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events and

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August – November 2011

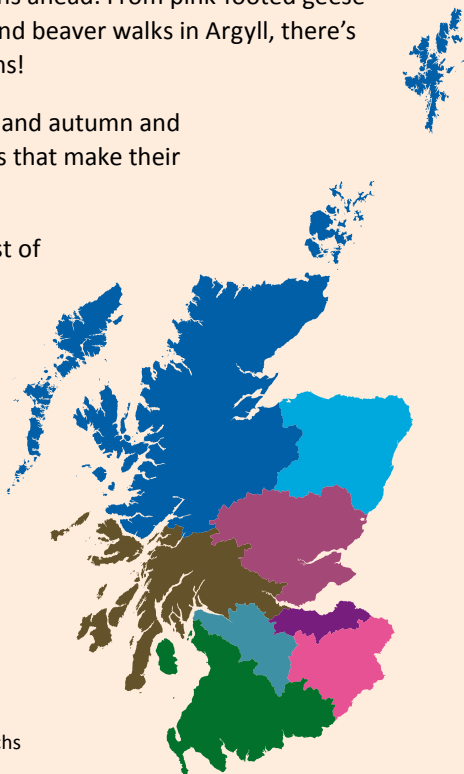
welcome to the summer events guide

Summer's here and, whilst it might not always be sunny in Scotland, we've got more than enough to keep you occupied over the months ahead. From pink-footed geese in Montrose to nature detectives in New Lanark and beaver walks in Argyll, there's something here for all ages and weather conditions!

Join us on one of our exciting events this summer and autumn and experience the sheer variety of plants and animals that make their home in your area.

Scottish Wildlife Trust members get in free to most of these events and there is a discount for children too. Go on – why not bring the whole family along this season?

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GUIDE TO SYMBOLS:

Admission/ticket cost	Bring torch
Adults only	Bring binoculars
Children 8 years +	Dogs welcome
Children must be with an adult	Waterproof clothing / stout footwear
Family friendly	Livestock present
Disabled/limited access (call for details)	Parking nearby
Bring packed lunch	Booking essential
Members only	Public transport

For all outdoor events and walks, please wear suitable clothing. It is advisable to phone prior to the event as changes can occur.

out and about top three

Top three events
this season

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Red kite reintroduction

Once extinct in Scotland, the red kite was reintroduced to the Black Isle some 20 years ago. Join Duncan Orr-Ewing for a progress report. See page 12.

Unique in Scotland, the Trust's 'Flying Flock' helps to maintain the vegetation and enhance habitats on our reserves. Alistair Whyte explains all. See page 22.

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Flying Flock

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Beaver walks

Recently featured on Springwatch, the Scottish Beaver Trial is now in its third year. Get closer to the action on our guided beaver walks. See page 25.

Magnificent
mountain hares

Aberdeenshire, Moray and the Grampians

Aberdeenshire, Moray and the Grampians

SAT 20 AUG at 8pm until late

Bat walk

Haddo House, Tarves, with Isobel Davidson. Meet in main car park. Free to members.

Contact Rodney Payne 01569 763742

Aberdeen Members' Centre



SAT 10 SEP at 9am-12 noon

Red squirrel outing

Red squirrels in the early morning with Hollie Walker. Meet at Gight Woods, more details when booking. Free to members.

Contact Rodney Payne 01569 763742

Aberdeen Members' Centre



THURS 20 OCT at 7.30pm

Scottish Mink Initiative

Scottish Mink Initiative in the North East – an illustrated talk by Sarah Atkinson. Meet at Main Lecture Theatre, Zoology Building, Aberdeen University, Tillydrone Ave. Free to members, £1 for tea/coffee.

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Aberdeen Members' Centre



THURS 17 NOV at 7.30pm

Tales of a tour guide

Tales of a wildlife tour guide – an illustrated talk by Stephen Willis. Meet at Main Lecture Theatre, Zoology Building, Aberdeen University, Tillydrone Ave. Free to members, £1 for tea/coffee.

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Aberdeen Members' Centre



THURS 19 JAN at 7.30pm

Mountain hares

An illustrated talk by Scott Newey. Meet at Main Lecture Theatre, Zoology Building, Aberdeen University, Tillydrone Ave. Free to members, £1 for tea/coffee.

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Aberdeen Members' Centre



THURS 16 FEB at 7.30pm

The River Don

An illustrated talk by Jamie Urquhart. Meet at Main Lecture Theatre, Zoology Building, Aberdeen University, Tillydrone Ave. Free to members, £1 for tea/coffee.

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Aberdeen Members' Centre



THURS 15 MAR at 7.30pm

Birds in your locality

An illustrated talk by the RSPB Phoenix Group. Meet at Main Lecture Theatre, Zoology Building, Aberdeen University, Tillydrone Ave. Free to members, £1 for tea/coffee.

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Aberdeen Members' Centre



THURS 19 APR at 7.30pm

Wildlife crime

AGM followed by an illustrated talk by Andrew Turner. Meet at Main Lecture Theatre, Zoology Building, Aberdeen University, Tillydrone Ave. Free to members, £1 for tea/coffee.

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Aberdeen Members' Centre



Perthshire, Angus & Dundee and the Kingdom of Fife

Breakfast
with birds

Perthshire, Angus & Dundee and the Kingdom of Fife

WED 3 AUG at 10.30am-12.30pm

Mud glorious mud!

Children's activity. Discover and examine the many 'muddy' creatures living in the Basin. Wear wellies! Meet at Visitor Centre. £2 per child.

Contact Caroline Hendry 01674 676336

Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



SUN 7 AUG at 12 noon-2pm

Wildlife walk

Find out about the birds and animals that call Cullaloe their home. Uncover Cullaloe's history as a fresh water reservoir. Meet at reserve car park on B9157, 1.5 miles north of Aberdour (NT186 878). Free.

**Contact Janie McNeil 07590 590382
reservewarden.cullaloe@googlemail.com**

Fife and Kinross Members' Centre

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WED 10 AUG at 10.30am-12.30pm

Clever camouflage

Children's activity. Try blending into the grounds of the Visitor Centre. Meet at Montrose Basin. £2 per child.

Contact Caroline Hendry 01674 676336

Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



SAT 13 AUG at 10.30am-5pm

Family fun day

All-day event for the kids to get messy with wildlife. Paper crafts, biscuit decorating, bird feeder-making and outdoor activities. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adults £4, Concessions £3, Family £7.50 (2 adults, 2 children), Extra children 50p, Members free.

Contact Caroline Hendry 01674 676336

Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



THUR 25 AUG at 11am

Loch of the Lowes walk

Enjoy a guided walk along the footpath to Loch of the Lowes. Discover what wildlife you can see on the way and enjoy a different view of the loch. Parts of the walk involve steep slopes. Meet at Dunkeld TIC. Adult £6, Concession £5, Members £2 (all prices include admission to Visitor Centre).

Contact Jonathan Pinnick 01350 727337

Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre



SAT 27 AUG at 6.30-9.30pm

Dusk dander on Dun

Guided walk. Dander around the Mains of Dun to see and hear the birds and animals on the reserve settling in for the night. Meet at Old Mill car park. Adults £3, Child £2, Members free.

Contact Caroline Hendry 01674 676336

Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



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Perthshire, Angus & Dundee and the Kingdom of Fife



SUN 11 SEP at 9-11.30am

Bird ringing talk/demo

Bird ringing demonstration. Find out how licensed ringers catch, examine and ring a variety of birds which visit the reserve and how it can help with conservation efforts. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adults £4, Concessions £3, Family £7.50 (2 adults, 2 children), Extra children 50p, Members free.

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Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



SUN 18 SEP at 10.30am-12 noon

Rockpool guddle

Bring the family for a rock pool guddle and to search for fossils on Kingsbarns beach. Meet at Kingsbarns beach car park off the A917 south of St Andrews (NO601 123). Free.

Contact Deborah Cottam 01333 422116

deborahcottam@gmail.com

Fife and Kinross Members' Centre



SUN 25 SEP at 2-4.30pm

Urban birding in Montrose

Ranger-led walk around Montrose to see the surprising variety of birds which can be found in the urban environment: hopefully even the world's fastest! Meet at Montrose Steeple. Adults £3, Child £2, Members free.

Contact Caroline Hendry 01674 676336

Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



THUR 29 SEP at 11am

Lochside walk

Enjoy a guided walk along the footpath leading to Loch of the Lowes. Discover what wildlife you can see on the way, and enjoy a different view of the loch. Some parts of the walk involve steep slopes. Meet at Dunkeld TIC. Adult £6, Concession £5, Members £2 (all prices include admission to Visitor Centre).

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Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre



SAT 1 OCT & SUN 2 OCT at 10.30am-5pm

Optical fair

A wide choice of telescopes, binoculars and digiscoping equipment. Get advice from the Viking Optical rep as well as local staff and volunteers. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adults £4, Concessions £3, Family £7.50 (2 adults, 2 children), Extra children 50p, Members free.

Contact Caroline Hendry 01674 676336

Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



Perthshire, Angus & Dundee and the Kingdom of Fife

WED 5 OCT at 10.30am-12.30pm

Awesome autumn

Children's activity. Join our staff for some seasonal fun and games. Meet at Visitor Centre. £2 per child.

Contact Caroline Hendry 01674 676336

Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



SUN 9 OCT at 6.30-9.30am

Goose breakfast

Enjoy the spectacle of thousands of pink-footed geese leaving the Basin at dawn. Then back to the Visitor Centre for porridge and toast. Optional presentation by the ranger follows. Wear warm clothing. Advanced booking essential. Meet at Visitor Centre. £8 per person.

Contact Caroline Hendry 01674 676336

Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



WED 12 OCT at 10.30am-12.30pm

Awesome autumn

Children's activity. Join our staff for some seasonal fun and games. Meet at Visitor Centre. £2/child.

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Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



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Goose breakfast

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Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



WED 19 OCT at 7.30pm

Lancashire wildlife talk

A ramble round Morecambe Bay – a talk by Paul Blackburn on the wildlife of Lancashire. Meet at Lomond Centre, Glenrothes, Fife.

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Fife and Kinross Members' Centre

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SUN 23 OCT at 6.30-9.30am

Goose breakfast

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Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



THUR 27 OCT at 11am

Guided walk at Lowes

Enjoy a guided walk along the footpath leading to Loch of the Lowes. Discover what wildlife you can see on the way and enjoy a different view of the loch. Some parts of the walk involve steep slopes. Meet at Dunkeld TIC. Adult £6, Concession £5, Members £2 (all prices include admission to Visitor Centre).

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Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre





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SAT 12 NOV at 1-3pm

Ranger-led birdwatching

Staff and volunteers will show you how to use telescopes and binoculars and point out the wildlife of the Basin. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adults £4, Concessions £3, Family £7.50 (2 adults, 2 children), Extra children 50p, Members free.

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Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



SUN 13 NOV at 11.30am-2.30pm

Winter wader and wildfowl ID

Guided walk to help identify the plethora of wildfowl and waders found on the reserve in winter. Places limited to 20. Advanced booking essential. Meet at Visitor Centre. £15 per person (incl. lunch and entry to Visitor Centre).

Contact Caroline Hendry 01674 676336

Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



THUR 17 NOV at 7.30pm

Fife and Kinross reserves showcase

AGM followed by short briefings on some local Scottish Wildlife Trust reserves. Meet at Lumsden Memorial Hall, Freuchie, Fife. Free.

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Fife and Kinross Members' Centre



THUR 24 NOV at 11am

Wildlife walk

Enjoy a guided walk along the footpath leading to Loch of the Lowes. Discover what wildlife you can see on the way, and enjoy a different view of the loch. Some parts of the walk involve steep slopes. Meet at Dunkeld TIC. Adult £6, Concession £5, Members £2 (all prices include admission to Visitor Centre).

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Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre



SAT 3 DEC & SUN 4 DEC at 10.30am-4pm

Crafty Christmas

Time to let the kids get crafty, making Christmas stockings, crackers and much more while you have some festive fun shopping for stocking-fillers! Free entry to gift shop. Donation for kids' crafts. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adults £4, Concessions £3, Family £7.50 (2 adults, 2 children), Extra children 50p, Members free.

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Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



SAT 10 DEC at 12.30-2.30pm

Meet the ranger

Afternoon of ranger-led birdwatching. Staff and volunteers will show you how to use telescopes and binoculars and point out the wildlife of the Basin. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adults £4, Concessions £3, Family £7.50 (2 adults, 2 children), Extra children 50p, Members free.

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Montrose Basin Visitor Centre



MON 12 DEC at 7.30pm

Life on Earth

Dumbarrie Links: a microcosm of Life on Earth, by Gordon Corbet, Reserve Convenor. Followed by refreshments with mince pies. Meet at St Andrews Town Hall Supper Room, St Andrews, Fife. £2.

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Fife and Kinross Members' Centre



Edinburgh and Lothians

Twenty years
of red kites



Edinburgh and Lothians

THURS 11 AUG at 8.45pm

Blackhall pond bat walk

Viewing and (by means of bat detectors) listening to the several species of bat at Blackford Pond with Stuart Smith. Meet inside the gate to Blackford Pond on Cluny Gardens at the junction with Oswald Road. Donation to Lothian Bat Group appreciated.

Contact Averil Stewart 01506 842676

Quintin Blane 01968 670017

Lothians Members' Centre



SAT 24 SEP at 10.30am

Waterfowl of Musselburgh Lagoons

Guided walk with Nick Aitken. Meet at Goose Green, end of Balcarres Road, near the mouth of the Esk (OS Landranger 66: NT 347734). Free.

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Lothians Members' Centre



THUR 29 SEP at 7.30pm

All the world's our garden

Illustrated lecture by Alan Bennell on the global conservation work of the RBGE. Meet at 33 Melville Street, Edinburgh. Donation.

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Lothians Members' Centre



SAT 8 OCT at 3pm

Geese walk

Walk led by John Harrison. Watch thousands of geese flying in at Aberlady Bay. Meet at Aberlady reserve car park (OS Landranger 66: NT 472804). Free.

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Lothians Members' Centre



SUN 23 OCT at 11am-4pm

Bawsinch reserve open day

Access to bird hide and guided walks. Meet at wicket gate on Duddingston Road West (OS Landranger 66: NT285725). Donation.

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Lothians Members' Centre



THURS 10 NOV at 7.30pm

Red kites twenty years on

Red kite reintroduction – twenty years on: an illustrated lecture by Duncan Orr-Ewing. Meet at 33 Melville Street, Edinburgh. Donation.

Contact Averil Stewart 01506 842676

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Lothians Members' Centre



THURS 8 DEC at 7.30pm

Water of Leith lecture

Illustrated lecture. Meet at 33 Melville Street, Edinburgh. Donation.

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Lothians Members' Centre





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Scottish Borders

THURS 8 SEP at 7.30pm

Nature in Scottish forests

Talk by Jeff Waddell to celebrate the International Year of Forests 2011. Meet at Langlee Centre, Marigold Drive, Galashiels. Member free, Non-member £1, Child free.

Contact Shirley McLaren 01896 822510

Central Borders Members' Centre



SAT 1 OCT at 11am

Fungal foray

Join Dr Roy Watling on a search for autumn fungi. Meet at Pease Dean Reserve. £1.

Contact berwickshireswt@aol.com

Berwickshire Members' Centre



THURS 6 OCT at 7.30pm

A passion for nature

Talk by Phil McLean. Meet at Duns Parish Church Hall. £1.

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Berwickshire Members' Centre



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THUR 13 OCT at 7.30pm

The Southern Uplands Partnership

Illustrated talk by Pip Tabor. Meet at Langlee Centre, Marigold Drive, Galashiels. Member free, Non-member £1, Child free.

Contact Shirley McLaren 01896 822510

Central Borders Members' Centre



SAT 29 OCT at tbc

Bird bus outing

Mersehead, Dumfries and Galloway. Meet at various points on route; please telephone in advance. £20.

Contact Eric Middleton 01750 21829

Central Borders Members' Centre



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Scottish Borders

THURS 3 NOV at 7.30pm

Wildlife through the viewfinder

Talk by Ron McCombe. Meet at Duns Parish Church Hall. £1.

Contact berwickshireswt@aol.com

Berwickshire Members' Centre



THURS 10 NOV at 7.30pm

Red squirrels

Illustrated talk by Karen Ramoo. Meet at Langlee Centre, Marigold Drive, Galashiels. Member free, Non-member £1, Child free.

Contact [Shirley McLaren 01896 822510](tel:01896822510)

Central Borders Members' Centre



THURS 1 DEC at 7.30pm

Orchids of the British Isles

Orchid talk by Sid Clarke. Meet at Duns Parish Church Hall. £1.

Contact berwickshireswt@aol.com

Berwickshire Members' Centre



THURS 8 DEC at 7.30pm

Wildlife and children

Illustrated talk by Susan Kevan. Meet at Langlee Centre, Marigold Drive, Galashiels. Member free, Non-member £1, Child free.

Contact [Shirley McLaren 01896 822510](tel:01896822510)

Central Borders Members' Centre



THURS 12 JAN at 7.30pm

Bird Atlas talk

'SE Scotland Bird Atlas 2008-2013', by Ray Murray. Meet at Duns Parish Church Hall. £1.

Contact berwickshireswt@aol.com

Berwickshire Members' Centre



THURS 2 FEB at 7.30pm

Botany of China and Burma

'Botanical exploration in the borderlands of China and Burma' by David Long. Meet at Duns Parish Church Hall. £1.

Contact berwickshireswt@aol.com

Berwickshire Members' Centre



THURS 1 MAR at 7.30pm

Butterflies of Berwickshire

Illustrated talk by Ian Cowe. Meet at Duns Parish Church Hall. £1.

Contact berwickshireswt@aol.com

Berwickshire Members' Centre



THURS 12 APRIL at 7.30pm

AGM & members' night

Short presentations by members. Contributors welcome. Please email for details. Meet at Duns Parish Church Hall. £1.

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Berwickshire Members' Centre



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Secrets of the
basking shark

Ayrshire & Arran and Dumfries & Galloway

Ayrshire & Arran and Dumfries & Galloway

TUES 20 SEP at 7.30pm

Where do sharks go in winter?

'The ups and down of a megaplanktivore: the basking shark'. Satellite tagging studies have thrown intriguing light on where sharks go in the winter. Mauvis Gore, Millport Marine Biological Station, will give an illustrated talk. Meet at the Horizon Hotel, Esplanade, Ayr, KA7 1TD. No charge.

Contact Wendy Annan 01292 264170

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Ayrshire Members' Centre



WED 5 OCT at 7.30pm

Red squirrels in Scotland

An illustrated talk about the status of red squirrels in Scotland and the projects that are underway to conserve them. With Dr. Mel Tonkin and Dr. Stephanie Johnstone. Meet at St. Ninians Church Hall, Castle Douglas, DG7 1EX. Free.

Contact Graham Smith 01644 420881

Galloway Members' Centre

TUES 18 OCT at 7.30pm

Butterflies and dragonflies

'Butterflies and dragonflies of Knowetop Lochs' by Graham Smith, Secretary of Galloway Members Centre and Convenor of Knowetop Lochs Reserve. Meet at The Horizon Hotel, Esplanade, Ayr, KA7 1TD. No charge.

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Ayrshire Members' Centre



WED 2 NOV at 7.30pm

Small things that run the world

'Buglife: the small things that run the world' by Craig Macadam. A presentation on the work of Buglife and the wealth of invertebrates that are found in Scotland. Meet at St. Ninians Church Hall, Castle Douglas, DG7 1EX. Free.

Contact Graham Smith 01644 420881

Galloway Members' Centre

TUES 15 NOV at 7.30pm

Where the wild things aren't

Illustrated talk on the propagation of aspen, a keystone species, and the relationship between aspen and beavers. Joe Greenlees and Peter Livingstone, Biodiversity Unlimited Lochwinnoch Branch (BULB). Meet at the Horizon Hotel, Esplanade, Ayr, KA7 1TD. No charge.

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Ayrshire Members' Centre





Returning Ratty to
the Trossachs

Greater Glasgow and Clyde Valley

Greater Glasgow and Clyde Valley

Every Wed & Sun in Jul & Aug at 2-4pm

Clydeside saunter

The Falls of Clyde have provided inspiration to generations of visitors, as well as poets and painters including Wordsworth and Turner. Join the ranger for a walk along the Clyde to find out more about this landscape. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £3, Child £1.50.

Contact 01555 665262

Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre



TUES 2 AUG at tbc

Badger evening

An evening stroll through ancient woodland experiencing the sights, scents and sounds of wildlife at dusk. Have the chance to view badgers, bats and other creatures of the night! Children aged 10+. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £8, Child £4.

Contact 01555 665262

Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre



SAT 6 AUG at tbc

Family badger evening

Follow the clues to a secret sett! As with badger evening (see above) but for a younger audience. Please note there is a forty minute walk to the sett. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £8, Child £3.

Contact 01555 665262

Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre



SUN 7 AUG at 2-4pm

Guided walk: grasses, sedges and rushes

Learn more about the identification of these plants with Dave Garner. Beginners welcome. Meet at Loch Ardingham dam on A81 between Milngavie and Strathblane.

Contact David Shenton 0141 776 5506

Clyde Members' Centre



THURS 11 AUG at 2-4pm

Nature detectives

Become a junior ranger for the afternoon. Explore the secret life of mini-beasts, test your dipping skills at the pond and go on a scavenger hunt looking for animal tracks and signs. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £6, Child £3.

Contact 01555 665262

Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre



SAT 13 AUG at tbc

Walking with badgers

Follow the clues to a secret sett! Please note there is a forty minute walk to the sett. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £8, Child £3.

Contact 01555 665262

Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre



WED 17 AUG at 8.30-10.30pm

Bat bonanza

Learn about British bats, how to identify them and where best to find them. The rangers will take you on a guided walk around the reserve. Long sleeves and insect repellent are advisable if you are prone to being bitten by midges!

Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £6, Child £3.

Contact 01555 665262

Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre



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Greater Glasgow and Clyde Valley

SUN 2 OCT at 2-4pm

Fabulous fungi

The Falls of Clyde is famous for its fabulous fungi! Join the rangers and a local expert for a walk in the woods and learn how to identify the different species. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £6, Child £3.

Contact 01555 665262

Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre



SUN 9 OCT at 11am

Fungal foray

Fungal foray in Chatelherault Country Park guided by the ranger. Meet at Chatelherault car park.

Contact Elspeth Mullholland 0141 942 9872

Glasgow Members' Centre



SUN 9 OCT at 2-4pm

A walk with trees

Go on a guided walk through the stunning Clyde Valley Woodland and learn how to identify some of our most common native and non-native species. Find out about their history and folklore and about the designed landscape at Falls of Clyde. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £6, Child £3.

Contact 01555 665262

Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre



THURS 13 OCT at 7.30-9.30pm

Scotland's birds of prey

Illustrated talk given by John Simpson, Clyde Raptor Group. Meet at Milngavie Lesser Town Hall, Milngavie. £2 donation.

Contact Jenny Maskell 01360 770336

Clyde Members' Centre



TUES 18 OCT at 2-4pm

Feed the birds

Join the ranger and make wildlife feasts to keep the birds fit and healthy throughout the winter. Have fun making fat balls for your garden birds and make your own feeders from recyclable materials. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £6, Child £3.

Contact 01555 665262

Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre



WED 19 OCT at 2-4pm

Clyde Valley Woodland

Go on a guided walk through the stunning Clyde Valley Woodland and learn how to identify some of our most common native and non-native species. Find out about their history and folklore and about the designed landscape at Falls of Clyde. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £6, Child £3.

Contact 01555 665262

Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre



Greater Glasgow and Clyde Valley



THURS 20 OCT at 2-4pm

Build a bird box

Why not test your skills and make a bird box with the rangers! Find out about the different kinds of boxes available for our British birds. Meet at Visitor Centre. £6 per box.

Contact 01555 665262

Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre



SUN 23 OCT at 2-4.30pm

Lennoxtown double hedges

Autumn wildlife walk in the Lennoxtown area. Approx 3.5 miles. Meet in the car park by the Memorial Hall in the centre of Lennoxtown.

Contact David Shenton 0141 776 5506

Clyde Members' Centre



TUE 25 OCT at 7.30pm

Argaty Red Kite Project

Mike McDonnell, Head Ranger, Argaty Red Kite Project will talk about Central Scotland's only red kite feeding station where visitors can watch these exciting birds and their spectacular flying. Meet at St Nicholas Parish Church Main Hall, Lanark. Members free, Non-members £1.

Contact Jason Newton 01555 893804

Lanark Members' Centre



WED 26 OCT at 7.30pm

Scottish Beaver Trial

'The Beaver Re-introduction Project' by Simon Jones, Project Manager. Meet at Airlie Theatre, Hyndland Secondary School, Clarence Drive, Glasgow. £1 donation for tea/coffee and home baking.

Contact Ruth Llewelyn 0141 576 2151

Glasgow Members' Centre



SUN 6 NOV at tbc

Field trip to Argaty Red Kite Project

A guided trip to Central Scotland's only red kite feeding station where visitors can watch these exciting birds and their spectacular flying. Book early as only 12 places available. Meet at Lanark bus station.

Contact Jason Newton 01555 893804

Lanark Members' Centre



THURS 10 NOV at 7.30-9.30pm

Returning Ratty to the Trossachs

Illustrated talk on the Water Vole Reintroduction Project by Katy Freeman, Forestry Commission, Cowal and the Trossachs District. Meet at the Park Centre, Kerr Street, Kirkintilloch. £2 donation.

Contact Jenny Maskell 01360 770336

Clyde Members' Centre



WED 23 NOV at 7.30pm

Flying Flock

'The Scottish Wildlife Trust reserves of Fife and the Flying Flock' by Alistair Whyte, Reserve Manager. Meet at Airlie Theatre, Hyndland Secondary School, Clarence Drive, Glasgow. £1 donation for tea/coffee and home baking.

Contact Ruth Llewelyn 0141 576 2151

Glasgow Members' Centre



Greater Glasgow and Clyde Valley

SAT 26 NOV at 11am

Tree identification

Tree identification and a guided walk in Kelvingrove Park. Meet outside riverside entrance to Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.

Contact Elspeth Mullholland 0141 942 9872

Glasgow Members' Centre



TUE 29 NOV at 7.30pm

From slugs to seals

From slugs to seals: wildlife of central California. From mountain-top to the ocean, California is bursting with wildlife. Come along and hear about giant redwood forests, banana slugs and much more. Meet at St Nicholas Parish Church Main Hall, Lanark. Members free, Non-members £1.

Contact Jason Newton 01555 893804

Lanark Members' Centre



SAT 10 DEC at 10am-12 noon

Festive stomp

Experience the Falls of Clyde in winter on a guided walk with the ranger. Afterwards, come back to the Visitor Centre for mulled wine and mince pies. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £4, Child £2.

Contact 01555 665262

Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre



SAT 10 DEC at 10am-12 noon

Farmland birds

Find out about the Farmland Birds Project and see how yellowhammer, tree sparrow and linnets are benefiting from it. Meet at Cathkin Braes car park on B759 just east of Carmunnock. Free.

Contact Pat Lerpiniere 07454 3497294

cek.swt@gmail.com

Clarkston & East Kilbride District Members' Centre



TUE 13 DEC at 7.30pm

Members' night

This is the night where we have a little mulled wine, open the floor for talks by members, a wildlife quiz and a raffle. Meet at St Nicholas Parish Church Main Hall, Lanark. Members free, Non-members £1.

Contact Jason Newton 01555 893804

Lanark Members' Centre



SAT 21 JAN at 2-4pm

Feed the birds

Join the ranger and make wildlife feasts to keep the birds fit and healthy throughout the winter. Have fun making fat balls for your garden birds and make your own feeders from recyclable materials. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £6, Child £3.

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Regular events this season

Walks and talks

Please see our newsletter and web page for details of our events in September – November. Details were being finalised when going to press.

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Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond and Stirling & the Trossachs

Become a beaver
detective!



Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond and Stirling & the Trossachs

Every Tues until Sept at 6pm

Beaver walk

Guided walk around the beaver release site. Meet at Barnluasgan Information Centre, Knapdale Forest, Argyll. Free.

Contact Polly Phillpot pPhillpot@rzss.org.uk

Scottish Beaver Trial



SAT 6 AUG at 11am and 1pm

Beaver detectives

Learn how to become a beaver detective and then go out and practise your sleuthing skills looking for real beavers! Meet at Barnluasgan Information Centre, Knapdale Forest, Argyll. Free.

Contact Polly Phillpot pPhillpot@rzss.org.uk

Scottish Beaver Trial



FRI 2 SEP at 1pm

Dragonflies, otters and more!

Guided walk around Ballachuan Nature Reserve. Dragonflies, otters, fungi, brambles and the annual marsh fritillary web count. Meet in lay-by by Kilbrandon church.

Contact David Croucher 01852 300563

Lorn & Mid-Argyll Members' Centre



WED 14 SEPT at 7.30pm

Goshawks talk

Talk by David Anderson. Meet at Christian Centre, Glebe St, Falkirk. £1 admission.

Andrea McCabe 01324 559700

Falkirk Members' Centre



SAT 24 SEP at 10am-4pm

Forth Valley Wildlife Forum

Day conference with speakers and representatives from wildlife and community organisations in Central Scotland. In conjunction with Stirling Council and Forth Naturalist and Historian. Meet at Stirling High School, Torbrex, Stirling. Free.

Contact Guy Harewood 01786 442768

countryside@stirling.gov.uk

Stirling Members' Centre



TUE 4 OCT at 7.30pm

Alien invaders

Alien species: a major problem on the Forth. Talk by Ben Tyser (Forth Fisheries Forum). Meet at Raploch Community Campus, Stirling. £2 tbc.

Contact Sue Sexton 01786 833409

Stirling Members' Centre

FRI 5 OCT at 11am and 1pm

Beaver detectives

Learn how to become a beaver detective and then go out and practise your sleuthing skills looking for real beavers! Meet at Barnluasgan Information Centre, Knapdale Forest, Argyll. Free.

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Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond and Stirling & the Trossachs

SAT 15 OCT at 11am and 1pm

Beaver detectives

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Scottish Beaver Trial**



SAT 15 OCT at 2pm

Beavering away

A walk in beaver country to catch up with recent activity. Meet at Barnluasgan car park, Knapdale.

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Lorn & Mid-Argyll Members' Centre**



TUE 18 OCT at 7.30pm

Falls of Clyde talk

Talk by William Buttery. Meet at Christian Centre, Glebe St, Falkirk. £1 admission.

**Andrea McCabe 01324 559700
Falkirk Members' Centre**



THUR 20 OCT at 7.30pm

West coast wildlife

Illustrated talk by David Ainslie of Sealife Adventures. Meet at Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory, Dunbeg.

**Contact Maurice Wilkins 01852 200366
Lorn & Mid-Argyll Members' Centre**

WED 26 OCT at 10am-4pm

Conservation day

Join a group of volunteers to clear scrub from the Lecropt orchid bank in Bridge of Allan. Meet at Lecropt Kirk car park, Bridge of Allan. Free.

**Contact Sue Sexton 01786 833409
Stirling Members' Centre**



TUE 1 NOV at 7.30pm

Alpine plants

Alpine plants in the Breadalbane Hills. Talk by John Holland (SAC). Meet at Raploch Community Campus, Stirling. £2 tbc.

**Contact Sue Sexton 01786 833409
Stirling Members' Centre**

TUE 15 NOV at 7.30pm

Wildlife of lowland canals

'Lowland canals and their wildlife' by Julia Johnson. Meet at Christian Centre, Glebe St, Falkirk. £1 admission.

**Andrea McCabe 01324 559700
Falkirk Members' Centre**



THUR 17 NOV at 7.30pm

Fishing about in the dark

Illustrated talk by John Gordon. Meet at Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory, Dunbeg.

**Contact Maurice Wilkins 01852 200366
Lorn & Mid-Argyll Members' Centre**

TUE 6 DEC at 7.30pm

Sea eagles talk

East of Scotland sea eagles. Talk by Claire Smith (RSPB). Meet at Raploch Community Campus, Stirling. £2 tbc.

**Contact Sue Sexton 01786 833409
Stirling Members' Centre**



TUE 10 JAN at 7.30pm

Why study moths?

Talk by John Knowler (moth recorder). Meet at Raploch Community Campus, Stirling. £2 tbc.

**Contact Sue Sexton 01786 833409
Stirling Members' Centre**



further information



For further information about Members' Centres, please contact Nick Wright on 0131 312 4750. Alternatively, if you would like to submit events for this leaflet, please email swtevents@hotmail.co.uk

For more details on any of the events in this leaflet, please contact the relevant Members' Centre or Visitor Centre.

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