

## CITATION

**GRAVELAND**  
**SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST**  
Shetland Islands

Site code: 8110

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: HU 450936

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 1  
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 470

AREA: 853.09 hectares

## NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES

**Biological: Birds : Red Throated Diver (*Gavia stellata*), breeding**

## DESCRIPTION

Graveland Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is a peninsula on the west side of Yell, Shetland, consisting mainly of blanket bog with a band of maritime grassland extending along the coastal stretch. The boundary encompasses a number of small lochs including Houllis Water, Loch of Graveland, Viridi Water, Cro Waters, Gunnistay Waters, Mill Loch, Loch of Birriesgirt and Loch of Grutyins.

These lochs together with numerous peatland pools regularly support a nationally important breeding population of red-throated diver (*Gavia stellata*), with around 1% of the British breeding population.

## NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1981 Act: 05 December 2000  
Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 19 November 2010

## REMARKS

Graveland SSSI is also designated as part of the Otterswick and Graveland Special Protection Area (SPA), which is designated for the birds listed below.

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