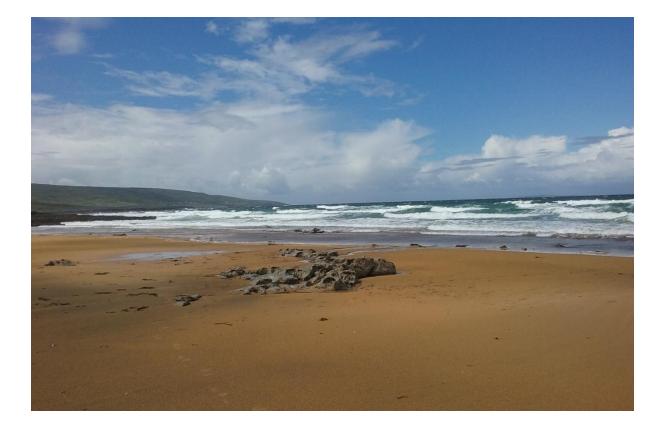
On the South Side of Galway Bay

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Along the south side of Galway Bay lies County Clare, an astonishingly beautiful area of cliffs, beaches, hills and, most importantly, some of the best limestone landscape in Europe (the Burren). We used to visit the area regularly in search of wild flowers, but have become less enthusiastic as modern agricultural practices have taken their toll on flora. The Celtic Tiger clearly wasn't interested in conservation, although recession has slightly diminished its insatiable appetite. In fairness, when we last visited (in 2016), there were signs (literally!) that the country was beginning to appreciate the importance of the Burren.