

CITATION

DRYFE WATER SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY

Site code: 544

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NY 178943

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 79
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 322

AREA: 11.56 hectares

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES

Biological: Woodlands: Upland mixed ash woodland

DESCRIPTION

Dryfe Water lies 10km north northeast of Lockerbie and is one of the best examples of semi-natural broadleaved woodland within Annandale. Ash with a hazel understorey predominates although birch, oak and wych elm are locally common. Hawthorn is frequent and occurs both as areas of scrub and as a component of the woodland understorey. The ground flora throughout the site is composed primarily of the grasses cock's foot, common bent and Yorkshire-fog, but includes within the woodland plants such as dog's mercury, primrose and wood sorrel.

Although not a notified feature there is additional interest in the open wet and dry grassland communities that contain a number of herbaceous plants such as yarrow, lady's bedstraw and cat's ear.

NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act 1949: 1974.

Re-notified under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981: 4 September 1986 with a 1.29 ha increase in area.

Notification reviewed under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004: 9 May 2008.

REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected (from 13.2 ha).