

PROCEEDINGS 2025

For each meeting lecturers' names and lecture titles are given, as is the location.

January 14th

Lecture: "Connecting communities through urban biodiversity: a pathway to sustainable engagement" from Professor Ria Dunkley. Kelvin Hall.

February 11th

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

March 11th

Annual General Meeting preceded by Lecture: "Scotland's National Herpetological Strategy, 2025-2045" from Catherine Whatley. Boyd Orr Building.

March 13th

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

April 8th

Lecture 1: "Saving Scotland's species-rich grasslands" from Apithanny Bourne. Lecture 2: "Loch Lomond's oakwoods: an unnatural naturalness" from Cameron Easton. Kelvin Hall.

May 13th

Lecture: "Invasive species in a changing world" from Paul Walton. Kelvin Hall.

June 10th

Summer Social dinner held at Elenas Spanish Restaurant, preceded by a tour of wildlife areas in University of Glasgow campus at Gilmorehill led by Emily Robson.

September 9th

Lecture: "Glasgow Peregrine Project: good news in the city" from John Simpson. Kelvin Hall.

October 14th

Lecture 1: "Using genetics to support wildcat conservation in Scotland" from Jo Howard-McCombe. Lecture 2: "The Better Biodiversity Project" from Neil Harris. Kelvin Hall. A National Biology Week meeting jointly with the Royal Society of Biology.

October 22nd

Blodwen Lloyd Binns Lecture: "A scientific overview of the conservation and ecology of the Serengeti" from Professor Grant Hopcraft jointly with staff and students from the University's School of Biodiversity, One Health & Veterinary Medicine. Graham Kerr Building with option of virtual attendance.

October 30th

Lecture: "Plant exploration in northern Vietnam" from Richard Baines jointly with Friends of Glasgow Botanic Gardens. Kelvin Hall.

November 11th

Lecture: "Plants of Bhutan" from David Long jointly with Glasgow Treelovers and Friends of Glasgow Botanic Gardens. Kelvin Hall.

December 2nd

Lecture: "Updating the taxonomy of the Zoology Museum" from Mike Rutherford jointly with University of Glasgow Zoology Society. Graham Kerr Building.

December 9th

Christmas Social dinner at Elena's Spanish Restaurant, preceded by tours of the zoological collections of the Hunterian Museum.

Excursions

There were ten excursions, some held jointly with either Paisley Natural History Society or the Clyde and Argyll Fungus Group.

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