

Blairgowrie Town BioBlitz

Everything is free, but you can help us out by signing up in advance. You can do this by ticking the boxes below (if more than one, please put in number likely to attend) and handing it in at the BARI building (make sure you fill in your name and contact details at the bottom) or online at <https://biodiversityblair.scot/biodiversity-blair/bioblitz-2024> – but remember, you can just turn up on the day as well.

	Who/what	Where	When	Tick
Friday 21st June				
Talk	Why Not Scotland – a showing of the film. Follow Flo Blackburn as she discovers rewilding projects across Europe leading to the question – why not here? There will be opportunity to debate the issues after the showing.	St Catharine’s Hall. Film lasts 1 hour and will start promptly at 8. Debate for up to 40 minutes after (prior to our bat walk)	8pm	
Walk	Bat walk – following on from the film, why not join our bat walk to identify species along the riverside	Leaving St Catharine’s Hall at: Leaving Riverside carpark at: Ends about 11pm.	9.45pm 9.50pm	
Saturday 22nd June				
Walks last about 1 hour unless stated	Dawn Chorus – join us listening to birds at first light in a town garden. Plus coffee & croissants.	Meet Union Street – the open driveway opposite the flats	4.15am	
	Edible Walk with Amandla Taylor focusing on 5 plants we can use – as well as folklore.	From the Wellmeadow . Please try to book in advance.	11.30am	
	Bumblebee identification walk and survey. Spot some of the 20 Scottish bumblebee species	Leaving Wellmeadow (easy stroll). Please try to book in advance.	11.30am	
	Walk with a focus on the lens – join Mike Jones on a hunt for a good wildlife photograph . Make sure you bring a camera.	Leaving Wellmeadow . Please try to book in advance.	1pm	
	Bird Ramble (put your walking boots on) with George Donald, a local enthusiast who will help you spot and identify different species.	Leaving Wellmeadow . This will be an all-afternoon ramble but you can leave earlier if you wish.	2pm to 5pm	
	Guided Exploration to identify plants, bugs, birds and animals. 20 minutes each exploration.	At the Wellmeadow (other times may be available – ask at stall)	10am	
			1.30pm	
Talks last about 1 hour	Alan Stewart , a wildlife detective for Perthshire constabulary for many years, and author of a number of books, will be delivering two presentations – try to make one (if not both – they will each have a different focus)	St Catharine’s Hall ‘A wealth of Wildlife’ ‘Wildlife Detective’	10am	
			3pm	
	Scottish Beavers – a talk and presentation by Jean Oudney. Learn more about these wonderful reintroduced mammals.	St Catharine’s Hall	11.30am	
	Red Squirrel preservation and survival – some practical tips to encourage our native squirrel.	St Catharine’s Hall	1.30pm	
Worm Charming Competition – teams of two needed (a charmer and a picker) to entice as many worms (no digging, no chemicals/vinegar) out of a marked area of ground. Singing, tap-dancing, fork-twanging and silly bird costumes all encouraged to get those worms out. Wellmeadow between 12.30 and 1.30pm				

As well as all that, there will be mini-exploration tasks for youngsters (supervision required) and a variety of stalls on the Wellmeadow. Join youngsters on the Wellmeadow making bird food and view their poems, songs, pictures and stories about biodiversity in the library (open from 10am to 1pm). Plus, we’d love everyone to survey their own areas and gardens.

Name: _____ Contact (email and/or phone): _____