events and activities

November 2011 – March 2012
Winter is nearly upon us, but there’s no reason to let the cold weather get in the way of enjoying Scotland’s wildlife! From the Highlands and Islands in the north to the Borders in the south, our local members’ groups, reserves and Visitor Centres will play host to over one hundred events in the next few months.

Whether it be landscape photography in Portree, guided red squirrel walks at Loch of the Lowes or making Christmas presents in Newhailes, there’s something here for all ages.

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 winter?

**GUIDE TO SYMBOLS:**

- £ Admission/ticket cost
- A Adults only
- 8+ Children 8 years +
- Children must be with an adult
- Family friendly
- Disabled/limited access (call for details)
- Bring packed lunch
- Members only
- Bring torch
- Bring binoculars
- Dogs welcome
- Waterproof clothing / stout footwear
- Livestock present
- Parking nearby
- Booking essential
- 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.
An afternoon of red deer watching with the Lorne and Mid-Argyll Members’ Centre, learning all about our native deer species. See page 23.

A hands-on session about frogs and toads by Buglife. Find out more about life cycles, migrations and how we can help conserve them. See page 19.

Join us for the 5th annual Edinburgh Ethical Christmas Fair, the place to be for fair trade, ethical and environmental gifts. See page 12.
Highlands and Islands

Our native woodlands
**THU 3 NOV at 7:30pm-9:30pm**

**Fins, fur and feathers**
Talk by Charlie Phillips of Whale & Dolphin Conservation Society. Meet at Tigh na Sgire, Portree. £1 for Members, £2 for non-Members.

*Contact David Ashford 01471 833463  
Skye Members’ Centre*  

**TUE 22 NOV at 7:30pm-9:30pm**

**Our native woodlands**
Talk by Gordon Gray Stephens of Scottish Native Woods. Meet at Tigh na Sgire, Portree. £1 for Members, £2 for non-Members.

*Contact David Ashford 01471 833463  
Skye Members’ Centre*  

**WED 16 NOV at 7:30pm-9:30pm**

**Scotland’s other fish**
Talk by Dr Marcus Walters, Project Officer of the Moray Firth Sea Trout Project – Sea trout: recognising Scotland’s “other” fish. Meet at Inverness Royal Academy Special Unit. Entrance £2 for Members and non-Members, includes refreshments.

*Contact Patric Baird 01349 830737  
North of Scotland Members’ Centre*  

**THU 8 DEC at 7:30pm-9:30pm**

**Members’ and visitors’ night**
The floor will open for short talks, so come along with some of your wildlife experiences and pictures. Short eats (please bring something along). A quiz could be fun too. Meet at Mission Hall, North Kessock. Buses 26/26A. Entrance £2 for Members and non-Members, includes refreshments.

*Contact Patric Baird 01349 830737  
North of Scotland Members’ Centre*  

**FRI 18 NOV at tbc**

**Natural Christmas decorations**
Oh no, not the spray paint again! Makes me nervous just thinking about it.

*Contact Donna Mathieson 0131 312 4712  
Bracadale (Skye) Wildlife Watch Group*  

**SUN 20 NOV at tbc**

**Conservation by destruction**
Come and help cut back foliage and make the school grounds better for wildlife.

*Contact Donna Mathieson 0131 312 4712  
Bracadale (Skye) Wildlife Watch Group*
THU 19 JAN at 7:30pm-9:30pm
Improving the ornithological profile of Skye & Lochalsh
Talk by Bob McMillan. Meet at Tigh na Sgire, Portree.
£1 for Members, £2 for non-Members.
Contact David Ashford 01471 833463
Skye Members’ Centre

WED 15 FEB at 7:30pm-9:30pm
Kingdom of polar bears
An illustrated talk by Ian Wyle. Enjoy the scenery, the ice, birdlife, walruses and the polar bears.
Meet at tbc. Entrance £2 for Members and non-Members, includes refreshments.
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North of Scotland Members’ Centre

THU 16 FEB at 7:30pm-9:30pm
Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falklands
Talk by Jean Thomas. Meet at Tigh na Sgire, Portree.
£1 for Members, £2 for non-Members.
Contact David Ashford 01471 833463
Skye Members’ Centre

THU 15 MAR at 7:30pm-9:30pm
Landscape photography
Talk by Jon Pear. Meet at Tigh na Sgire, Portree.
£1 for Members, £2 for non-Members.
Contact David Ashford 01471 833463
Skye Members’ Centre

WED 21 MAR at 7:30pm-9:30pm
Scottish Wildlife Trust conservation work
Talk by Jonathan Hughes, Director of Conservation, Scottish Wildlife Trust, on the conservation work of the Trust. Apart from all his other conservation work, Jonny is on the Scottish Government’s Biodiversity Strategy Project Board. This will be an evening not to miss. Meet at Mission Hall, North Kessock. Buses 26/26A. Entrance £2 for Members and non-Members, includes refreshments.
Contact Patric Baird 01349 830737
North of Scotland Members’ Centre
Perthshire, Angus & Dundee and the Kingdom of Fife

Winter waders and wildfowl at Montrose
FRI 04 Nov at tbc
A green busman’s holiday
Contact Charlie MacPherson 01738 552972
Perth Members’ Centre

SAT 12 Nov at 1pm-3pm
Meet the Ranger
An 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 Montrose Basin Visitor Centre. Adults £4, Concession £3, Family £7.50 (2Ad, 2Ch), Children 50p, Members free.
Contact Laura Dennis 01674 676336
Montrose Basin Visitor Centre

SAT 12 Nov at 10:30am-4pm
Optical fair
A wide range of telescopes, binoculars and digi-scoping equipment will be available to test. Get expert advice from the Opticron rep. Meet at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre. Adults £4, Concession £3, Family £7.50 (2Ad, 2Ch), Children 50p, Members free.
Contact Laura Dennis 01674 676336
Montrose Basin Visitor Centre

SUN 13 Nov at 11:30am-2:30pm
Winter wader & wildfowl ID course
Guided walk to help you identify the wide variety of wildfowl and waders found on the reserve in winter. Lunch and entry to Visitor Centre included. Places limited to 20. Advance booking essential. Meet at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre. £15 per person.
Contact Laura Dennis 01674 676336
Montrose Basin Visitor Centre

THU 17 Nov at 7:30pm-9:30pm
AGM and reserves showcase
Contact Deborah Cottam 01333 422116
Fife and Kinross Members’ Centre

THU 24 Nov at 11am-12:30pm
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).
Contact Jonathan Pinnick 01350 727337
Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre

WED 30 Nov at 6:30pm-8pm
Late Halloween/early Christmas party
Come dressed as a Scottish beastie.
Contact Alison O’Hara 01674 676336
Montrose Wildlife Watch Group
FRI 02 DEC at tbc

**Insect conservation in Scotland**
Talk by Craig Macadam (joint meeting with PSNS). Meet at Luncarty Church Centre, Marshall Way, Luncarty, Perth.

*Contact Charlie MacPherson 01738 552972*  
*Perth Members’ Centre*

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MON 12 DEC at 7:30pm-9:30pm

**Dumbarnie Links, microcosm of life on Earth**
Illustrated talk by Gordon Corbet on this coastal dune reserve. Meet at Supper Room, Town Hall, St Andrews, Fife. £2.

*Contact Deborah Cottam 01333 422116*  
*Fife and Kinross Members’ Centre*

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SAT 3 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. Meet at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre. Free entry to gift shop, donation for kids’ crafts.

*Contact Laura Dennis 01674 676336*  
*Montrose Basin Visitor Centre*

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SUN 4 DEC at 10:30am-4pm

**Festive fun**
Time to let the kids get crafty, making Christmas stockings, crackers and much more while you have some festive fun shopping for stocking fillers. Meet at Montrose Basin Visitor Centre. Free entry to gift shop, donation for kids’ crafts.

*Contact Laura Dennis 01674 676336*  
*Montrose Basin Visitor Centre*

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SAT 10 DEC at 12:30pm-2:30pm

**Meet the Ranger**
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*Montrose Basin Visitor Centre*

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FRI 20 JAN at tbc

**Swifts talk**

*Contact Charlie MacPherson 01738 552972*  
*Perth Members’ Centre*

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THU 26 JAN at 7:30pm-9:30pm

**Wildlife and environmental crime in Fife**
A talk by PC Ian Laing, Fife Constabulary Wildlife and Environmental Crime Co-ordinator, on the latest trends locally. Meet at St Peter’s Episcopal Church Hall, Hope St., Inverkeithing, Fife. £2.

*Contact Deborah Cottam 01333 422116*  
*Fife and Kinross Members’ Centre*
SAT 28 JAN at 10:30am
Museum & Basin Centre visit
Escorted visits and lunch. Meet at Montrose Museum. Free to Members.
Contact Liz Houghton 01307 818302
Angus & Dundee Members’ Centre

MON 5 MAR at 7:30pm
Coastal erosion
Talk by Professor R Duck. Meet at Upper Reid Hall, Castle Street, Forfar. £3.50
Contact Liz Houghton 01307 818302
Angus & Dundee Members’ Centre

FRI 24 FEB at tbc
The Mink Project
Contact Charlie MacPherson 01738 552972
Perth Members’ Centre

FRI 23 MAR at tbc
Scottish native woods
Contact Charlie MacPherson 01738 552972
Perth Members’ Centre

THU 8 MAR at 7:30pm-9:30pm
Scottish nature
An illustrated talk by the wildlife photographer Fergus Gill – joint meeting with Kinross Camera Club. Meet at Kinross Church Centre, Kinross. Free, donation for refreshments.
Contact Deborah Cottam 01333 422116
Fife and Kinross Members’ Centre

THU 29 MAR at 11am-12:30pm
Guided walk at Lowes
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).
Contact Jonathan Pinnick 01350 727337
Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre

MON 9 APR at 7:30pm
The Ben Mor Coigach project
AGM and talk. Meet at Upper Reid Hall, Castle Street, Forfar. Free to Members.
Contact Liz Houghton 01307 818302
Angus & Dundee Members’ Centre
Edinburgh and Lothians

Get up close to butterflies
**SAT 5 NOV at 2pm-4pm**
Themed visit at the Museum of Scotland
A chance to explore some of the new natural history exhibits and presentations at the recently opened National Museum of Scotland. £1.
*Contact Donna Mathieson 0131 312 4712*  
*Edinburgh Wildlife Watch Group*

**SAT 10 DEC at 10am-6pm**
Edinburgh Ethical Christmas Fair
Visit our stand on Castle Street to buy some ethical Christmas presents!
*Contact Donna Mathieson 0131 312 4712*  
*Edinburgh Wildlife Watch Group*

**SAT 19 NOV at 10am-4pm**
Trip to Butterfly World
Our annual trip is to Butterfly World, so join us to see some really spectacular creatures from somewhere a little warmer than Newhailes...
*Contact Donna Mathieson 0131 312 4712*  
*Newhailes Wildlife Watch Group*

**SAT 17 DEC at 10am-11:30am**
Christmas presents
We think wildlife might be feeling a bit left out at Christmas time, so come along to make some presents for our feathered and furry friends. Prepare to get messy! Don’t worry; we won’t forget our annual quiz either.
*Contact Donna Mathieson 0131 312 4712*  
*Newhailes Wildlife Watch Group*

**SAT 3 DEC at 2pm-4pm (tbc)**
All about recycling at Seafield Community Recycling Centre
Come and find out what happens at your local Recycling Centre with a tour of the facility and fun activities. £1.
*Contact Donna Mathieson 0131 312 4712*  
*Edinburgh Wildlife Watch Group*

**THU 9 FEB at 7:30pm-9:30pm**
The natural history of Linlithgow Palace and Peel
Illustrated lecture. Meet at 33 Melville Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7JF. Disabled access with prior notice. Donation welcome.
*Contact Averil Stewart or Quintin Blane 01506 842676*  
*Lothians Members’ Centre*

**THU 8 MAR at 7:30pm-9:30pm**
Carrifran wildwood: past, present and future
Illustrated lecture. Meet at 33 Melville Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7JF. Disabled access with prior notice. Donation welcome.
*Contact Averil Stewart or Quintin Blane 01506 842676*  
*Lothians Members’ Centre*

**THU 8 DEC at 7:30pm-9:30pm**
The Water of Leith – a ribbon of green through our capital city
Illustrated lecture. Meet at 33 Melville Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7JF. Disabled access with prior notice. Donation welcome.
*Contact Averil Stewart or Quintin Blane 01506 842676*  
*Lothians Members’ Centre*
Pied flycatchers at Carstramon

Ayrshire & Arran and Dumfries & Galloway
**WED 2 NOV at 7:30pm-9:30pm**

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

*Contact Graham Smith (Secretary) 01644 420881 Galloway Members’ Centre*

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**TUE 15 NOV at 7:30pm-9:30pm**

**Where the wild things aren’t**
Illustrated talk by Joe Greenlees and Peter Livingstone, Biodiversity Unlimited Lochwinnoch Branch (BULB). Meet at Horizon Hotel, Esplanade, Ayr KA7 1DT. Free.

*Contact Wendy Annan 01292 264170 swtayr@annan2.fsnet.co.uk Ayrshire Members’ Centre*

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**WED 7 DEC at 7:30pm-9:30pm**

**Pied flycatchers at Carstramon**
A presentation about the pied flycatchers of Carstramon Wood (and some of the other inhabitants), based on the work of the North Solway Ringing Group and their efforts to conserve them. With Brian Smith, Convenor at Carstramon. Meet at St. Ninians Church Hall, Castle Douglas, DG7 1EX. Free.

*Contact Graham Smith (Secretary) 01644 420881 Galloway Members’ Centre*

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**WED 11 JAN at 7:30pm-9:30pm**

**Bats at Threave**
A presentation about the many different bats found in our area and their extraordinary natural history, with Judy Baxter, Wildlife Ranger at the National Trust Bat Reserve at Threave. Meet at St. Ninians Church Hall, Castle Douglas, DG7 1EX. Free.

*Contact Graham Smith (Secretary) 01644 420881 Galloway Members’ Centre*

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**TUE 17 JAN at 7:30pm-9:30pm**

**Wildlife mitigation at surface coal mines**
Illustrated talk by Joe Hillier, Planning Manager, Kier Mining. Meet at Horizon Hotel, Esplanade, Ayr KA7 1DT. Free.

*Contact Wendy Annan 01292 264170 swtayr@annan2.fsnet.co.uk Ayrshire Members’ Centre*
WED 1 FEB at 7:30pm-9:30pm

Photography night

A joint meeting with the Stewartry Camera Club to showcase wildlife photography. All members are invited to take part. Meet at St. Ninians Church Hall, Castle Douglas, DG7 1EX. Free.

Contact Graham Smith (Secretary) 01644 420881
Galloway Members’ Centre

TUE 21 FEB at 7:30pm-9:30pm

The plight of the bumblebee

Illustrated talk by Bob Dawon, Bumblebee Conservation Trust. Meet at Horizon Hotel Esplanade Ayr KA7 1DT. Free.

Contact Wendy Annan 01292 264170
swtayr@annan2.fsnet.co.uk
Ayrshire Members’ Centre

WED 7 MAR at 7:30pm-9:30pm

Red squirrel survival

A joint presentation about red squirrels, their natural history and status, and what is being done to save them in Scotland and in Dumfries and Galloway, with Dr Mel Tonkin and Stephanie Johnstone. Meet at St. Ninians Church Hall, Castle Douglas, DG7 1EX. Free.

Contact Graham Smith (Secretary) 01644 420881
Galloway Members’ Centre

TUE 20 MAR at 7:30pm-9:30pm

Mammals and birds of the Cairngorms National Park

Illustrated talk by Allan Bantick, Chairman of the Scottish Wildlife Trust. Meet at Horizon Hotel, Esplanade, Ayr KA7 1DT. Free.

Contact Wendy Annan 01292 264170
swtayr@annan2.fsnet.co.uk
Ayrshire Members’ Centre
Greater Glasgow and Clyde Valley

Getting ready for winter
SAT 5 NOV at 10am-12 noon
Getting ready for the winter
Migration and hibernation is our theme this month. Think of which animals migrate and hibernate.
Contact Donna Mathieson 0131 312 4712
Falls of Clyde Wildlife Watch Group

SUN 6 NOV at tbc
Field trip to Drumpellier Country Park
Learn to count hundreds of local, overwintering ducks and geese, with Jackie Gilliland of NL Rangers. Meet at tbc. Free.
Contact Patricia 0141 775 3850 chair@clydeswt.org
Clyde Members’ Centre – Cumbernauld Naturewatch Group

MON 14 NOV at 7:30pm-9:30pm
Living waters for wildlife
Illustrated talk by Eilidh Spence of Froglife. Meet at Clarkston Hall, Clarkston Rd, G76 8HE. Members £2, non-Members £3, Under 16s free.
Contact Pat Lerpiniere 07543 497294 cek.swt@gmail.com
Clarkston and East Kilbride District Members’ Centre

SUN 20 NOV at tbc
Outing to Caerlaverock Wetland Reserve
See the amazing starlings on their way back. We will share cars and transport costs. Wonderful photo opportunity. Early booking essential. Meet at tbc.
Contact Patricia 0141 775 3850 chair@clydeswt.org
Clyde Members’ Centre – Cumbernauld Naturewatch Group

SAT 3 DEC at 10am-12 noon
Christmas crafts
As the Christmas countdown begins, we get into the holiday spirit. Using natural materials, we will be creating some interesting gifts and decorations and having a whole lot of festive fun.
Contact Donna Mathieson 0131 312 4712
Falls of Clyde Wildlife Watch Group

WED 7 DEC at 7:30pm-9:30pm
Members’ night
Festive soiree with mince pies, drinks, Members’ stories and pictures. Meet at Hyndland School Library, Lauderdale Gardens, Glasgow. £2.
Contact Ruth Llewelyn 0141 576 2151
Glasgow Members’ Centre

SAT 10 DEC at 10am-12 noon
Farmland birds project
Contact Pat Lerpiniere 07543 497294 cek.swt@gmail.com
Clarkston and East Kilbride District 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, Members 1/2 price.
Contact Laura Whitfield 01555 665262
Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre

SUN 8 JAN at tbc

Tutorial on common butterflies and moths for beginners
Learn about life cycles and how to identify butterflies, moths and caterpillars; where and when to see them; and what they eat – with Butterfly Conservation Trust. Meet at Palacerigg Lecture Theatre. Members £2, non-Members £2.50.
Contact Patricia 0141 775 3850 chair@clydeswt.org
Clyde Members’ Centre – Cumbernauld Naturewatch Group

SAT 21 JAN at 10am-12 noon

Hogganfield Park Nature Reserve
Guided walk led by Countryside Ranger Sandy McNeil. Meet at Hogganfield Loch car park (off A80, Cumbernauld Road, G33). Free.
Contact Pat Lerpiniere 07543 497294
cek.swt@gmail.com
Clarkston and East Kilbride District Members’ Centre

WED 15 FEB at 7:30pm-9:30pm

Scottish invertebrates – getting bugs to work in your garden
Illustrated talk by Chris Cathrine of Buglife. Meet at East Kilbride – exact venue to be confirmed. Members £2, non-Members £3, Under 16s free.
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cek.swt@gmail.com
Clarkston and East Kilbride District Members’ Centre

SAT 18 FEB at 10am-12 noon

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, Members 1/2 price.
Contact Laura Whitfield 01555 665262
Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre

SAT 18 FEB at 2pm-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 Laura Whitfield 01555 665262
Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre
**SUN 19 FEB at 10am-3pm**

**New Lanark circular guided walk**
Beginning at the Visitor Centre, we will head up the Clyde Walkway to Bonnington Bridge, back down the other side of the reserve towards Kirkfieldbank, where we will then cross over the river and make our way back to New Lanark. On the way the Ranger will point out interesting natural and historical features. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £6, Child £3, Members 1/2 price.

*Contact Laura Whitfield 01555 665262*
Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre

**FRI 16 MAR at 2pm-4pm**

**Ranger-led woodland walk**
Go on a woodland walk through the stunning Clyde Valley Woodland NNR 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 the Falls of Clyde. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £4, Child £2, Members 1/2 price.

*Contact Laura Whitfield 01555 665262*
Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre

**SAT 25 FEB at 11am-2pm**

**Walk around Ardmore Peninsula – birds of land and estuary**
Birds of land and estuary guided walk (on muddy paths!). Meet at small car park at end of access road off A814 between Cardross and Helensburgh.

*Contact Moira Wadsworth 0141 339 6066*
Glasgow Members’ Centre

**SUN 4 MAR at tbc**

**Tutorial on frogs and toads**
Learn about life cycles, migrations, problems and how we can help, by “Froglife”. Meet at Palacerigg Lecture Theatre. Members £2, non-Members £2.50.

*Contact Patricia 0141 775 3850 chair@clydeswt.org*
Clyde Members’ Centre – Cumbernauld Naturewatch Group

**MON 12 MAR at 7:30pm-9:30pm**

**Wildlife of Greater Glasgow**
Illustrated talk by Jim Coyle MBE. Meet at Clarkston Hall, Clarkston Rd, G76 8HE. Members £2, non-Members £3, Under 16s free.

*Contact Pat Lerpiniere 07543 497294*
cek.swt@gmail.com
Clarkston and East Kilbride District Members’ Centre

**SAT 24 MAR at 10am-8pm**

**Peregrine falcon viewing**
Visit the nest site for an unrivalled opportunity to view wild peregrine falcons nesting on the side of the gorge. From end of March until mid June. Meet at peregrine watch site. Free to all.

*Contact Laura Whitfield 01555 665262*
Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre

**SAT 24 MAR at 10am-5pm**

**The Peregrine Experience**
Come and see the Peregrine Experience in the Visitor Centre exhibition. Live video footage of our resident peregrine falcons in the atmospheric viewing hide. From end of March until mid June. Meet at Visitor Centre. Adult £2, Concession, £1, Family £4, free to Members.

*Contact Laura Whitfield 01555 665262*
Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre
SUN 25 MAR at 11am-2pm
Walk at "The Pineapple"
Signs of spring guided walk on woodland paths.
Meet at National Trust for Scotland car park, up approach road from A905, North of Airth.
Contact Ruth Llewelyn 0141 576 2151
Glasgow Members’ Centre

TUE 27 MAR at 7:30pm-9:30pm
Scottish ants
Jonny Hughes from the Scottish Wildlife Trust will be talking about ants. Did you know that Scottish wood ant hills are a feature of some Caledonian pinewoods and that the colony builds a dome-shaped nest of carefully arranged pine needles up to 2m high? Meet at St Nicholas Parish Church Main Hall, Lanark. Members free, non-Members £1.
Contact Jason/Josanne 01555 893804
Lanark Area Members’ Centre

WED 28 MAR at 7:30pm-9:30pm
Ospreys talk
Illustrated talk by Robert Fraser-Bins. Meet at Hyndland School, Airlie Theatre, Clarence Drive, Glasgow. Tea/coffee/homebaking £1.
Contact Ruth Llewelyn 0141 576 2151
Glasgow Members’ Centre

SUN 22 APR at 11am-2pm
Woodland flowers in Mugdock
Guided walk. Meet at Stable Courtyard beside Visitor Centre car park.
Contact Elspeth Mulholland 0141 942 9872
Glasgow Members’ Centre

TUE 24 APR at 7:30pm-9:30pm
Animals of the Cairngorms National Park
Alan Bantick, Scottish Wildlife Trust Chairman, will be giving a talk on the Cairngorms National Park. As Britain’s largest National Park, it features a unique range of landscapes, wildlife, habitats, and people. Meet at St Nicholas Parish Church Main Hall, Lanark. Members free, non-Members £1.
Contact Jason/Josanne 01555 893804
Lanark Area Members’ Centre

WED 25 APR at 7:15pm-9:30pm
Mammals and birds of the Cairngorms
Illustrated talk by Allan Bantick, and AGM. Meet at Hyndland School, Airlie Theatre, Clarence Drive, Glasgow. Tea/coffee/homebaking £1.
Contact Ruth Llewelyn 0141 576 2151
Glasgow Members’ Centre

SUN 20 MAY at 11am-4:30pm
Visit to Inch Cailloch on Loch Lomond
Spring flowers and birds – guided walk. Meet at McFarlane’s Boatyard, Balmaha. Ferry fare approx. £5.
Contact Ruth Llewelyn 0141 576 2151
Glasgow Members’ Centre
Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond and Stirling & the Trossachs

Deer watching in Argyll
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<td>Alpine plants in the Breadalbane Hills</td>
<td>Talk by John Hollands (SAC). Meet at Raploch Community Campus, Drip Rd, Stirling. £3 (Students £1). Contact Sue Sexton 01786 833409 Stirling Members’ Centre</td>
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<td>Carron Dams clean up</td>
<td>Another clean up day at the Trust’s Carron Dams reserve. Help make these beautiful wetlands and woods litter free. This year we will be doing a survey of the litter as well, and hopefully there will also be the chance for a spot of bird watching. Contact Stephen Owen 01324 486475 Jupiter Wildlife Watch Group</td>
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<td>Beavers: the Knapdale reintroduction</td>
<td>Illustrated talk by Simon Jones, Project Manager. Meet at St Andrew’s Church Hall, Leny Road, Callander. £2, free to full-time students. Contact Lesley Hawkins 01877 339080 <a href="mailto:mlhawkins@tiscali.co.uk">mlhawkins@tiscali.co.uk</a> Callander Members’ Centre</td>
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<td>Illustrated talk – wildlife encounters in a tropical South Atlantic outpost. Meet at Scottish Marine Institution, Dunstaffnage. Contact Maurice Wilkins 01852 200366 Lorn &amp; Mid-Argyll Members’ Centre</td>
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<td>MON 21 NOV</td>
<td>7:30pm-9pm</td>
<td>The community land at Dun Coillich</td>
<td>Talk by Tim Fison and Richard Paul concerning wildlife and the Dun Coillich community land. Meet at Pitlochry Church of Scotland Tryst. Members £2, Visitors £3. Contact Tim Fison 01887 877207 Pitlochry Members’ Centre</td>
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<td>SAT 26 NOV</td>
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<td>Stargazing</td>
<td>How many of the stars above you do you know? Come along and learn all about our night time sky. Perhaps if the weather is good a camp fire and some marshmallows may be enjoyed...yum yum! Contact Donna Mathieson 0131 312 4712 Stirling Wildlife Watch Group</td>
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<td>SAT 3 DEC</td>
<td>10:30am-12:30pm</td>
<td>Christmas crafts</td>
<td>Stuck for Christmas presents? This could be your chance to make some great crafty gifts. Contact Stephen Owen 01324 486475 Jupiter Wildlife Watch Group</td>
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TUE 6 DEC at 7:30pm-9:30pm
East of Scotland sea eagles talk
Talk by Claire Smith (RSPB). Meet at Raploch Community Campus, Drip Rd, Stirling. £3 (Students £1).
Contact Sue Sexton 01786 833409
Stirling Members’ Centre

SAT 10 DEC at 1:30pm-5pm
Mid-winter lantern parade
Celebrate mid-winter by constructing some wonderful willow and tissue paper lanterns. The afternoon will finish with a twilight walk in the woods, lit by your new creation. Donation (£2 per person suggested rate).
Contact Stephen Owen 01324 486475
Jupiter Urban Wildlife Centre

THU 15 DEC at 7:30pm-9pm
Saving Scotland’s Red Squirrels
Illustrated talk by Lewis Pate. Meet at Scottish Marine Institution, Dunstaffnage.
Contact Maurice Wilkins 01852 200366
Lorn & Mid-Argyll Members’ Centre

SAT 17 DEC at tbc
Doe a deer, a female deer...
So how much do you know about our deer species? Pop along as we enjoy an afternoon of watching and discovering more about our native red deer.
Contact Donna Mathieson 0131 312 4712
Stirling Wildlife Watch Group

MON 19 DEC at 7:30pm-9pm
Moles, their lives and loves
Talk by Richard Horobin – the lives and loves of moles. Meet at Pitlochry Church of Scotland Tryst. Members £2, Visitors £3.
Contact Richard Horobin 01796 474480
Pitlochry Members’ Centre

TUE 20 DEC at 7:30pm
Small things that run the world
A presentation on the work of Buglife and the wealth of invertebrates that are found in Scotland. By Craig McAdam. Meet at Christian Centre, Glebe St, Falkirk. £1 admission.
Contact Andrea McCabe 01324 559700
Falkirk Members’ Centre

TUE 10 JAN at 7:30pm-9:30pm
Why study moths? Surely they are brown, boring and nocturnal?
Talk by John Knowler (Moth Recorder). Meet at Raploch Community Campus, Drip Rd, Stirling. £3 (Students £1).
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<td><strong>THU 19 JAN at 7:30pm</strong>–9pm</td>
<td>Argyll’s Atlantic oakwoods Illustrated talk by Dave Batty. Meet at Scottish Marine Institution, Dunstaffnage. Contact Maurice Wilkins 01852 200366 Lorn &amp; Mid-Argyll Members’ Centre</td>
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<td>TUE 7 FEB</td>
<td>7:30pm-9:30pm</td>
<td>Red Kites in Stirlingshire Talk by Mike McDonnell (Argaty Red Kite Project). Meet at Raploch Community Campus, Drip Rd, Stirling. £3 (Students £1).</td>
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<td>TUE 14 FEB</td>
<td>7:30pm-9:30pm</td>
<td>Fish eagles in Cambodia Illustrated talk by Dave Anderson, FCS Wildlife Manager. Meet at St Andrew’s Church Hall, Leny Road, Callander. £2, free to full-time students.</td>
<td>Contact Lesley Hawkins 01877 339080 <a href="mailto:mlhawkins@tiscali.co.uk">mlhawkins@tiscali.co.uk</a> Callander Members’ Centre</td>
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<td><strong>TUE 21 FEB at 7:30pm</strong></td>
<td>The Western Isles Talk by Angus Smith. Meet at Christian Centre, Glebe St, Falkirk. £1 admission. Contact Andrea McCabe 01324 559700 Falkirk Members’ Centre</td>
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<td><strong>SUN 26 FEB at 10:30am-2pm</strong></td>
<td>Walk around Gartmorn Dam Easy walk, spotting mostly wintering ducks, geese and waders. Meet at Visitor Centre at west of the site. NS 911 940. Free. Contact Sue Sexton 01786 833409 Stirling Members’ Centre</td>
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<td><strong>TUE 6 MAR at 7:30pm-9:30pm</strong></td>
<td>Woodlander: breathing new life into old woods Talk by Ian Edwards (RBGE). Meet at Raploch Community Campus, Drip Rd, Stirling. £3 (Students £1). Contact Sue Sexton 01786 833409 Stirling Members’ Centre</td>
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<td><strong>TUE 13 MAR at 7:30pm-9:30pm</strong></td>
<td>The role of the North Sea Bird Club Illustrated talk by Andy Thorpe, founder NSBC. Meet at St Andrew’s Church Hall, Leny Road, Callander. £2, free to full-time students. Contact Lesley Hawkins 01877 339080 <a href="mailto:mlhawkins@tiscali.co.uk">mlhawkins@tiscali.co.uk</a> Callander Members’ Centre</td>
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THU 15 MAR at 7:30pm-9pm
Fishing about in the dark
Contact Maurice Wilkins 01852 200366
Lorn & Mid-Argyll Members’ Centre

MON 19 MAR at 7:30pm-9pm
The Highland Wildlife Park at Kincraig
Talk by Jasper Hughes on the Highland Wildlife Park, from a local animal park to an international player. Meet at Pitlochry Church of Scotland Tryst. Members £2, Visitors £3.
Contact Richard Paul 01882 632212
Pitlochry Members’ Centre

TUE 20 MAR at 7:30pm
The Scottish Beaver Trial
Project Manager Simon Jones gives an update on the progress of the Scottish Beaver Trial in Knapdale, Argyll. Meet at Christian Centre, Glebe St, Falkirk. £1 admission.
Contact Andrea McCabe 01324 559700
Falkirk Members’ Centre

TUE 17 APR at 7:30pm
AGM and Members’ slide presentation
AGM for the Falkirk Members’ Centre. Meet at Christian Centre, Glebe St, Falkirk. £1 admission.
Contact Andrea McCabe 01324 559700
Falkirk Members’ Centre

THU 17 APR at 7:30pm-9:30pm
Rivers: wildlife & 30 years of brown trout
Illustrated talk by Iain Semple, University of Stirling & Howiestoun Fishery, and AGM. Meet at St Andrew’s Church Hall, Leny Road, Callander. £2, free to full-time students.
Contact Lesley Hawkins 01877 339080
mlhawkins@tiscali.co.uk
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MON 16 APR at 7:30pm-9pm
Red squirrels and the pox threat
Talk by Dr Colin McInnes. The latest on the pox threat to red squirrels: is a vaccine the answer? Meet at Pitlochry Church of Scotland Tryst. Members £2, Visitors £3.
Contact John Taylor 01887 830848
Pitlochry Members’ Centre

THU 19 APR at 7:30pm-9pm
Through the lens of a birdwatcher
Illustrated talk by Terry Robilliard, and AGM. Meet at Scottish Marine Institution, Dunstaffnage.
Contact Maurice Wilkins 01852 200366
Lorn & Mid-Argyll Members’ Centre
About our Members’ Centres

The Scottish Wildlife Trust supports a network of 20 local Members’ Centres which are vital in promoting our work in local communities throughout Scotland.

These centres provide an opportunity for like minded people to come together socially and share their passion for the wildlife of Scotland.

Members’ Centres are run by volunteers who are active in local conservation projects: planning, fundraising and organising events to inspire and engage people in their area.

With regular meetings and events happening throughout the year, our Members’ Centres offer the perfect opportunity to get involved in conservation at a local and national level.

To become part of our community, or for further information, please visit www.scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk, or call Nick Wright on 0131 312 4750.

Enjoy Scotland’s outdoors responsibly

Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water for recreation, education and for going from place to place providing they act responsibly. These access rights and responsibilities are explained in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. The key things are:

When you’re in the outdoors:

• take personal responsibility for your own actions and act safely
• respect people’s privacy and peace of mind
• help land managers and others to work safely and effectively
• care for your environment and take your litter home
• keep your dog under proper control
• take extra care if you’re organising an event or running a business.

If you’re managing the outdoors:

• respect access rights
• act reasonably when asking people to avoid land management operations
• work with your local authority and other bodies to help integrate access and land management
• respect rights of way and customary access.

Visit outdooraccess-scotland.com or call your local Scottish Natural Heritage office.

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Scottish Wildlife Trust and People’s Postcode Lottery

Supporting Scotland’s natural habitats

Scottish Wildlife Trust would like to thank all the players of People’s Postcode Lottery, from whom we’ve received over £2 million to support our work.

These funds have helped us to look after Scotland’s natural habitats, provide ranger services and much much more. As well as covering the running costs of all three of our visitor centres, funding has helped the Trust champion wildlife-friendly gardening, providing safe-havens for urban wildlife including robins, hedgehogs and bats. We are also able to inspire young people to care about urban wildlife through our pioneering Jupiter Urban Wildlife Centre in Grangemouth.

As well as supporting our work, People’s Postcode Lottery offers you the opportunity to win fantastic sums of money every single day.

The Christmas Millions draw is just around the corner. One lucky postcode will scoop £1million – will it be yours? Sign up today for your chance to win!

All the money raised in Scotland stays in Scotland, benefiting charities like Scottish Wildlife Trust

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