90 Carex rostrata 30 Total Classification: Carecetum rostratae, subassociation with elements of Littorellion (Subunit IIa) Remarks: Bulbochaete sp, Hapalosiphon and Scytonema the are dominant benthic algae. Relevé No. 163 Location: Emergent fringe Size: 2 x 1m, Slope: slight, Exposure, sheltered, Water depth: 1.50m Soil: sand Height (m) Dominant species % Cover Nitella translucens and 5 Submergents Myriophyllum alterniflorum 2.0 Equisetum fluviatile 20 Emergents 2.0 Equisetum fluviatile 25 Total Classification: Community of Nitella translucens (subunit XXIb) Remarks: Oscillatoria (8.5) is the most dominant algae in this In deeper water up to 2.40m Nitella translucens occurs relevé. as the only species.



Name of lake: Slevin's

Lake No. 38

General Information:

Altitude: 94m County: Westmeath O.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet No.: 12 Geology: Limestone Ecological division: O.S. 6 inch sheet No.: 19 3 Grid. Ref. N 452 561 15 ha Area: Max length: 0.7km Sampling date: 7.9.77 Drainage order of inflowing stream: 2

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity: 52Q C1+ 10.7 Max depth: 7.6 Transparency: low due to 0.43 Na⁺ Alkalinity: Ca-hardness: 125 plankton bloom 0.37 1.50m к+ Max vegetated depth: Total hardness:136 Ca^{2+} 61.0 Nature of bottom: silty mud 0.27 Total P.: Mq^{2+} 7.5

Site description and comments:

Small lake fringed with Phragmites and Scirpus. Eutrophicated. Dead fish present and a very heavy plankton bloom.

Emergent zone: Phragmites and Scirpus lacustris fringe

Floating leaf zone: Nuphar lutea

<u>Submergent</u> <u>zone</u>: Contains the following plants: Elodea canadensis, Lemna trisulca, Potamogeton lucens and Chara vulgaris (The cortex of Chara vulgaris was partly imperfect).

Dominant plankton species: dense phytoplankton. Main species: Oscillatoria 5µ and Synedra sp. bloom.

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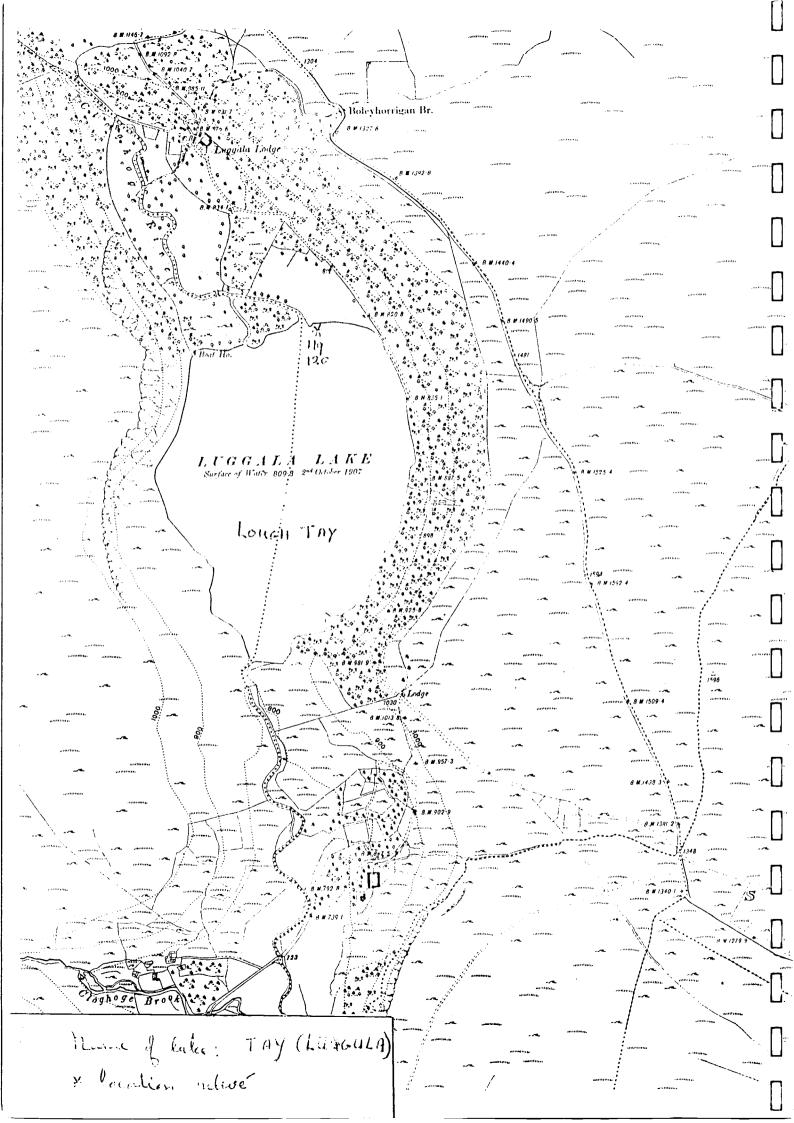
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Relevé No. 105

Location: North West Shore, reed bed Size: 2 x 1m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.20m Soil: fen peat Height(m) Dominant species % Cover Phragmites australis 2 60 Emergents 2 Phragmites australis 60 Total Classification: Community of Berula erecta and Scirpus lacustris (Subunit VI)



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Name of lake: Tay

Lake No. 39

General Information

Altitude: 246.8m County: Wicklow O.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no.: 16 Geology: Granite Ecological division: 2 O.S. 6 inch sheet no.: 12 Grid Ref. 0 164 078 Area: Max length: 1km Sampling date: 16.8.79 Drainage order of inflowing stream: 11

Physico-chemical information (For units se Table 2)

Water not analysed Max depth: -Conductivity: 47 . Transparency: 2.10m Max vegetated depth: -Nature of bottom: stony and sandy

Site description and comments

Soft water lake with stony and sandy shores and sparse vegetation. Main plankton species Eunotia ribbons.

Emergent leaf zone: Littorella uniflora in patches.

Floating leaf zone: absent

Submergents zones: Littorella uniflora and Juncus bulbosus in shallow water, Isoetes lacustris deeper.

Dominant plankton species: Eunotia species

Ellenberg values		L	Т	К	F	R	N
Relevé No.	119	7	4	2	12	3	2
	120	7	4	2	11	3	1.5 ·
Lough Tay		7	4	2	11.5	3	1.8

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Location: open water, north end Size: 10x5m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 1.20m Soil: gravel

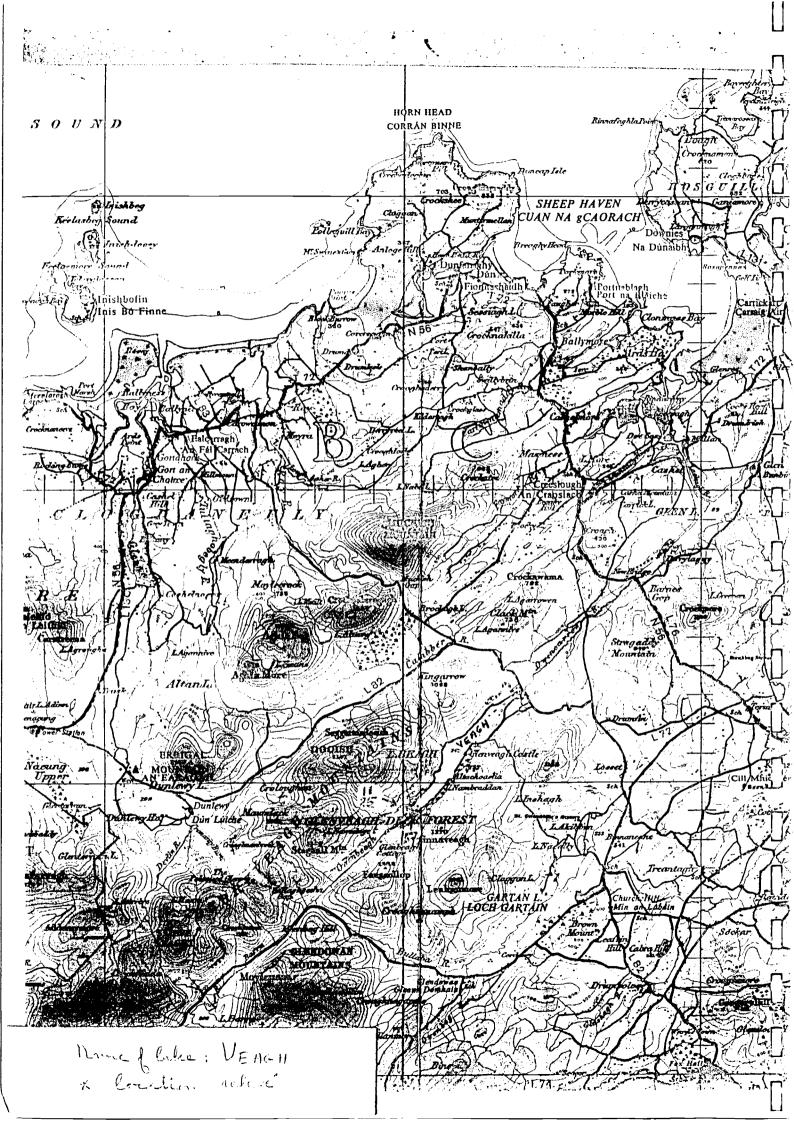
% CoverHeight (m)Dominant speciesSubmergents20-Isoetes lacustrisTotal20-Isoetes lacustrisClassification: Community of Isoetes lacustris (Subunit XVII)Remarks:In shallower water scattered plants of Juncus bulbosusand Isoetes lacustris occur.

Relevé No. 120

Location: open water, north end Size: 2x2m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.60m Soil: sand

	% Cover	Height(m)	Dominant species
Submergents	30	-	Littorella uniflora
Total	30	-	Littorella uniflora

Classification: Community of Isoetes lacustris (Subunit XVII) Remarks: Littorella only occurs in some (more stable) places along the shore.



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Name of Lake: Veagh

Lake No. 40

General Information

County:DonegalAltitude:43.4mO.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no.:1Geology: GraniteO.S. 6 inch sheet no.:34,35,43,44Ecological division:2Grid Ref.:L 002 190Area:230 haSampling date:20.9.77Max length:5.6kmDrainage order of inflowing stream:16

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

Conductivity:	63.5	C1+	6.4	Max depth: 20m
Alkalinity:	0.004	Na ⁺	2.5	Transparency: 3m
Ca-hardness:	0	к+	0.45	Max vegetated depth: 3m
Total hardness:	-	Ca ²⁺	-	Nature of bottom: silty mud,
Total P.	0.57	Mg ²⁺	1.7	in shallows sand and rocks

Site description and comments:

Long narrow deep lake with soft water, rocky and sandy shores. Southern end only investigated. South West end of lake with sandy beach.

Emergent zone: absent

Floating leaf zone: Nuphar lutea and Potamogeton natans occur at mouth of inflowing river

<u>Submergent Zone</u>: In shallow water Littorella uniflora and Lobelia dominant, than Juncus bulbosus (157), at 1.20m Littorella dominant again (11), and in the deeper water (3m) Isoetes echinospora (25).

Dominant plankton species: mixture of species

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Classification: Eriocaulo - Lobelietum (Subunit XVa). (Tabellaria Remarks: Diatom spp. dominant epiphytes. spp. Eunotia, Gomphonema, Achnanthes sp., Naviculoid Diatoms).

Relevé No. 25

Location: North West shore, South end of the lake (offshore from relevé 11) Size: 4x4m, Slope: steep, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 3m Soil: organic mud

Dominant species Height (m) 8 Cover Isoetes echinospora 20 Submergents Isoetes echinospora 20 Total Classification: Community of Isoetes lacustris (Subunit XVII) Remarks: Isoetes echinospora has curly leaves in this area, while Isoetes lacustris has straight leaves. Diatoms dominant epiphytes (Gomphonema, Tabellaria flocculosa, Eunotia and Naviculoid Diatoms).

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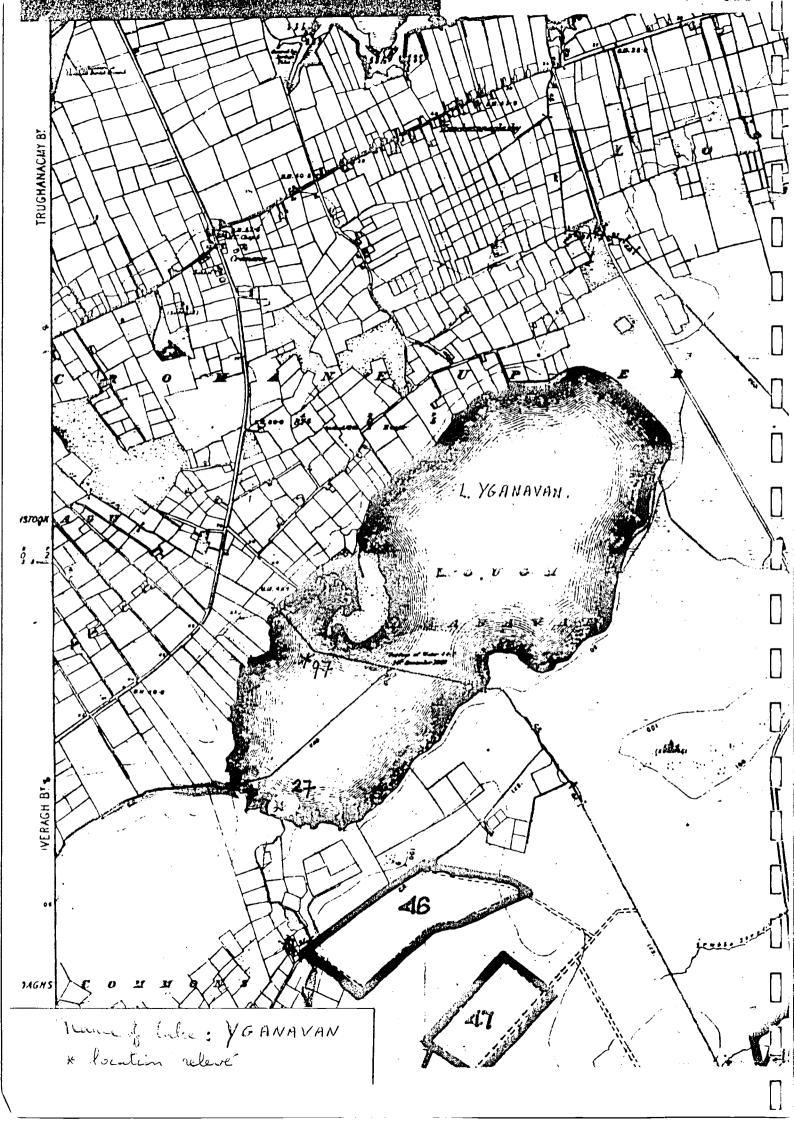
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Location: South-shore

Size: 2 x 1m, Slope: gentle, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.50m Soil: Coarse sand

	ፄ Cover	Height (m)	Dominant species
Submergents	70	0.10	Juncus bulbosus
Total	70	0.10	Juncus bulbosus
Classification:	Eriocaulo -	Lobelietum	(Subunit XVa)



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Name of Lake: Yganavan

Lake No. 41

General Information

Altitude: County: Kerry 13.4m 0.S. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sheet no.: 20 Geology: Limestone 0.S. 6 inch sheet no.: 56 Ecological division: 7 Grid Ref.: V 708 955 Area: 80 ha Sampling date: 8.10.77 Max length: 1.6 km Drainage order of inflowing stream: 0

Physico-chemical information (for units see Table 2)

129 C1+ 17.8 Max depth: 0.80m Conductivity: 16.0 Transparency: 0.50m Alkalinity: 0.09 Na+ к+ Ca-hardness: 6 0.45 Max vegetated depth: 0.60m Ca²⁺ 3.5 Nature of bottom: sand Total hardness: 18 Mq^{2+} 16.0 Total P: 0.25

Site description and comments

Shallow lake with sandy bottom and very brown soft water

<u>Emergent zone:</u> Typha latifolia and Phragmites australis swamp on North West shore

<u>Floating leaf zone:</u> Sparse Potamogeton natans and areas of Sparganium angustifolium

<u>Submergent zone:</u> Dominated by Elatine hexandra lakeward of reeds. In shallow water on rock: Desmosiphon maculans

Dominant plankton species: Botryococcus braunii. Pediastrum sp., Staurastrum spp and Tabellaria fenestrata v. asterioides.

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Relevé No. 27

Location: Southern shore, just lakeward of Typha latifolia band. Size: 5 x 5m, Slope: none, Exposure: exposed, Water depth: 0.30-0.45m Soil: sand

% Cover Height (m) Dominant species Submergents 10 - Elatine hexandra Total 10 - Elatine hexandra Classification: Community of Isoetes lacustris (Subunit XVII) Remarks: Closer to the Typha on silt covered sand, Elatine reaches a cover of almost 100%, a moss is the only other species present. Main algae: Tolypothrix sp

Relevé No. 97

Location: In sheltered bay on West shore
 Size: 5 x 5m, Slope: none, Exposure: sheltered, Water depth: 0.60m
 Soil: peat

% CoverHeight (m)Dominant speciesFloating leaf450.60Sparganium angustifoliumTotal450.60Sparganium angustifoliumClassification:Sparganietum angustifolii (Subunit XVIII)

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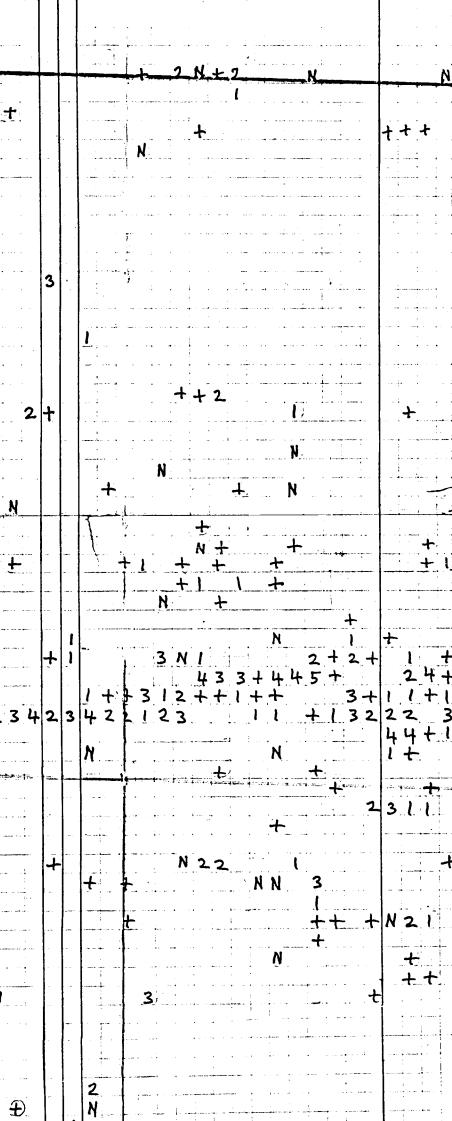
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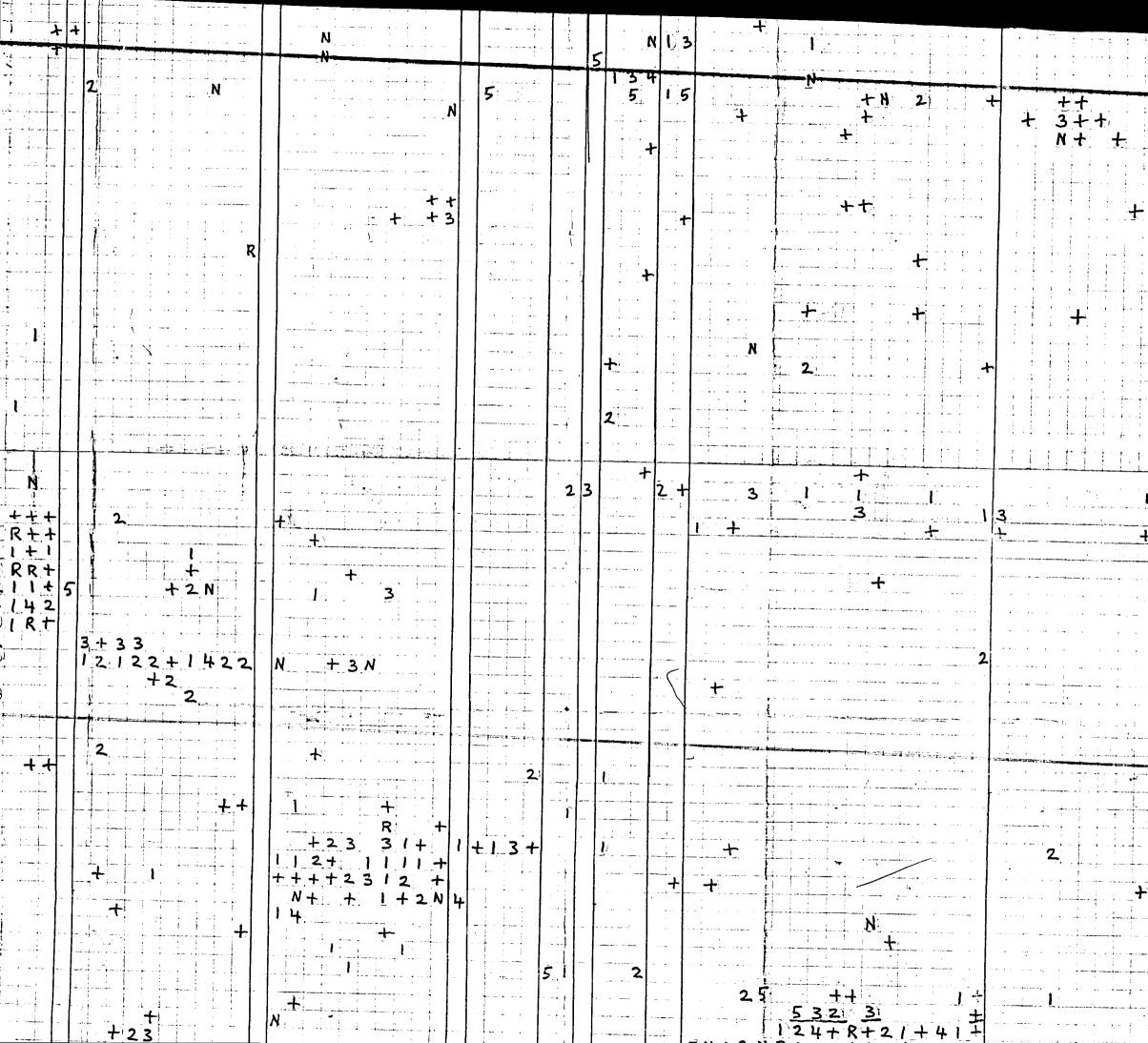
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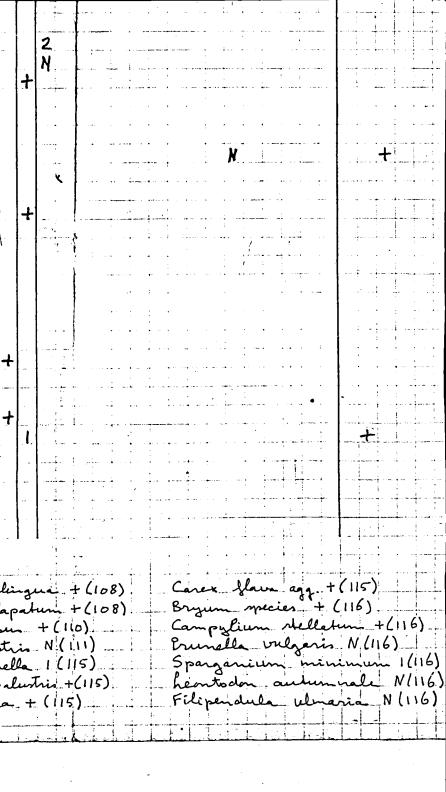
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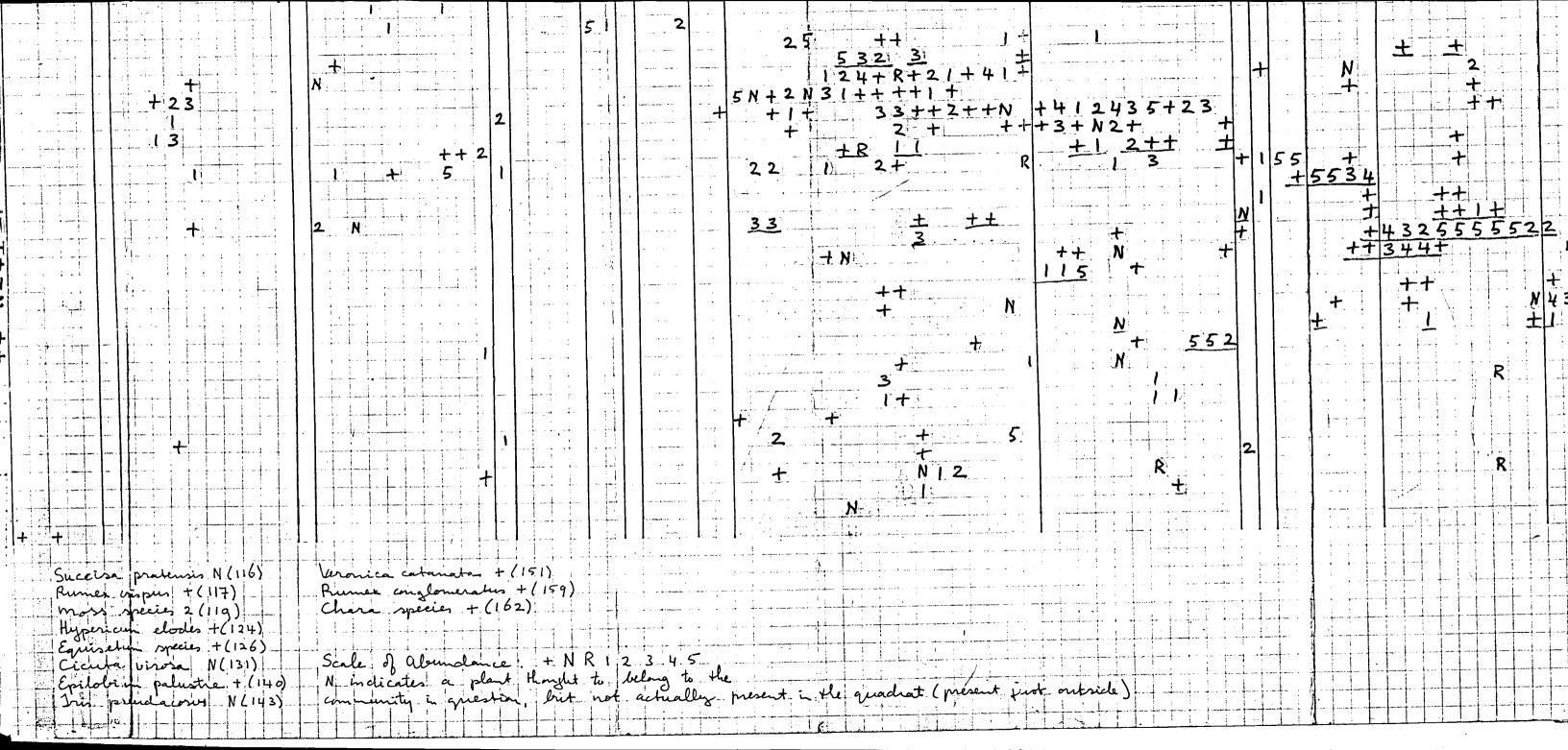




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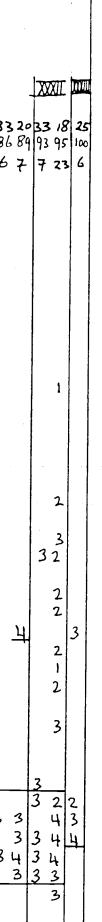
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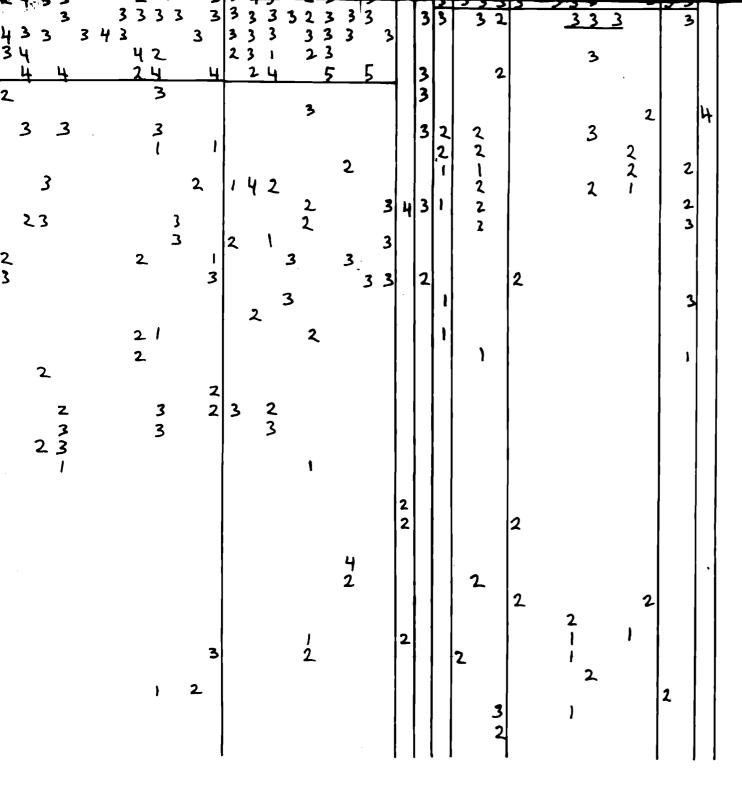
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