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## Other Events

### 2016 Annual Meeting of Irish Freshwater Biologists March 4th, 2016 Trinity College Dublin

This year's meeting will focus on 'Multiple Stressors in Irish Freshwaters'.

If you'd like to give a presentation on your research please email a title and Abstract (150 words) to [info@biodiversityireland.ie](mailto:info@biodiversityireland.ie) by the 29th January 2015.

Register at [www.biodiversityireland.ie/events/](http://www.biodiversityireland.ie/events/)

### 2016 Monitoring Workshops

There will be a series of additional workshops on the bumblebee and butterfly monitoring schemes which will be advertised through the respective websites or by contacting Dr Tomás Murray ([tmurray@biodiversityireland.ie](mailto:tmurray@biodiversityireland.ie)). The websites can be accessed via the links below:

- [pollinators.biodiversityireland.ie/recording-schemes/bumblebee-monitoring-scheme/](http://pollinators.biodiversityireland.ie/recording-schemes/bumblebee-monitoring-scheme/)
- [butterflies.biodiversityireland.ie/](http://butterflies.biodiversityireland.ie/)

### Island BioBlitz 2016 June 11th & 12th, 2016

An entirely new and exciting 'Island BioBlitz' will be held on June 11th/12th, 2016. This event will see some of Ireland's inhabited islands compete to see which island can record the most species over the 24-hour period.

The event will be part of a wider Island Natural Heritage Festival, with a whole programme of events to promote our natural heritage. Details of the event will be announced early in 2016.

Visit [www.biodiversityireland.ie](http://www.biodiversityireland.ie) or contact the Centre: [info@biodiversityireland.ie](mailto:info@biodiversityireland.ie) / 051 306 240 for more information on these and other events.

# IDENTIFYING & RECORDING IRELAND'S Biodiversity 2016 Workshop Programme

The Data Centre is pleased to announce its 2016 workshop programme which will again work towards improving identification and field skills of biological groups and raising standards of data collection and management. Advanced training aimed at the professional ecologist to meet the needs of Continuing Professional Development programmes proved very successful in previous years so will feature again on this year's programme. Our standard identification workshops will follow the usual format catering for the needs of beginners through to advanced.

We acknowledge the ongoing support and sponsorship from partners who make it possible to continue this important programme, in particular Dublin City Council; Irish Peatland Conservation Council; Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland; National Parks & Wildlife Service; NUI Galway and Wexford Naturalist Field Club.

Workshop fees are €20 for standard workshops and €50 for those tailored to the professional ecologist.

Book online at: [www.biodiversityireland.ie/events/](http://www.biodiversityireland.ie/events/)

NB: Booking fees are non-transferable and non-refundable.



# Workshop programme 2016

Places are limited so advance online booking and payment is essential: [www.biodiversityireland.ie/home-page/event-registration](http://www.biodiversityireland.ie/home-page/event-registration)  
For further information please contact Maria Walsh. Tel: 051 306 240 or email: [info@biodiversityireland.ie](mailto:info@biodiversityireland.ie)

title	leader	date	venue	time	level	fee
Otter surveying	Dr Denise O'Meara & Andrew Harrington	Saturday, 13th February	National Biodiversity Data Centre, Carriganore, Waterford	10am - 4pm	Beginners and intermediates	€20
Winter tree and shrub identification	Lynda Weekes	Saturday, 20th February	National Biodiversity Data Centre, Carriganore, Waterford	10am - 4pm	Beginners and intermediates	€20
Wildlife photography: fieldcraft tips and tricks	Mark Carmody	Saturday, 9th April	National Biodiversity Data Centre, Carriganore, Waterford	10am - 4pm	Intermediates to advanced	€20
Mapping biological records with QGIS	Dr George Smith	Tuesday, 12th April	National Biodiversity Data Centre, Carriganore, Waterford	10am - 4pm	Intermediate	€50
Squirrel and pine marten tracking	Dr Denise O'Meara & Andrew Harrington	Saturday, 14th May	National Biodiversity Data Centre, Carriganore, Waterford	10am - 4pm	Beginners and intermediates	€20
Ecological data analysis using R	Dr Tomás Murray/National Biodiversity Data Centre	Thursday, 19th May	National Biodiversity Data Centre, Carriganore, Waterford	10am - 4pm	Advanced	€50
Ladybirds & shieldbugs (in conjunction with Wexford Naturalist Field Club & National Parks & Wildlife Service)	Dr Brian Nelson/National Parks & Wildlife Service	Saturday, 28th May	Jamestown Nature Reserve, Wexford	10am - 4pm	Beginners and intermediates	€20
Identification of bumblebees, common solitary bees & hoverflies (in conjunction with Dublin City Council)	Dr Úna Fitzpatrick/National Biodiversity Data Centre	Saturday, 28th May	Herbert Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	10am - 4pm	Beginners and intermediates	€20
Saltmarshes - how to survey and evaluate for ecological assessments	Dr Mark McCorry	Wednesday, 22nd June	National Biodiversity Data Centre, Carriganore, Waterford	10am - 4pm	Advanced	€50
Grassland vegetation classification	Dr Philip Perrin/BEC Consultants	Friday, 24th June	National Biodiversity Data Centre, Carriganore, Waterford	10am - 4pm	Advanced	€50
Introduction to grass identification (in conjunction with Dublin City Council)	Lynda Weekes/National Biodiversity Data Centre	Tuesday, 28th June	St Anne's Park, Dublin 5	10am - 4pm	Beginners and intermediates	€20
Introduction to sedges and rushes	Dr Úna Fitzpatrick & Lynda Weekes/National Biodiversity Data Centre	Friday, 1st July	National Biodiversity Data Centre, Carriganore, Waterford	10am - 4pm	Beginners and intermediates	€20
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Sedges and rushes of wet grassland/heath	Paul Green	Tuesday, 5th July	National Biodiversity Data Centre, Carriganore, Waterford	10am - 4pm	Advanced	€50
Soldierflies and allies	Dr Tom Gittings	Saturday, 9th July	National Biodiversity Data Centre, Carriganore, Waterford	10am - 4pm	Beginners and intermediates	€20
Yellow Asteraceae identification (in conjunction with the National Botanic Gardens)	Paul Green	Thursday, 4th August	National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9	10am - 4pm	Advanced	€20
Epilobium identification	Paul Green	Tuesday, 16th August	National Biodiversity Data Centre, Carriganore, Waterford	10am - 4pm	Advanced	€20
Summer tree and shrub identification	Oisín Duffy	Saturday, 27th August	National Biodiversity Data Centre, Carriganore, Waterford	10am - 4pm	Beginners and intermediates	€20
Vegetation ecotopes of raised bogs	Dr Catherine O'Connell/Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Thursday, 22nd September	IPCC, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co Kildare	10am - 4pm	Beginners and intermediates	€20
Charophytes and other aquatic plants of the Burren region (in conjunction with the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland)	Dr Cilian Roden	Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th September	Carron Research Station, The Burren, Co Clare	10am - 4pm	Intermediate	€35 (includes accommodation)
Vegetative grass identification	Dr Úna Fitzpatrick & Lynda Weekes/National Biodiversity Data Centre	Thursday, 10th November	National Biodiversity Data Centre, Carriganore, Waterford	10am - 4pm	Advanced	€20