

Site name: Galmoy Fen SAC 0001858

County: Kilkenny

Site Specific Conservation Objective (SSCO) Ecological Attributes

[7230] Alkaline fens

- 1 Habitat area
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- 5.1 Vegetation composition: brown mosses
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- 6 Vegetation structure: litter
- 7.1 Physical structure: disturbed bare ground
- 7.2 Physical structure: tufa formations
- 8 Indicators of local distinctiveness

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