

# Big Nature Day programme

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025, Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Co. Armagh



From **Early morning activities** (optional - please arrive when it is convenient for you!)

7:00 am A rolling programme of short walks to

- See a bird ringing demonstration
- Take part in moth trapping
- Be shown birds' nests and learn about nest recording
- Enjoy the dawn chorus



9:30 am **Main arrival**

With teas/coffees and welcome

10:00 am **Indoor workshop**

Celebrating 30 years of the Garden BirdWatch survey in Northern Ireland

11:00 am **Outdoor workshops** - your choice of:

- An introduction to biological recording walk - with CEDaR
- An introduction to birdsong identification - with BTO NI
- An introduction to plant identification - with BSBI
- Insect identification and pollinator counts - with Buglife
- Freshwater sampling (aka grown-up pond dipping!) - with Oxford Island's Education Team
- Another chance to see birds' nests - with BTO Nest Record Scheme volunteers
- Youth nature walk (for people aged 25 and under) - with BTO Youth Reps
- Wildlife art (indoors)



12:30 pm **Lunch** (finger buffet, provided)

1:30 pm **Indoor workshop**

An introduction to biological recording - with CEDaR

2:00 pm **Outdoor workshops** - your choice of:

- Butterfly identification and recording - with Butterfly Conservation
- An introduction to biological recording walk - with CEDaR
- An introduction to plant identification - with BSBI
- Insect identification and pollinator counts - with Buglife
- Freshwater sampling (aka grown-up pond dipping!) - with Oxford Island's Education Team
- Another chance to see birds' nests - with BTO Nest Record Scheme volunteers
- Guided birdwatching - with BTO NI
- Wildlife art (indoors)



3:30 pm **Refreshments**, with time to socialise and enjoy the stands from various nature organisations

4:00 pm Round up and close



Armagh City  
Banbridge  
& Craigavon  
Borough Council

Botanical Society  
of Britain & Ireland

POMS  
UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme



CEDaR  
Centre for Environmental  
Data and Recording



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