

The United Nations declared 2010 to be the International Year of Biodiversity. It is a celebration of life on earth and of the value of biodiversity for our lives. The world is invited to take action in 2010 to safeguard the variety of life on earth: biodiversity

Biodiversity is essential for sustaining the natural living systems or ecosystems that provide us with food, fuel, health, wealth, and other vital services.

The key message for International Year of Biodiversity is:
 Biodiversity is life
 Biodiversity is our life



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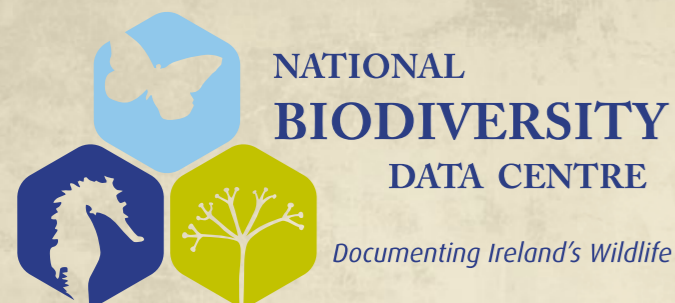
A series of workshops to celebrate International Year of Biodiversity 2010

To celebrate International Year of Biodiversity 2010 the National Biodiversity Data Centre and its partners is pleased to announce an exciting programme of events for 2010. Identification workshops and study groups will aim to improve identification and field skills of biological groups and raise standards of data collection and management.



The Centre would like to express its appreciation to workshop leaders and partners who have kindly agreed to co-host events: Burrenbeo, Connemarra National Park, Compass Informatics,

Fota Wildlife Park, Irish Peatland Conservation Council, Wexford Wildfowl Reserve, Seasearch and Shannon Dolphin and Wildlife Centre.

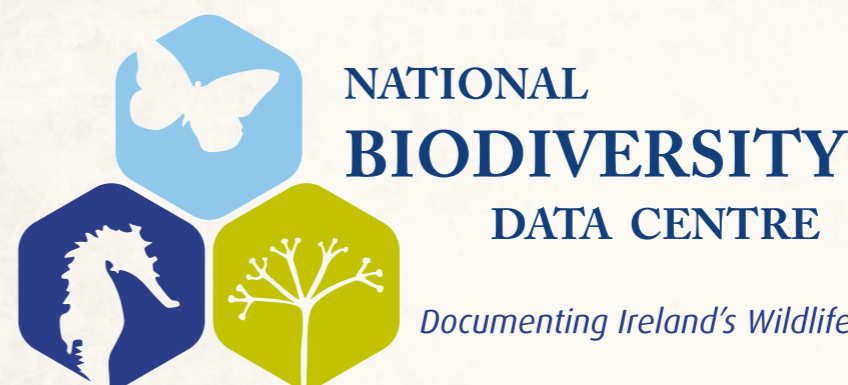


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TITLE	LEADER	DATE	VENUE	TIME	FEE	OBJECTIVE	TARGET AUDIENCE
Ireland's Generous Nature - the uses of wild plants in Ireland	Dr Peter Wyse Jackson	17 April 2010	National Biodiversity Data Centre	10am - 4pm	€20 (includes lunch)	To outline the uses of plants in Ireland, past and present, for food, medicines, timbers, fibres, thatch and many other purposes.	All
Irish Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (In conjunction with Burrenbeo)	Dr Eugenie Regan	24 April 2010	Burrenbeo Centre Kinvara, Co. Galway	10.30am - 4pm	N/A	To increase the number of butterfly transects	Beginners and established butterfly recorders
Introduction to earthworm identification	Dr Olaf Schmidt	8 May 2010	National Biodiversity Data Centre	10am - 4pm	€20 (includes lunch)	To increase expertise on earthworms in Ireland	Beginners and established recorders
Irish Butterfly Monitoring Scheme (In conjunction with Fota Wildlife Park)	Dr Eugenie Regan	15 May 2010	Fota Wildlife Park	10.30am - 4pm	N/A	To increase the number of butterfly transects	Beginners and established recorders
Bioblitz - National recording event	Details to be finalised	22 May 2010					
Introduction to mayfly and stonefly nymph identification	Dr Mary Kelly Quinn	29 May 2010	National Biodiversity Data Centre	10am - 4pm	€20 (includes lunch)	To establish a system/scheme for recording of mayfly and stonefly nymphs in Ireland	Beginners and established recorders
Small mammal surveying	Dr Colin Lawton	12 June 2010	National Biodiversity Data Centre	10am - 4pm	€20 (includes lunch)	To contribute to Atlas of Mammals in Ireland project	Established recorders
Introduction to centipede and millipede identification	Tony Barber	19 June 2010	National Biodiversity Data Centre	10am - 4pm	€20 (includes lunch)	To develop a pool of Irish recorders to contribute data to the British & Irish Atlas	Established recorders
Introduction to ladybirds	Dr. Roy Anderson	3 July 2010	National Biodiversity Data Centre	10am - 4pm	€20 (includes lunch)	Provide a general introduction to ladybirds	Beginners
Introduction to mayfly and stonefly identification	Craig MacAdam	10 July 2010	National Biodiversity Data Centre	10am - 4pm	€20 (includes lunch)	To support a scheme for recording of mayflies in Ireland	Beginners and established recorders
Recording of priority invasive species (In conjunction with Connemara National Park)	Colette O'Flynn	17 July 2010	Connemara National Park	10.30am - 4pm	€20 (includes lunch)	To raise awareness of invasive species and to contribute to the Invasive Species Survey	Beginners
Threatened bumblebee study trip, The Burren, Co. Clare	Dr Úna Fitzpatrick	23 to 25 July 2010	Carron Research Centre, Carron, Co. Clare		N/A	To contribute to priority species conservation action plans	Specialists
Identification of grasses (In conjunction with Wexford Wildfowl Reserve)	Paul Green	31 July 2010	Wexford Wildfowl Reserve	10am - 4pm	€20 (includes lunch)	To provide introduction to grass identification	Established recorders
Seasearch - recording marine organisms (In conjunction with Seasearch)	Chris Woods	14 & 15 August 2010	Kilkee Dive Centre, Co. Clare/ Shannon Dolphin and Wildlife Centre		€50 (includes accommodation, food and diving costs)	To help develop Seasearch initiative in Ireland	SCUBA divers
4th Annual Recorders' Event Biodiversity Knowledge Quest - setting priorities for 2020.	Details to be finalised	26 & 27 August 2010	WIT Main Campus, Cork Road, Waterford				
Introduction to sphagnum identification (In conjunction with Irish Peatland Conservation Council)	Catherine O'Connell	16 September 2010	IPCC, Lullymore, Co Kildare	10am - 4pm	€20 (includes lunch)	To increase the knowledge of raised bog sphagnum species	Beginners and established recorders

Bookings

Places are limited so advance booking is essential.

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