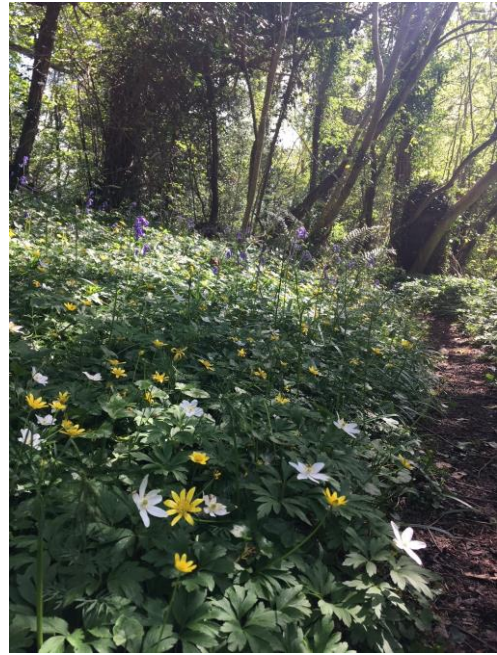


## **Donegal Biodiversity Week Programme**

### **Donegal is Buzzin' for Biodiversity Week!**

National Biodiversity Week is from 17<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May this year, spanning International Biodiversity Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and will be celebrated across Ireland with the collective aim of connecting people with nature. Lots of walks and talks are happening to give you a chance to experience nature and learn more about biodiversity in your neck of the woods.

Donegal County Council are hosting a few Biodiversity Week events, from an early shout on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30 am to hear the dawn chorus in Ramelton, to a wonderful woodland walk through Drumboe Woods in Stranorlar at 11am. Or why not discover the nighttime wildlife at one of the many bat walks on offer from Bat Conservation Ireland or explore more at the woodland exhibition in Glenveagh National Park. For budding nature recorders there are citizen science programmes to Explore Your Shore at Fanad and Tory too.



**Below are details of Donegal County Council events happening with support from the Heritage Council, through funding from the County Biodiversity Action Plan programme.**



**Comhairle Contae  
Dhún na nGall**  
Donegal County Council



**An Chomhairle Oidhreachta  
The Heritage Council**

The Local Authority Biodiversity Officer Programme is delivered in Partnership with the Heritage Council.

## **Donegal County Council and Heritage Council funded events**

### **Dawn Chorus walk in Ramelton with Nature NorthWest**

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 4.30am – 6.30am

Location: Gamble's Square, Ramelton

Join Nature NorthWest before the birds wake to hear the very first song of the day. We will identify the various birds as they wake and start singing. Booking with [Eventbrite](#)

### **Nature Walk and Talk @ Ards Friary**

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 11am - 1.30pm

Location: Ards Friary, Creeslough

Join Nature NorthWest for a walk through some of the wonderful habitats through Ards Friary woodland, dunes and coastline. Booking with [Eventbrite](#)

### **Woodland Wander @Drumboe Woods, Stranorlar**

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 11am – 1pm

Calling all tree lovers! Join us for a woodland wander in the luminous Drumboe Woods, Stranorlar. Experience a tree from an arboriculturist eye with Shailagh Healy. Together we'll muse the wonderful and intricate biological workings of trees and the myriad of ways they've influenced our lives through the years.

Suitable for families, all children to be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential by email to [biodiversity@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:biodiversity@donegalcoco.ie)

### **Celebrating International Biodiversity Day**

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Time:** 11am – 12.30pm

**Location:** Bundoran Community Centre, Bundoran Library

Join Donegal County Council, LAWPRO and Bundoran Tidy Towns in Bundoran Community Centre to learn more about actions you can take for biodiversity in your local area and hear about biodiversity initiatives from Donegal County Council and Local Authority Water Programme (LAWPRO). Booking essential via [biodiversity@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:biodiversity@donegalcoco.ie)

### **Celebrating the Birdlife of Magheragallon**

**Date:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Time:** 2pm – 4.30pm

**Location:** Meeting at An Crannóg Community Centre

Join Michael Bell on a talk and walk to learn more about the birdlife of Magheragallon. We will start with a presentation in the An Crannóg Community Centre followed by some birdwatching down at Magheragallon. Warm clothes and walking boots required as this will involve walking through fields. Bring binoculars if you have them. Any children to be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential by email to [biodiversity@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:biodiversity@donegalcoco.ie)

### **Explore Your Shore at Fanad Lighthouse**

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 9.30am – 4pm with lunch included (small cost of €10 to secure your place)

**Location:** Fanad Lighthouse

Join experts from Biodiversity Ireland and The Sea Collective to '*Explore your Shore!*' Set at the spectacular Fanad Lighthouse, this all-day event presents an opportunity to develop your knowledge about Ireland's incredible marine biodiversity and learn how to contribute to citizen science records. The event comprises of indoor and outdoor workshops, with a light lunch and refreshments provided. Places are limited, so please book early! Booking essential via [Eventbrite here](#)

### **Explore Your Shore at Tory**

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 1.30pm – 3.30pm

**Location:** Tory Island

Join experts from The Sea Collective to '*Explore your Shore!*' Set in the wonderful Tory Island, this is an opportunity to develop your knowledge about Ireland's incredible marine biodiversity and learn how to contribute to citizen science records. Places are limited, so please book early! Booking essential via [Eventbrite here](#).

## **Other Biodiversity Week Events in Donegal**

### **Let's Celebrate Biodiversity**

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 1pm – 3pm

**Location:** Holy Trinity Hall, Dunfanaghy

Join DLDC for a celebration of Biodiversity in the Dunfanaghy and surrounding areas. This event is hosted by Donegal Local Development Company and in collaboration with Local Authority Waters Programme, Dunfanaghy FRC, Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns and The Workhouse Dunfanaghy.

Speakers include Julie Corry, Biodiversity Officer with Donegal County Council, Lisa Mc Daniel from LAWPRO, Máire Ni Fairraigh - Life on Machir, Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns, Dunfanaghy FRC, Ards Friary Project, David Mc Cann, Co-founder The Sea Collective, Cloughaneely Anglers Association and Josephine Kelly Dunlewely Biodiversity Project.

Contact Joanne Butler, DLDC on [jbutler@dldc.org](mailto:jbutler@dldc.org) for more details.

### **Bat Conservation Ireland Batty Events**

**Bat Safari at Swan Park, Buncrana**

Date and Time: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm

Location: Swan Park, Buncrana. Meet at Angling Centre.

**Discover the Night at Inch Island Wildfowl Reserve**

Date and Time: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 9.15pm

Location: Inch Wildfowl Reserve, Donegal. Meeting at main car park picnic area

**Moonlit Bat Safari at Ards Forest Park**

Date and Time: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm

Location: Creeslough Community Centre for the bat talk then will drive to Ards Forest Park for the bat walk.

For all bat events, book via [karenh@batconservationireland.org](mailto:karenh@batconservationireland.org) and all details are available online here [Events - Bat Conservation Ireland](#)

### **Bluestack BioBlitz for Biodiversity Week**

**Dates:** 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May

**Location:** Bluestack Centre, Eircode: F94 C9YN

This is a closed event, not open to members of the public who do not have experience in biodiversity recording. Attendees should be experienced in biodiversity monitoring and recording and must contact the organisers in advance to confirm their place. All details and contact points are available on [www.donegalbioblitz.ie](http://www.donegalbioblitz.ie)

### **Biodiversity Week at Glenveagh National Park**

A full week of activities with details about the Bioblitz, Woodland Exhibition and Biodiversity Bake off happening at Glenveagh on [www.nationalparks.ie/glenveagh](http://www.nationalparks.ie/glenveagh)