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KILDARE 2008



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Kildare Heritage Forum and the Heritage Council present a series of practical workshops on the topic of Irish Wildlife. Each workshop takes place on a Saturday morning, from 10am to 1pm, except the Bats workshop, which starts at 8.30pm.

Each session will be primarily outdoors (though some will start with a short indoor introductory talk). Participants are asked to bring stout waterproof footwear and raingear/sun block as appropriate. There will be lots of opportunity for questions, and for participants to chat informally with the tutors.

SAT 24 MAY IDENTIFYING WILD PLANTS

Grand Canal, Corbally line. Meet in Áras Chill Dara, Naas.

Tutor: Fiona Devery *Botanical Society of the British Isles*

THURS 29 MAY BATS – SURVEYING DAUBENTONS BATS

Meet in Áras Chill Dara, Naas.

Tutor: Tina Aughney *Bat Conservation Ireland*

SAT 7 JUNE BREEDING BIRDS & THE COUNTRYSIDE BIRD SURVEY

Ballynafagh Lake, Prosperous.

Tutor: Dick Coombes *BirdWatch Ireland*

SAT 14 JUNE BUTTERFLY MONITORING SCHEME

The Strand, Newbridge. Meet at fountain in Newbridge Park.

Tutor: Michael Jacob

SAT 28 JUNE HOW TO READ A MAP

Meet in Áras Chill Dara, Naas.

Tutor: Michele Castiaux *Geologist*

SAT 13 SEPTEMBER IDENTIFYING IRISH TREES

Donadea Forest Park. Meet at the coffee shop in Forest Park.

Tutors: Kate Crane & Aubrey Fennell *Ancient Tree Forum*

SAT 20 SEPTEMBER NATURE OF BOGS

Meet at Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Lullymore

Tutors: Nuala Madigan and Catherine O’Connell *IPCC*

SAT 18 OCTOBER THE NATIONAL BIRD ATLAS

Pollardstown Fen. Meet at Fen entrance.

Tutor: Alex Copland *BirdWatch Ireland*



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

These workshops are aimed at anyone with a general interest in wildlife and biodiversity. They will also be useful for local development associations, Tidy Towns groups, or anyone interested in enhancing the quality of life in their own area. There will be an emphasis on practical experiences, identifying the wildlife that you will find in any area, and on enjoying the natural world as well as assistance in taking part in valuable wildlife surveys.

The workshops are aimed at adults, but young people are welcome, accompanied by a parent/guardian. Kildare County Council is committed to providing accessible heritage events. If you have specific accessibility or other requirements, please contact Kildare Heritage Office in advance of the event you wish to attend, and we will make every effort to meet your needs.

For further information, contact **Bridget Loughlin, Kildare County Council** phone 045 980791 • heritageofficer@kildarecoco.ie

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