



Biodiversity News in Norfolk

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Welcome to our biodiversity e-bulletin.....the first of our monthly e-newsletters which will help to share news about Norfolk's wildlife.

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Local NEWS

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www.facebook.com/NorfolkInvasives

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<http://www.twitter.com/NorfolkNNSI>

NBIS Launches Standard Service

April sees the launch of the new East of England Standard service for all commercial users of Local Record Centres. This standardises data provision across the six counties. More information at:

<http://www.nbis.org.uk/news.html#standardservice> or http://www.nbis.org.uk/enquiry_service.html

Grant Scheme Delivers Widespread Gains for Biodiversity

Over the last year, Norfolk County Council's Grant Scheme has assisted with the planting of 3241 trees, 14km new hedgerow, 13 new orchards, and the restoration of 13 ponds and 5 County Wildlife Sites. This year will see a radical shake up of the scheme so it is more community focused. Details to follow in the next e-bulletin. For information on the grant scheme contact Jason Kidman 01603 222765 at:

jason.kidman@norfolk.gov.uk

Bats and Trees Conference

A one-day "Bats and Trees" conference for tree surgeons was held recently by Norfolk County Council, attracting over 50 delegates. Read more at: <http://www.nbis.org.uk/news.html#batstrees>

National NEWS

NBP Joins Forces With 2020Vision

NBP is partnering an exciting and ambitious photography initiative between a group of 20 of the UK's top wildlife photographers and the media, to communicate the link between the natural ecosystems and our own well-being. Read more at: www.norfolkbiodiversity.org/news

Invasive Species Awareness-Raising Campaign - "Check, Clean, Dry"

A new national awareness-raising campaign has been launched to help stop the spread of invasive plants and animals in British waters. The "Check, Clean, Dry" campaign will be promoted locally by the Norfolk Non-Native Species Initiative (NNSI). Read more at: <http://bit.ly/hjLyaA>

GETTING INVOLVED

Otter Survey

Anglian Water is using Facebook to carry out a regionwide otter survey. The "Otterly Fabulous Survey" will allow RiverCare volunteers - and anyone else who wants to take part - to post their otter sightings online.....http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/environment/facebook_fans_to_report_otter_habitats_1_830380

Great Easter Newt Hunt

Amphibian and Reptile Conservation and ARG UK have launched the Great Easter newt hunt, running between 22nd April and 2nd May to find more about their distribution. See how you can help: <http://www.newthunt.org/documents/Newt-hunt-form.pdf> Website : <http://www.newthunt.org/>

SPECIES HIGHLIGHTS

Peregrines Nest at Norwich Cathedral

A special platform has encouraged peregrine falcons to nest at Norwich cathedral. Read more at http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/norwich_cathedral_peregrine_falcons_star_on_the_internet_1_863106 or visit the webcam at: www.hawkandowl.org or www.cathedral.org.uk

First Norfolk Butterfly

A speckled wood butterfly was the first emerged butterfly this year, spotted at Drayton on 9th March

EVENTS

7th May

Family Nature Day at Harleston Primary School from 1200 to 1530. Further information on 01379 853211. http://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/leisure/media/easter_2011_holiday_schedule.pdf

8th May (1100 - 1600)

Wild About the Valley - experience the wildlife, landscape and history of King's Lynn and the Gaywood Valley at an event at The Walks, King's Lynn. <http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/Things-to-do/Events/Events-archive/Wild-about-the-Valley.aspx>

21st May (1000 - 1700)

Wild About the Wensum at Pensthorpe <http://www.pensthorpe.com/events/index.php?eventId=161>

22nd May

Family Fun Day at NWT Barton Broad. <http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/Things-to-do/Events/Events-archive/Go-Wild-at-NWT-Barton-Broad.aspx>

24 May

Non-native Species Stakeholders' Forum
Contact Michael Sutton-Croft at Michael.sutton-croft@norfolk.gov.uk

4th and 5th June

Big Urban Wildlife Watch. Help record urban wildlife at events at Thetford, Norwich, King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth.
Further information coming soon. For more information contact Gemma Walker: <mailto:GemmaW@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk>

AND FINALLY...

Martin is a Dad!

Congratulations to Martin Horlock, Biodiversity Information Officer at NBIS, who became a dad to baby John, born on 14th March.

Get Creative

Discover the beauty of bluebell woods by knitting a bluebell – more details at <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/visit-woods/things-to-do/pages/free-bluebell-knitting-pattern-old.aspx>

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