

OFFALY NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB

Event guide



In 2023 we are encouraging moth recording. If you would like to try out a trap and ID guides (releasing the moths the next morning) please email biodiversity@offalycoco.ie Please submit all your species records to the National Biodiversity Data Centre website. This centre collates and monitors national information but also keeps your records for you! www.biodiversityireland.ie/record-biodiversity/ or download the Biodiversity Data Centre Free App.

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

www.offaly.ie/heritage [/offalyheritagenews](https://www.facebook.com/offalyheritagenews)

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SUNDAY 23 APRIL

Reading the Landscape

Reading the Landscape, from Castle Bernard to Coneyburrow, the Upper Camcor.

10.30am: Meet at the Trail head car park at Kinnitty Castle. Bring lunch.

Leader: John Feehan

THURSDAY 4 MAY

Dusk Chorus at Derrynounce Bog

7pm: Meet at main car park (R419 off Edenderry Rd).

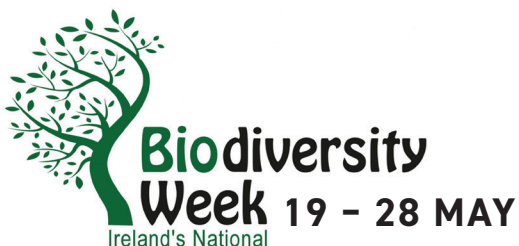
Leader: Ricky Whelan, Offaly Biodiversity Officer

SUNDAY 14 MAY

Dawn Chorus at Lough Boora

4am: Meet at Lough Boora car park.

Leader: Ricky Whelan, Offaly Biodiversity Officer



TUESDAY 23 MAY

Offaly Barn Owl Project Talk ONLINE

8pm: Email biodiversity@offalycoco.ie for Zoom link.

Host: John Lusby, BirdWatch Ireland

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY

A Walk at Syngefield Demesne

Viewing of the change in management for biodiversity.

6-8pm: Meet at Syngefield industrial estate outside Atkins Farm Machinery R42 CP30.

Leader: John Feehan

THURSDAY 25 MAY

Swift Walk

7.30pm: Meeting outside Tullamore Library

Leader: Tara Adcock, BirdWatch Ireland

SATURDAY 27 MAY

Bat Walk, Clara Town

9.30pm: Meeting at Clara Library car park.

Leader: Anna Collins, Kildare Bat Group

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.

TUESDAY 6 JUNE

Evening Walk along Camcor

with Alex Copland to observe the Camcor River and the Dippers living there.

7pm: Meet at the weir.

Leaders: Alex Copland

SATURDAY 24 JUNE

Turraun Cutaway Bog

Hear how Turraun has changed in 20 years. We will also look at the diverse biodiversity of this cutaway bog.

11am: Meet at the northern (new) carpark at Turraun.

Email biodiversity@offalycoco.ie for map of meeting point.

Approach from Pollagh. No through road from Boora.

Bring lunch – approx. 3 hours.

Leaders: Mark McCorry and Robert Rowlands

MONDAY 3 – FRIDAY 7 JULY **BOOKED OUT!**

Pollination & Pollinators Summer School in Birr

Leader: John Feehan

SATURDAY 12 AUGUST

Discover the Wonder of Moths

Opening of Overnight Traps

8am: Birr, for meeting place email biodiversity@offalycoco.ie

Leader: Philip Strickland

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST

Swallow Bird Ringing at Pallas Lake

8.30pm: Meet at Pallas Lake car park

Leader: Declan Manley

TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER

Indoor Talk – Curlew & Breeding Waders of the Shannon Callows

7.30pm: Crank House Banagher

Leader: Kathryn Finney, BirdWatch Ireland

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER

Wintering Birds at Lough Boora

10am: Meet at Lough Boora car park

Leader: Alex Copland

SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 2024

Wintering Birds on the Callows

10am: Meet in Crank House car park, Banagher

Leader: Brian Caffrey, BirdWatch Ireland