

CAIRNGORM LOCHS RAMSAR SITE

CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES

General Description

Cairngorm Lochs Ramsar site consists of Lochs Etchachan, Uaine, Coire an Lochain, Avon and Eanaich (previously Einich) The first three lochs are corrie lochans at altitudes of 900-1000m with continuous ice cover from December to May. Lochs Avon and Eanaich occupy the upper reaches of major glacial troughs at lower altitudes with much shorter periods of ice-cover. In winter the lochs support specialised populations of plankton which develop below the ice.

Ramsar Interest Feature

For full details refer to the [Ramsar Site Citation](#). The Ramsar interest feature and associated designation for this site is:

Ramsar interest feature	Underpinning designation
Oligotrophic loch	Cairngorms Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Conservation Objectives

Ramsar interest feature	Conservation objectives
Oligotrophic loch (supporting specialised populations of plankton)	Refer to the conservation objectives for Clear-water lakes or lochs with aquatic vegetation and poor to moderate nutrient levels (including specialised populations of plankton), in the Cairngorms SAC Conservation Advice Package.