

**OFFALY
NATURALISTS'
FIELD CLUB**





**Event
guide**



INFORMATION

- Individuals and families are welcome. No experience required. Please dress appropriately for outdoor activities and bring your own refreshments.
- No dogs at events please.
- For further details contact the Heritage Office in Offaly County Council on **057 9346800** or email **biodiversity@offalycoco.ie**
- Events may be cancelled due to weather conditions –please check on Offaly Heritage facebook page or make sure you are registered for Offaly Heritage news and events emails.

The Offaly Naturalists' Field Club Programme is an initiative of the Offaly Heritage Forum.

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FRIDAY 8 MARCH

Walk & Indoor Talk - Secret Life of Crows

6.30pm: Meet at Kinnitty Village Green (across from Peavoy's)

Leader: Ricky Whelan, Offaly County Council

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

Bird Ringing Demonstration

8am: Meeting at Manley's Nurseries, Edenderry (Eircode: R45 DK85)

Leader: Declan Manley

SATURDAY 20 APRIL

Reading the Landscape

A new look at the area along the Silver River above Cadamstown

10am: Meet in Cadamstown car park - bring lunch

Leader: John Feehan



**BIODIVERSITY
WEEK**

17 - 26 MAY



SUNDAY 19 MAY

Dawn Chorus Walk

4.30am: Meet at Lough Boora Car Park

Leader: Alex Copland

TUESDAY 21 MAY

Tullamore Wetland Walk

11am: Meeting at Tullamore Fire Station

Leaders: John McNally & Ricky Whelan, Offaly County Council

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY

A walk to observe the Dippers living along the Camcor River

7pm: Meet at the weir in Camcor River Park, Birr

Leader: Alex Copland

THURSDAY 23 MAY

Evening Bird Chorus Walk

7.30pm: Meet outside Gussies Bar, Ballycumber

Leader: Ricky Whelan, Offaly County Council

SATURDAY 25 MAY

Rehabilitated Bog Walk at Boora West

A 2 hour walk on a rehabilitated cutover bog. All things wetlands, bog rehabilitation and biodiversity benefits will be discussed. Bring lunch.

11am: Meet at car park (R437) at the Bord na Móna rail crossing just south of Lumcloon National School on the road to Kilcormac

Leader: Seán Doyle, Bord na Móna Ecologist



SUNDAY 16 JUNE

Aquatic Plant Walk

11am-1pm: Gallen, Fermanagh, meeting at Centra car park Fermanagh - bring lunch

Leader: Fiona Devery, BSBI County Recorder

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

Grasses for Beginners

Join John Feehan to learn how to identify many commonly occurring grass species

10am: Meeting in Birr Castle Courtyard

Leader: John Feehan

Booking with biodiversity@offalycoco.ie essential

MONDAY 1 - FRIDAY 5 JULY

A Drama in Three Acts Summer School in Birr

The past, present and future of Offaly's raised bogs (with special reference to Killaun Bog)

BOOKED OUT!

Leader: John Feehan

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST

Swallow Bird Ringing at Pallas Lake

8.30pm: Meet at Pallas Lake car park

Leader: Declan Manley

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Foraging with Mary Bulfin

10am-12 noon: Meeting at Edenderry Grand Canal Harbour in the middle of town

Leader: Mary Bulfin

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

Woodland Mosses Identification Walk

11am-1pm: Meeting at the Village Green, Geashill - bring lunch

Leader: George Smith

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Wintering Birds at Lough Boora

10am-Midday: Meet at Lough Boora car park

Leader: Alex Copland

SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY, 2025

Wintering Birds on the Callows

10am-Midday: Meet at Crank House car park, Banagher

Leader: Brian Caffrey, BirdWatch Ireland

