

710217

EASKY BOG , CO. SLIGO

Easky Bog is located on the north side of the Ox mountains c. 2 km N.E. of Easky Lough and c. 22 km W.S. of Sligo town.

The area consists of two distinct topographic units: a low level plateau c. 300m high covered in highland blanket bog and the steep north facing slopes of the Ox mountains which are covered in wet heath and mountain blanket bog. The area forms the catchment of the Crowagh River which is incised into the plateau. To the west is an extensive area of lowland blanket bog.

The area is one of the few places in the country where all three blanket bog types may be found in juxtaposition. A diverse range of flora is to be found in the area.

The area is within the feeding and roosting range of a small (<50) flock of Greenland White-fronted geese based on the shores of L. Conn. Golden Plover also occur and the presence of Merlin is likely.