

# Cull Pond, Duncormick

**Recorders.** As stated in the club brochure, the main purpose of the July field trip is “to record damselflies (weather permitting) **and other wildlife** at Cull Pond (S 937 069)”. Several Field Club members have kindly agreed to act as recorders for various taxonomic groups (see list overleaf).

If you know of any other club member who may like to volunteer to take responsibility for a group, please do let Jim Hurley know before next Thursday (7th).

**Location.** The location of the pond is circled in red in the left-hand map. Access is via a driveable laneway (grey) from the public road (yellow) at Park. A normally-locked gate on that laneway will be open for our fieldtrip by kind arrangement with the land owner.

**Status.** Cull Pond (outlined in blue below), and the small field that it is located in (outlined in yellow below) are part of the Ballyteige Burrow candidate Special Area of Conservation (cSAC, No IE000696) and form a discrete element of that large complex of habitat types.



**Habitat types.** The main habitat types present are the pond (FL8) [measuring 172m long by 27m wide] with its narrow fringe of freshwater marsh (GM1). Both are located in a small field (1.95ha) of agricultural grasses (GA1) with scrub (WS1), partially bordered by hedgerow (WL1).

**List of Recorders.**

<b>Taxonomic group</b>	<b>Recorders/Leaders/Rapporteurs</b>
Wild flowers in the field, and fungi	Roy Watson and Frankie Tennant
Aquatic plants, sedges, rushes, etc.	Paul Green
Bumblebees	Janet Whelehan and Harm Deenen
Dragonflies	Chris Wilson
Damselflies	Jim Hurley
Pond invertebrates	Deirdre Twomey
Fish	Alex Kelly and Nicholas Egan
Butterflies	Mary Foley
Day-flying moths	Michael O'Donnell
Birds	Simon Collins and Brian O'Connor
Mammals	Will Warham

**Recording protocol.**

1. In the interests of having a discrete area to record in, please confine your recording to the pond itself, its margins, and the small field that the pond is in, that is, the area inside the yellow boundary line overleaf. While records from the adjoining foreshore, estuary, surrounding farmland, etc., are valuable in their own right, they should not form part of this present project; this exercise concerns the Cull Pond and Pond Field only.
2. Before accepting them, please validate any records you may receive from other members.
3. Keep your species list in whatever format suits you best.
4. After the fieldtrip, forward your lists to Jim Hurley at an early date. For obvious reasons, lists via e-mail are the ideal format. Jim will collate and consolidate individual lists to produce a master list for forwarding to Harm Deenen, WNFC Records Officer, to Emma Cleere, WNFC Web Officer, to you as a recorder, and to other interested parties.

**Meeting place.** Since parking at the pond is confined, we are meeting in the Wexford County Council car park opposite the Crazy Crab restaurant in Kilmore Quay at 1.30pm. We will car pool there before leaving at 1.45pm for the 6.5km/10 minute drive to the pond via Park. If you wish, you may, of course, go directly to the pond but, if you do so be aware that there is a bull and several cows with calves loose on the access laneway so please stay in your car until you are securely parked.



Cull Pond in winter with high water level