



Biodiversity News in Norfolk

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Cinnabar moth caterpillar (N Nottingham, Norfolk Moths)

Welcome to our May biodiversity e-bulletin

The warm, dry weather has ushered in the recording season a little early, with lots of exciting finds being reported already, including some firsts for the county. Please keep the records coming in!

For those of you who want to learn more about recording or improve your skills, I suggest you look no further than the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society Workshops for All. Details can be found below.

May also sees International Day for Biological Diversity on the 22nd, the first in the International Decade of Biodiversity.

If you find this bulletin useful or can think of something that would improve it, please let us know. You can use this very simple "Doodle poll" to let us know what you think (it's very quick and straightforward to complete - and doesn't involve any registration, plus your answers can't be viewed by other participants): <http://doodle.com/r5an6c36czehtc6t>

Please do email us at nbis@norfolk.gov.uk if you have any news or events that you would like us to feature in the next or coming issues. And do feel free to forward to anyone you feel would also be interested.

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Happy recording.

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Local NEWS

Workshops for all

Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society have launched a varied programme of workshops offering practical advice on recording. So if you fancy finding out more about plant identification, or how to study insects or fungi, visit <http://www.nnns.org.uk/event/list>

Brecks wildlife highlighted by BBC

The BBC One Show visited NWT Weeting Heath over Easter. Find out more:
www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/home/news/easter-bunnies-and-rare-birds-put-on-a-show.aspx

Discover local wildlife and green places in Great Yarmouth

"Wild Norfolk" is a Norfolk Wildlife Trust project delivering adult wildlife workshops, family events and walks and is funded through Natural England's Access to Nature Programme. Find out what's happening at Great Yarmouth at:

www.nbis.org.uk/documents/NWT_GreatYarmouthEventLeaflet_web.pdf

Fishery manager prosecuted

A fishery manager in Thetford was the first person to be prosecuted by the Environment Agency under the Import of Live Fish Act for keeping non-native fish without a licence. Read more at:

<http://www.facebook.com/NorfolkBiodiversityInformationService#!/NorfolkInvasives>

Unexpected visitor

Strumpshaw RSPB reserve hosted an unusual visitor recently! Read more at:

http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/environment/tickled_pink_by_exotic_strumpshaw_visitor_1_890913

National NEWS

Natural England report on wild crop relatives

Find out how Crop Wild Relatives (CWR) - the wild relatives of our crop plants - may be the key to global food security at: www.norfolkbiobiodiversity.org/news

Celebrate World Environment Day (WED)

The theme for this year's WED on June 5th, is "Forests: nature at your service". Find out more at:

<http://www.unep.org/wed/>

GETTING INVOLVED

Help NBIS hunt for moths

NBIS is asking for help with spotting three types of moth in Norfolk this summer: cinnabar; elephant hawk and lappet. For more information, download a leaflet at www.nbis.org.uk/news.html#mothsurvey

Help the RSPB put a value on the Norfolk coast

Help the RSPB conduct market research for 2 - 3 days a month in May, August and October into the value of wildlife-related tourism to the economy of the north Norfolk Coast. Full training will be given. Contact rob.lucking@rspb.org.uk for further details

Whale and Dolphin Watch

Get involved with the 10th national whale and dolphin watch this August:

www.seawatchfoundation.org.uk

Help NWT record 300 species of urban wildlife in 24 hours!

We need your help with recording urban wildlife in Norwich, Thetford, King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth from 12 noon on Saturday 4th June to 12 noon on Sunday 5th June. See

www.nbis.org.uk/news.html#urbanwildlifewatch

SPECIES HIGHLIGHTS

Peregrines Nest at Norwich Cathedral

Have you visited the live webcam set up to view the peregrines nesting at Norwich cathedral? www.hawkandowl.org or www.cathedral.org.uk

New liverwort recorded in Norfolk

A rare liverwort was recorded recently in north Norfolk! *Odontoschisma denudatum* flapwort was spotted by excited County Recorders on some rotting logs at Holkham. Read more at:

www.nbis.org.uk/news.html#liverwort

EVENTS

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

3rd June

Suffolk Wildlife Trust is holding a specialist Stonewort Day on Friday 3rd June 10am - 4pm at Redgrave and Lopham Fen, Diss, IP22 2HX. The cost is £15 and numbers are limited. Contact Alison Farquharson for more details 01473 890089 wildlearning@suffolkwildlifetrust.org

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>

29th and 30th June

Norfolk Show. Come and visit NBP, NNNSI and NBIS in the Countryside Area at Norfolk Show, Costessey. We'll also be involved with a display on the biodiversity of the Brecks in the Norfolk Wildlife Trust marquee at the Show.

9th July

NatureFest at Narborough Hall. Contact Kate Haselton-Glee for more details

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Natural Neighbours Conference, King's Lynn. Contact Marya Parker for more details

Marya.parker@btcv.org.uk

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Enjoy the new charity single, "Tiptoe through the bluebells" from the Woodland Trust!

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