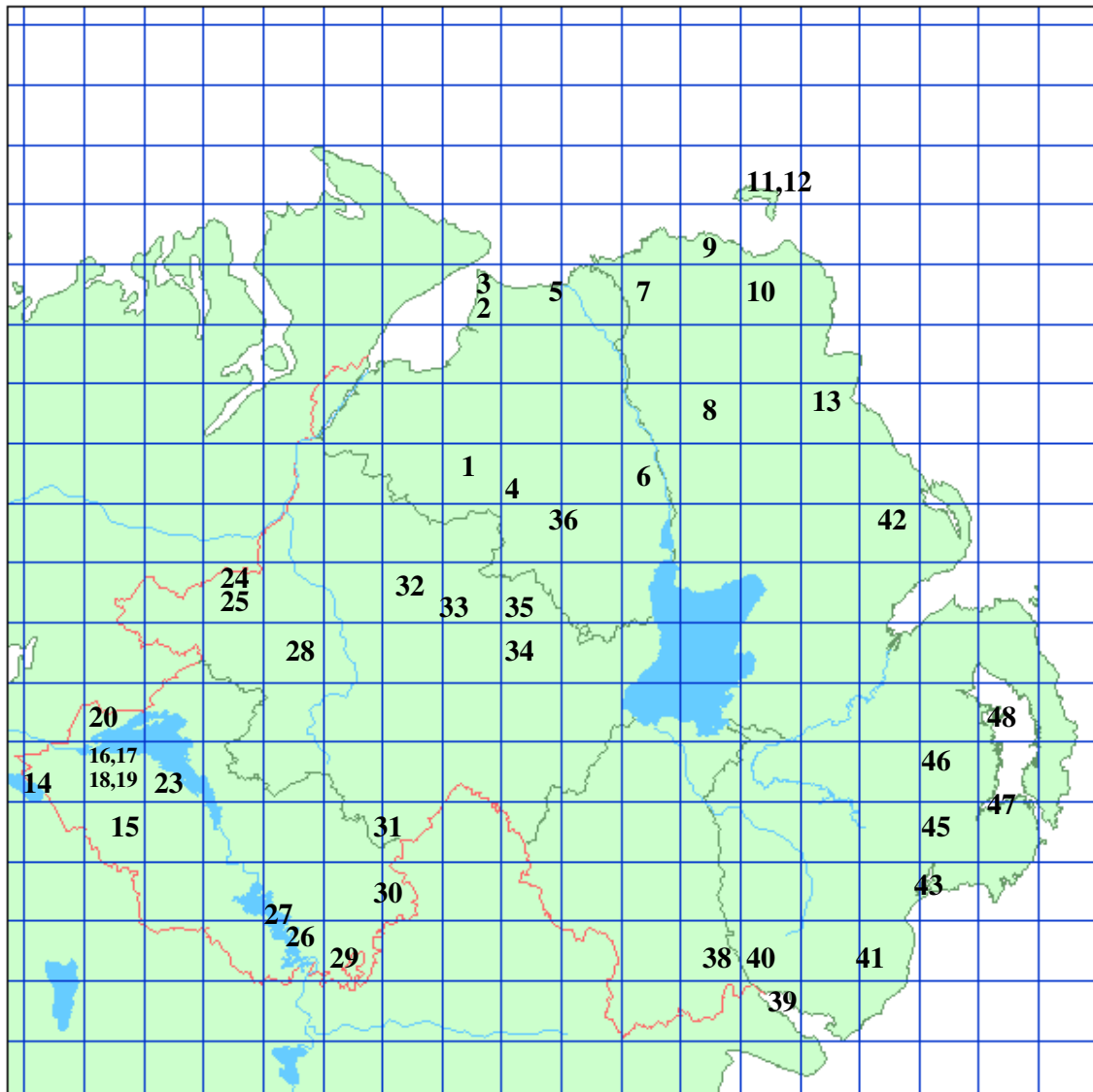


Proposed Important Plant Areas in Northern Ireland

In the UK, a shortlist of proposed Important Plant Areas has been published electronically, for a 3 month consultation, being run by Plantlife International. The IPA site shortlist is available as a download, along with a methodology for selection criteria (http://www.plantlife.org.uk/html/important_plant_areas/UKIPAs.htm). The current document is a summary of the sites in Northern Ireland. Particular questions to consider are:

1. Are there any sites that you know of that should qualify using the criteria described above and are 'missing' off the IPA site shortlist? Please indicate, with reasons, which these are and provide information on any proposed additional sites. All sites selected should be of sufficient quality to remain selected even if several 'new' sites are later identified for the feature in question.
2. Are the sites listed on the IPA site shortlist those that can be considered the 'best' in the UK and of European importance for the taxa in question? Please indicate any sites that you do not consider to qualify with reasons.
3. For those who have knowledge of these sites, please indicate where the 'core' areas of botanical/mycological interest are on the site. Maps of relevant sites have been sent to representatives from the botanical societies.

Responses should be sent to Dr Jenny Duckworth at Plantlife International, 14 Rolleston Street, Salisbury SP1 1DX or by email (jenny.duckworth@plantlife.org.uk) by 31st December 2005.



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Ballynahone Bog	H860981	36	Active raised bogs
Banagher Glen	C672045	1	Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles
Bann Estuary	C797363	5	Fixed dunes with herbaceous vegetation ('grey dunes')
Binevenagh	C686309	2	Calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation
Black Bog	H653811	33	Active raised bogs
Breen Wood	D121336	10	Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles
Carn – Glenshane Pass	C788075	4	Blanket bogs
Clones-Roslea Area	H5130	30	Charophytes (Clones-Roslea Area)
Correl Glen		16	Broadleaved deciduous woodland (Correl Glen)
Crom Est.		26	Broadleaved deciduous woodland (Crom Est.)
Cuilcagh Mountain	H130333	21	Blanket bogs
Derryleckagh	J119254	40	Transition mires and quaking bogs
Eastern Mournes	J328270	41	European dry heaths; Northern Atlantic wet heaths with Erica tetralix
Fairy Water Bogs	H340772	28	Active raised bogs
Fardrum and Roosky Turloughs	H180502	23	Turloughs
Florence Court		22	Broadleaved deciduous woodland (Florence Court)
Garron Plateau	D2419	13	Saxifraga hirculus (Garron Plateau); Alkaline fens; Blanket bogs
Garry Bog	C939300	7	Active raised bogs
Hollymount	J464438	45	Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae)
Largalinnny	H074537	17	Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles
Lecale Fens	J560486	47	Alkaline fens
Lough Melvin	G921532	14	Molinia meadows on calcareous, peaty or clayey-silt-laden soils (Molinion caeruleae); Oligotrophic to mesotrophic standing waters with vegetation of the Littorelletea uniflorae and/or of the Isoëto-Nanojuncetea
Lough Navar Forest, Fermanagh	H05	18	Daltonia splachnoides (Lough Navar Forest, Fermanagh)
Magheraveely Marl Loughs	H494284	29	Alkaline fens; Hard oligo-mesotrophic waters with benthic vegetation of Chara spp.
Magilligan	C686371	3	Dunes with Salix repens ssp. argentea (Salicion arenariae); Fixed dunes with herbaceous vegetation ('grey dunes'); Humid dune slacks
Main Valley Bogs	D034195	8	Active raised bogs
Monawilkin	H090536	19	Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies: on calcareous substrates (Festuco-Brometalia)
Moneygal Bog	H238883	24	Active raised bogs
Moninea Bog	H299215	25	Active raised bogs
Murlough	J408360	43	Atlantic decalcified fixed dunes (Calluno-Ulicetea); Fixed dunes with herbaceous vegetation ('grey dunes')
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North Antrim Coast	D022440	9	Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts
North Woodburn Reservoir	J3791	42	Ephemerum spinulosum (North Woodburn Reservoir)
Owenkillew River	H559870	32	Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum; Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitriche-Batrachion vegetation
Peatlands Park	H908609	37	Bog woodland; Degraded raised bogs still capable of natural regeneration
Pettigoe Plateau	H010653	20	Blanket bogs; Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds
Rathlin Island	D133518	11	Vegetated sea cliffs of the Atlantic and Baltic coasts
Rea's Wood and Farr's Bay	D133518	12	Alluvial forests with Alnus glutinosa and Fraxinus excelsior (Alno-Padion, Alnion incanae, Salicion albae)
Rostrevor Wood	J186173	39	Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum in the British Isles
Slieve Beagh	H524447	31	Blanket bogs; Natural dystrophic lakes and ponds
Slieve Gullion	J023210	38	European dry heaths
Strangford Lough	J5270	48	Marine algae (Strangford Lough, Co. Down); Coastal lagoons; Large shallow inlets and bays
Teal Lough	H732883	35	Blanket bogs
Turmennan	J485503	46	Transition mires and quaking bogs
Upper Ballinderry River	H734792	34	Water courses of plain to montane levels with the Ranunculion fluitantis and Callitriche-Batrachion vegetation
Upper Lough Erne	H3229	27	Charophytes (Upper Lough Erne Complex); Alluvial forests; Natural eutrophic lakes; Old sessile oak woods with Ilex and Blechnum
West Fermanagh Scarplands	H085491	15	Limestone pavements
Wolf Island Bog	C922080	6	Active raised bogs