

CITATION

LOCH OF LINRATHEN SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST Angus

Site code: 1034

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NO 278549

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 53
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 381

AREA: 186.4 hectares

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES:

Biological: Freshwater habitats: Mesotrophic loch
Birds: Greylag goose *Anser anser*, non-breeding

DESCRIPTION:

Loch of Lintrathen is located 10 km west of Kirriemuir in lower Glen Isla. The loch occupies a glacial basin and is now used as a reservoir. The site is important for its mesotrophic (moderately nutrient enriched) open water habitat and as a roost for greylag geese in the winter.

The loch supports a high diversity of macrophytes for a mesotrophic loch. There is a range of *Potamogeton* species, including small pondweed *P. berchtoldii* and perfoliate pondweed *P. perfoliatus*, and a variety of species of shallow water and the draw down zone, for example lesser marshwort *Apium inundatum*, water-purslane *Lythrum portula*, needle spike-rush *Eleocharis acicularis* and mudwort *Limosella aquatica*.

In winter the site is used as a roost for important numbers of Icelandic greylag geese.

NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949: 1972 and again in 1974

Re-notified under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: 24 January 1985

Notification reviewed under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004: 30 July 2010

REMARKS:

Measured area of site corrected (from 189.1 ha).

Loch of Lintrathen SSSI is coincident with Loch of Lintrathen Special Protection Area which is designated for the birds listed below.

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