

CITATION

**GLAS TULAICHEAN
SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST**
Perth and Kinross

Site code: 693

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NO 054760

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 43
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 387

AREA : 456.43 hectares

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES:

Biological: Vascular plants: Vascular plant assemblage

DESCRIPTION:

Glas Tulaichean lies between Glenshee to the east and the Beinn a' Ghlo massif to the west. It is a rounded summit, 1051 metres high, on the southern limits of the Grampian Mountains. Glas Tulaichean is one of a series of arctic-alpine sites on calcareous schist in the central Highlands, stretching from Caenlochan to Ben Lui in Argyll. It is important for the range of arctic-alpine vascular plants it supports.

Glas Tulaichean is a large complex mountain bounded by Gleann Mòr to the north, Glen Lochsie to the south and Gleann Taitneach to the east. East of the summit three ridges come together to form two corries, Glas Choire Bheag and Glas Choire Mhòr. It is the crags and steep slopes close to the summit in these corries which supports much of the somewhat localised flora.

Species here include woolly willow *Salix lanata* and downy willow *Salix lapponum*, along with black alpine sedge *Carex atrata* and rock sedge *C. rupestris* and alpine speedwell *Veronica alpina*. Elsewhere snow bed vegetation and springs and flushes contain species such as hair sedge *Carex capillaris*, chestnut rush *Juncus castaneus* and sibbaldia *Sibbaldia procumbens*.

NOTIFICATION HISTORY

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

Re-notified under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: 19 April 1985

Notification reviewed under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004:
17 November 2010

REMARKS:

Measured area of site corrected (from 459.8 hectares).

Glas Tulaichean SSSI is part of the Cairngorms Massif Special Protection Area (SPA), which is designated for breeding Golden eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*.