

CITATION

**INNISHEWAN WOOD
SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST
Stirling**

Site code: 811

PLANNING AUTHORITY: Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NN 470285

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 51
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 365

AREA: 41.16 hectares

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES

Biological: Woodlands: Upland oak woodland

DESCRIPTION

Innishewan Wood Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is situated approximately 10 km north-east of Crianlarich on a steep south-facing slope above the River Dochart. The woodland has remained relatively undisturbed and represents one of the largest ancient deciduous woodlands in the north Stirling district.

The woodland canopy is diverse reflecting the variety of soil conditions, with open birch and dense stands of oak woodland dominating on nutrient-poor soils. A mixed canopy with ash and hazel occurs on areas of moderately nutrient-rich soils and the banks of the many burns which cut through the wood are dominated by alder and ash. A number of different semi-natural habitats including small areas of unimproved species-rich grassland, poor-fen, flush communities and cliffs are also represented within the woodland complex.

The ground flora reflects the soil variation and a large number of vascular plants are present in the field layer. Species typically encountered include wood sorrel *Oxalis acetosella*, primrose *Primula vulgaris*, bluebell *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*, pignut *Conopodium majus*, tormentil *Potentilla erecta* and blaeberry *Vaccinium myrtillus*. The woodland also supports an abundant moss and lichen flora, which primarily occur on the ancient oak trees themselves.

NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1981 Act: 12 January 1987

Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 24 June 2010

REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected (from 41.8 ha)

Part of Innishewan Wood SSSI is part of the River Tay Special Area of Conservation (SAC), which is designated for the European habitats and species listed below.

Habitats : Clear-water lakes or lochs with aquatic vegetation and poor to moderate nutrient levels

Species : Otter (*Lutra lutra*)
: Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)
: Brook lamprey (*Lampetra planeri*)
: River lamprey (*Lampetra fluviatilis*)
: Sea lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*)