

CITATION**BALNAGUARD GLEN
SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST
Perth & Kinross**

Site code: 139

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NN 940514

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 52
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 386

AREA: 58.48 hectares

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES**Biological: Woodlands: Juniper scrub****DESCRIPTION:**

Balnaguard Glen, lying 8km east of Aberfeldy, is situated on a north east facing hillside overlooking the River Tay. It is important for its juniper scrub woodland.

The site has a large area of juniper scrub woodland, the third largest in Perth and Kinross. Juniper woodland has a very restricted distribution in Britain and is decreasing nationally due to a lack of regeneration. This site is notable for the regeneration of juniper on the eroding slopes above the Balnaguard Burn.

In addition to the juniper there are areas of mixed gorge and birch woodland, which contribute to a rich and varied ground flora, with the mixed gorge woodland containing a number of locally uncommon plant species.

NOTIFICATION HISTORY

Notified under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949: 1976

Re-notified under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: 15 December 1983

Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 26 March 2009

REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected (from 63 ha).