

Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as
Waterfowl Habitat

CITATION FOR RAMSAR SITE

(Kampala criteria, 2005)

LOCH EYE (UK13031)

Site Description

Loch Eye Ramsar site is a shallow, nutrient-rich (eutrophic) loch located between the Cromarty and Dornoch Firths, around 4km East of Tain. Only a small number of nutrient-rich lochs occur within the Highlands. The loch has a profuse growth of aquatic plants which cover over 90% of the submerged sediments.

Interest Features (marked in bold) N.B All bird figures relate to numbers at the time of designation:

Loch Eye Ramsar site qualifies under Ramsar Criterion 2 by supporting:

- **Whooper swan** *Cygnus cygnus* (140 individuals, over 1% of the GB population).

Loch Eye Ramsar site qualifies under Ramsar Criterion 6 by regularly supporting 1% or more of the individuals in a population of waterbirds:

- **Greylag goose** *Anser anser* (11,200 individuals, over 11% of the Iceland/UK/Ireland biogeographic population).

Area: 205.61ha

National Grid Ref: NH834798

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Designated on 1 October 1986.

This (amended) citation adopted on 8 September 2025.

Associated designations

The boundary of the Ramsar site is coincident with both Loch Eye Special Protection Area (SPA) and Loch Eye Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).