

Tayside Biodiversity Festival



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS
JUNE 2024



TAYSIDE BIODIVERSITY FESTIVAL

1-30 June 2024

For more information please visit Tayside Biodiversity Festival 1st to 30th June 2024 – Tayside Biodiversity. Many events need to be pre-booked so please don't delay and contact the organiser via the links shown as soon as possible.

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Tayside Biodiversity Partnership



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From being part of the Scottish Biodiversity Week events held for many years from 2001, Tayside has worked with numerous organisations to raise awareness about our local nature. We have held several large Festivals over the years and two highly successful Coastal Festivals.

In our 25th year, we want to shout about all the fantastic work being achieved by Partners and non-partners alike across the region. We have filled the month of June with 90 events celebrating our wonderful wildlife in Angus and Perth & Kinross – Tayside Biodiversity Festival 1st to 30th June 2024 – Tayside Biodiversity. Check out, too, the full programme for the Blairgowrie BioBlitz: Biodiversity Blair Bioblitz 2024 - Detail.

We really hope there is something for everyone – family activities, lots of walks and talks, a few workshops, and opportunities to learn about species surveying. Or celebrate our midsummer bioblitzes – or take part in simple online iNaturalist surveys (no previous knowledge expected!). Many of the events are FREE; fees are shown for others. We welcome feedback (check www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk for our form) and more than anything we look forward to welcoming you to as many of the events as possible.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS*

* This is a sample of the full programme – keep up to date with all the events here: Tayside Biodiversity Festival 1st to 30th June 2024 – Tayside Biodiversity

1st June

OUTDOOR EVENT

Scone Palace Garden Fair

Visit the Nature Pagoda to win a hedgehog home and find out about Making Way for Nature with Perth & Kinross Climate Action, Tayside Biodiversity Partnership, Butterfly Conservation, and the Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust

ONLINE

Pen & Ink Drawing Workshop

Learn to create your own beautiful illustrations with a bamboo pen

WALK

Wildflower Wander at Glen Doll

Join the Ranger to explore the Dounalt Path and discover some wildflowers

2nd June

WALK

Rewilding Denmarkfield Bird Safari

Learn about the local bird life in Luncarty and find out more about the rewilding project

4th June

OUTDOOR EVENT

Stanley Swift Project

Come and join our volunteers as they carry out evening surveys of nest sites and flying swifts across the village. Date not set so contact organiser to finalise dates and details over the coming month

5th June

WALK

Birdsong Walk at Portmoak Moss

Breakfast-time walk with expert Scott Paterson

OUTDOOR EVENT

Riverbank Beaver Safari, Blairgowrie

Meet at dusk to experience the evening wildlife on one of Perthshire's loveliest rivers

6th June

OUTDOOR EVENT

Wildflower Planting with Butterfly Conservation

Perth and Kinross Council's Biodiversity Ambassadors will be enhancing the Green Graveyard at Greyfriars, Perth

7th June

OUTDOOR EVENT

Beaver Breakfast

Join the Scottish Wildlife Trust at sunrise at the Loch of the Lowes Wildlife Reserve to watch ospreys, beavers and other wildlife

INDOOR ACTIVITY

Bee Inspired by Books on Wildflowers and Wildlife Gardening

Come to Loch Leven Community Library to find out more about our local wildlife and how to help it (until 29th June)

BEACH CLEAN

World Ocean Day at East Haven

Children from Aberlemno will be taking part in a beach clean and survey for the Marine Conservation Society

8th June

OUTDOOR EVENT

Small Blue ID Workshop and Survey Day, Arbroath

Learn about the fascinating life cycle of the UK's smallest butterfly and how you can help conserve this wonderful, but rare, butterfly

Community Garden Open Day, Kirriemuir

Everyone is very welcome to visit St Mary's Field, Kirriemuir to meet the Action for Nature and Food & Growing volunteers

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Big Bug Hunt

Perthshire Wildlife Watch will be discovering mini-beasts on the South Inch, Perth

Nature Cycle, Perth

Join this special guided cycle ride to explore the beauty of nature together – connecting with the urban outdoors and enjoying some fresh air

INDOOR EVENT

Nature Market, Perth

Explore the many stalls and family activities at this special summer market in the centre of Perth

WALK

Dun Coillich - Symbiosis: Relationships in Nature

A Community Land Guided Walk in Highland Perthshire to discover how species rely on each other for survival

9th June

OPEN DAY

Glen Doll Drop-in Consultation

Come and meet Forestry & Land Scotland at the Ranger Base to find out more about the Glen's future land management proposals

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Rewilding Denmarkfield Open Day

Celebrate three years of this exciting rewilding project near Luncarty – bring the family!

Murton's Make and Take – Tin Can Bug Hotels

Drop into the Murton Nature Reserve to decorate your very own tin can bug hotel

10th June

ONLINE

21 Days of Nature Challenge

Give nature a helping hand every day for 21 days - the online challenge starts today!

12th June

OPEN DAY

Angus Glens Drop-in Consultation, Kirriemuir

Forestry & Land Scotland staff will answer your questions about the future land management proposals for Glen Prosen and Glen Doll

OUTDOOR EVENT

Beaver Canoe Safari, Aberfeldy

Get close to wildlife with minimal disturbance along the River Tay to see bird life as well as the local beaver lodge and hopefully the beavers themselves

13th June

OUTDOOR EVENTS

Angus Coastal Tour

A day trip to explore the very best that the Angus coast can offer – beaches, sea bird colonies, wildflowers, plus the chance of seeing dolphins

Half Day Beaver Safari, Alyth

Watch beavers swimming, feeding and grooming (same event on 6th and 20th June too)

14th June

OUTDOOR EVENT

WizzyWARP24 – Birdsong and More

A private event for visually impaired people to enjoy a few hours in nature near Stanley

WALK

Art of Walking

A Kinross-shire Climate Café walk to Tillywhally Community Woodland, by Milnathort

15th June

OUTDOOR EVENTS

Herb-rich Grasslands and Moraines, Enochdhu

A day in Highland Perthshire searching for rare plants with the Perthshire Society of Natural Science

Forfar Loch Balsam Bash

Come and help hand-pull Himalayan Balsam to help restore the native flora around the loch

Small Blue ID Workshop and Survey Day, Lunan Bay

Learn about the fascinating life cycle of the UK's smallest butterfly which is on the wing for a very short time

WALK

Bug Hunt and Butterfly Walk, East Haven

We will identify as many species as we can and share our finds on iRecord

Ancient Woodland and a Bog-Standard Treasure

Join an expert to walk through the Den of Alyth to discuss geology, history and the ecology of this important site

OPEN DAY

Glen Prosen Drop-in Consultation

An opportunity to discover land management proposals and see what this may look like on the ground in the future

17th June

OUTDOOR EVENT

Wildflower Garden, Culhawk (Kirriemuir)

An opportunity to learn about the diverse range of plants in this beautiful garden

ONLINE

21 Days of Nature Challenge

Are you giving nature a helping hand every day for 21 Days? Every day has a different theme

18th June

OUTDOOR EVENT

Starting with Moths – an Introduction to Moth Trapping, ID and Recording

At Guardswell (Carse of Gowrie), find out more about these fascinating creatures and how to set up and use a moth trap

The Impact of Winter Storms, Lunan Bay

Join the Tay Estuary Forum and CIEEM to examine the coastal erosion after recent storms

19th June

OUTDOOR EVENT

Walk and Talk at Murton Nature Reserve

Join staff to discover the fascinating history of the site, plus all the conservation work which has taken place to make such a flourishing nature reserve today

20th June

WORKSHOP

Amphibian Ladder Workshop, Stanley

A free workshop to learn how to help amphibians. We will be making amphibian ladders and installing them into roadside gullypots afterwards (no previous experience needed)

WALKS

Elliot Links Coastal Walk

Enjoy a short walk along the coastal cycle path to find out how the site is being managed for both biodiversity and public access

Summer Solstice Evening, Montrose Basin

Join Scottish Wildlife Trust staff for a nature walk, listening to the late evening birdsong and identifying wildlife as we go along

21st June

OUTDOOR EVENTS

Blairgowrie Bioblitz Weekend

A fantastic programme of family activities, expert-led walks and stalls. Scotland: the Big Picture's film "Why Not Scotland" will be shown this evening

Restoring the River South Esk – Nature Restoration on a Landscape-Scale

An exciting opportunity to explore Glen Clova with the organisations undertaking this multi-habitat project in the Angus Glens

Moth and Bat Night at the Botanics

Explore the Dundee University Botanic Gardens to find the creatures who take over the gardens at night. A moth trap will be set up (you can return tomorrow morning to see what is caught) and we will search for bats tonight too

ONLINE

Biodiversity Villages & Towns Midsummer BioBlitz

Discover – and record – the wildlife in your local patch over the long midsummer weekend

WALK

Late Evening Riverside Bat Walk

Why not join a bat walk in Blairgowrie to find out more about these fascinating creatures?

22nd June

OUTDOOR EVENTS

Dawn Chorus, Blairgowrie

Wrap up warm to hear the symphony of song performed by birds from 4.15am onwards

Moth Morning at the Dundee Botanics

Come and see which moths have been caught overnight in the moth trap

Blairgowrie Bioblitz Weekend

A second day of family activities, expert-led walks and stalls. It is Worm Charming Competition Day so come along for fork-twanging and silly bird costumes for a bit of fun!

WALKS

Nature Excursion – Rockrose and Northern Brown Argus

An outing with experts to explore the botany and butterflies of Kirton Hill, Perth

Dun Coillich Past, Present and Future

A guided walk with experts to discover the wildlife of the emerging native woodland on this special hill in Highland Perthshire

TALK

Alan Stewart's Morning Book Talk

A presentation, as part of the Blairgowrie BioBlitz, on one of Alan's well-known wildlife crime fiction books with reference to the local area

ONLINE

Join our Tayside Midsummer BioBlitz!

Everyone is invited to discover the wildlife in their local patch over the midsummer weekend – and record online what is found via the iNaturalist App (suitable for all ages)

OUTDOOR EVENTS

Pond Dipping and Freshwater Life

The Dundee Naturalists' Society will be looking at the freshwater creatures in the Dundee Botanic Gardens and hope you can call in to find out more too

Bumblebee Identification (Blairgowrie)

An easy stroll with an expert – with an opportunity to spot some of our 20 Scottish bumblebee species

TALK

Red Squirrels at Lunchtime

Practical tips from Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels on how we can help our native squirrel survive. Just one of the events in the Blairgowrie BioBlitz weekend

23rd June

ONLINE

Tayside Garden BioBlitz

Let's discover what wildlife lives in our gardens (and that includes window boxes and patios)! All sightings can be easily uploaded to the iNaturalist App to help scientists find out which species are thriving – and which are not. Suitable for all ages: no experience needed

21 Days of Nature Challenge

Are you still giving nature a helping hand every day for 21 Days? There's another week to go and every day has a different theme – so join us if you can

26th June

OUTDOOR EVENTS

Recording Angus Wildlife, Montrose Basin

Join NESBReC (North East Scotland Biological Records Centre) and Angus Council to learn about the new opportunities for nature recording in Angus. Species recorded at this event will be some of the first records for Angus

Loch of the Lowes Beaver Watch

An evening of beaver watching and an interactive talk with the Ranger team

27th June

OUTDOOR EVENT

24-hour BioBlitz at Carnoustie Golf Links

Visit the Golf Links on either 27th or 28th to be part of the first ever Golf BioBlitz – with local experts, discover the wildlife lurking in the rough as we explore sand dunes, heath, woodlands and wetlands. Download the iRecord app to log your records on the day

28th June

WORKSHOP

Amphibian Ladder-Making (Dundee)

A free workshop to learn how to help our amphibians. We will be making amphibian ladders and then installing them into roadside gullypots afterwards. No previous experience needed

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Big Wild Summer – Brilliant Bugs Trail

Join the RSPB at Loch Leven over the next three days to find burrowing beetles and wiggly worms!

WALK

Coastal Wildlife Wander and Litter Pick

Enjoy a stroll along Seaton Cliffs to discover breeding seabirds and maritime flora. After our packed lunch, we will collect any litter we find on the return walk

Swift Saunter, Kirriemuir

A gentle evening walk around the town centre to chat all-things swifts – and hopefully watch these wonderful “lum screamers”!

Blairgowrie Swift Walk and Survey Training Session

Learn fascinating facts about these amazing birds and how we can help them

29th June

WALK

Donley Community Woodland (Dundee)

A multi-purpose woodland – timber production, biodiversity and recreation – this

community woodland offers volunteering, courses, school involvement and much more. Today's walk will show what has been achieved and outline the challenges for the future

OUTDOOR EVENT

Between Two worlds – Ecological Zonation Along the Intertidal Zone

A field trip to East Haven with Dr Keith Skene to explore the different zones of a beach, including rockpools

FAMILY ACTIVITY

The Art of Nature Fun Day

Inspired by the new Fergus and Meg exhibition, activities and craft-making will take place in the Perth Art Gallery

WALK

Swift Guided Walks and Survey Training

An evening wander tonight in Kettins and another tomorrow evening in Portmoak (two of our Biodiversity Villages) to discover fascinating facts about these amazing birds and how we can help them

30th June

OUTDOOR EVENT

Dun Coillich Volunteer Sunday

An opportunity to get involved with the practical side of managing the community-owned land in Highland Perthshire to improve both biodiversity and public access

ONLINE

21 Days of Nature Challenge

Our challenge to give nature a helping hand for 21 days comes to an end today. We hope we have inspired you to keep going into the future – and share your inspiration with others!

Tayside BioBlitz

Beyond the Midsummer BioBlitzes, you can still use iNaturalist to record the wildlife in your garden, park, school grounds, or on your favourite walk. Once signed up to iNaturalist you can record anywhere in the world – and at any time

Zoomln2 Photographic Time Lapse

How about starting a photographic time lapse today? Just visit your special place once a month (or at least every six weeks) and take a photo to upload on the Zoomln2 website. It could be your school grounds, a local park or your allotment, your favourite tree, or a view across a beach, glen or river. You will be astonished at how the seasons change everything!

Keep in Touch

The Tayside Biodiversity Partnership publishes a quarterly E-News. If you would like to subscribe just go to <http://taysidebiodiversity.co.uk> and scroll to the bottom of the page where you can sign up for your own copy.

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