

Wildlife Watch



Jupiter Urban
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Trust

January newsletter



Making fires safely at the campfire cookout

At our campfire cookout session in August, we built dens, learnt about safe fire lighting and had a go at making our own wee fires. Then we built a large fire to cook our sausages on, toast marshmallows for smores as well as cook chocolate orange cake in an orange skin. Yum! We also had time to do some hapa zome leaf bashing, with some pretty results.



Making a brilliant beaver dam

October's session saw us learning about our largest rodent, the beaver. We had a look at skulls, furs, pawprints and logs that had been chewed. We thought about how important beavers are to create wetland habitat and increase biodiversity where they live. We also had a go at making a dam to see if it could hold back the water.



Candy cane relay race complications

The Christmas crafts and fundraising session in December was full of fun and laughter. Especially when playing the animal quiz which saw participants acting out, drawing, describing and sculpting Scottish animals. A particular highlight was the acting of an earwig. 😊

We were out in the woods to play a candy cane relay race and then back to make some snowflakes and wooden tree decorations to take home.

In total £61.50 was raised and has been donated to the Royal Zoological Society Scotland. So, thank you very much for your generosity. See the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/JupiterUrbanWildlife>

What is happening in 2019?

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What's happening next?

January 12th 10:30-12:30 – Furs, paw prints and poos!



Do you know what a pine marten poo smells of, or what a badger's footprint looks like? We will be looking at clues that animals leave behind to find out the answers to these questions and more.

February 2nd 10:30-12:30 – Get crafty!

We will take our inspiration from nature to create some crafty items to take home. We will also have a look at our trail camera footage and see who has been visiting Jupiter when we're not around.



March 2nd 09:00-11:00 – Brilliant birds



A bird ringing expert will visit Jupiter to show us how to catch birds, how to attach the rings to their legs and explain why he gets up so early in the morning to do this. Note the **earlier time of 09:00-11:00**

April 6th 10:30-12:30 – How does your garden grow?

At this time of year, everything is springing into life. We will start our own seed planting and learn how important plants are to the animals of Jupiter.



May 4th 10:30-12:30 – Pondemonium

Did you know that a water scorpion uses its long tail to breathe, not to sting? Jupiter's ponds will be teeming with fascinating fresh water life for us to discover at this time of year.

June 1st 10:30-12:30 – Bonnie Butterflies

Did you know that butterflies can taste with their feet? Come learn about these fascinating insects and help us with our butterfly survey.



Important bits...

- All sessions are on Saturdays from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, unless otherwise stated. Sessions run once a month and only cost £1. Juice and a snack are provided.
- Spaces for Wildlife Watch are limited, so please do get in touch on 01324 486475 or email falkirkranger@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk if you would like to book a place.
- To keep continuity and help develop Wildlife Watch as a club, we'd like members to attend as often as possible. As we're limited for numbers, members who can't attend for more than 3 sessions in a row might lose their place to a new member. Please let the rangers know if you can't attend for a few sessions but are planning on coming back.
- The club is for children aged 8 - 13 years old.
- Remember to come dressed for the weather with suitable warm, waterproof clothes and footwear.
- For more information see the Jupiter Wildlife watch guide for parents and guardians.