

Please be a voice for nature in the run up to the Scottish Elections

Candidates seeking election to the Scottish Parliament will soon be knocking on your door and asking for your vote. Make sure that by the time they leave, they know the issues that are important to you. Show that you care about the environment by asking your candidates one or more of the questions here and remember; you don't need to wait to be contacted – tweet or write to your candidates too! Thank you.

Ask whether they (or their party) would support a better food system in Scotland

New Scottish laws could improve Scotland's food system by focusing on environmental sustainability on land and at sea, address social inequalities, improve public health, support those who want to grow organically and ensure everyone has access to affordable and nutritious food.

Ask how their party will meet Scotland's annual climate change targets

Nature can help us cut greenhouse gas emissions. Restoring peat bogs, planting trees and new farming regulations will all be needed to meet Scotland's ambitious target of 42% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2020.

Ask about their party's ongoing commitment to nature

Nature is in trouble. Over the last 50 years, 60% of species have declined rapidly. Ask candidates how they will raise the profile of wildlife and biodiversity in parliament and become a champion for nature if elected.

Ask how they (or their party) ensure all children have access to nature and the outdoors?

Outdoor learning is now an entitlement for every child through the Curriculum for Excellence yet outdoor learning is still not embedded with many secondary pupils or pupils from deprived areas not gaining access to the outdoors.