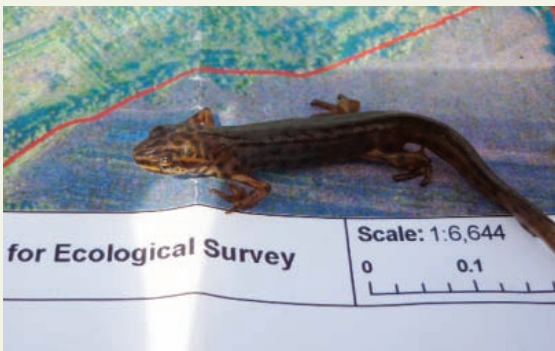


An example of the ecotope mapping work for Abbeyleix Bog is shown here to demonstrate how conditions can respond to drain blocking over a relatively short period of time (five years).

Abbeyleix Ecotope Map (right)
2014

Key changes to note from 2009 map: the area of sub-central ecotope (orange) which is characterised by increased cover of *Sphagnum* species, has increased on both sides of the bog.

Abbeyleix Ecotope Map (below)
2009



A curious newt helping out with the survey work.



Legend

- Raised bog PB1 - Facebank ecotope
- Raised bog PB1 - Marginal ecotope
- Raised bog PB1 - Marginal ecotope with sub-marginal patches
- Raised bog PB1 - Sub-marginal ecotope
- Raised bog PB1 - Sub-central ecotope
- Raised bog PB1 - Inactive flush
- Raised bog PB1 - Sub-central ecotope with Sub-marginal patches
- Raised bog PB1 - Facebank/marginal mosaic