

Kilbarny, Macroom, Co. Cork

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RE. FORESTRY REVIEW

FAO. Philip Carr.

(PERSONAL OBSERVATION).



The value to Bio-diversity (wildlife) of Old-age Pension Trees (O.A.P.s) - what the proposed 2001 Draft Forestry Bill (Head 15) describes as "Dead or dying" - presents an anomaly:

In Germany and Sweden, O.A.P. Trees are designated Areas of Scientific Interest (ASIs) and are protected.

I am opposed to any Standard or Practice (purportedly Best Forest Practice) that relegates our O.A.P. Tree Heritage or excludes them from our landscapes.

Am a bhfuil - Ted Cook
(HERITAGE SPECIALIST).