

COOLE - GARRYLAND

This is comprised of some 429 ha centred on Coole Lough, c. 2 km N.W. of the town of Gort, Galway.

The site provides a unique example in Ireland of a turlough/ woodland boundary. The combination of deciduous woods, limestone reefs, lakes and turloughs constitute one of the most interesting Irish vegetation and faunal complexes still in existence. The Coole - Garryland reserve contains a variety of habitats, including well formed high forest on deep pockets of soil, dwarf woodland on limestone pavement, bare pavement, a turlough complex in the hollows, and Coole Lake.