

PROCEEDINGS 2024

For each meeting lecturers' names and the title of the lecture is given. Most meetings took place within the University of Glasgow, at the building specified. One meeting was held at the Kelvin Hall.

January 9th

Lecture 1: "Offsetting biodiversity losses: can we mitigate the damage from major developments in biodiverse countries?" from Suzanne Livingstone. Boyd Orr Building.

February 13th

Photographic night: Andy Wilson presented the results of the annual PhotoSCENE competition. Boyd Orr Building.

March 6th

Expeditions Report Back, jointly with the University of Glasgow Expeditions Society. (Most expeditions are supported by the BLB Bequest). Graham Kerr Building.

March 12th

Annual General Meeting preceded by Lecture: "Mosquito vectors of avian diseases in Scotland" from Heather Ferguson. Boyd Orr Building.

April 16th

Lecture: "Beavers in Scotland: a 20-year journey" from Nigel Willby jointly with Paisley Natural History Society. Boyd Orr Building.

May 14th

Lecture 1: "The work of the Green Action Trust" from Louisa Maddison. Lecture 2: "The Castlemilk Project: nature and community" from Stuart Whittaker. Boyd Orr Building.

June 11th

Summer Social dinner held at Elena's Spanish Restaurant, preceded by a visit to Kelvingrove Park led by Colleen Turner.

September 10th

Lecture: "Past, present and future of conifer conservation" from Hannah Wilson jointly with Glasgow Treelovers and Friends of Glasgow Botanic Gardens. Boyd Orr Building.

September 21st

All day event related to the centenary of the Graham Kerr Building, opened in 1923. A contribution to Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival and University of Glasgow Explorathon with guided tours of the Graham Kerr Building, lecture on "The history and Transformation of Glasgow Zoology" from Roger Downie, self-led exploration of the Zoology Museum and an interactive display on regeneration of Scotland's oyster habitats. Graham Kerr Building.

October 8th

An evening of forensic bioscience jointly with the Royal Society of Biology as a contribution to Biology Week 2024. Lecture 1: "Natural justice: applying soil and ecological evidence in criminal casework" from Lorna Dawson. Lecture 2: "Fur and feathers: applying animal DNA evidence in criminal casework" from Lucy Webster. Kelvin Hall.

October 22nd

Lecture: "Orchids of Crete" from Christine Nicolson jointly with of Glasgow Botanic Gardens and the Scottish Orchid Society. Boyd Orr Building.

November 12th

Lecture: "David Douglas, plant collector – the best kind of clever, adventurous and energetic Scot" from Ann Lindsay jointly with Glasgow Treelovers and Friends of Glasgow Botanic Gardens. Boyd Orr Building.

December 3rd

Christmas Social dinner at Elena's Spanish Restaurant.

December 10th

Lecture: "Stora Karlsö island and the Baltic Seabird Project" from David Stone. Boyd Orr Building.

Excursions

There were ten of our own excursions and two joint excursions with the Clyde and Argyll Fungus Group.

Officers and Council elected at the 2024 AGM

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Ann Ainsworth: Geology

Andy Wilson: Photography

Position of Zoology Convenor was unfilled.

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